# Roughnecks dominate Brahmas

**BILL MCCAUGHEY** Special to The Eagle

SAN ANTONIO - The Houston Roughnecks dominated the San Antonio Brahmas in all phases, cruising to a 27-3 victory on Sunday in the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The Roughnecks' defense set The defining moment came with 6 minutes, 36 seconds remaining in it 27-3 and seal the game.

field goal in the first quarter. After Zaquandre White scored on a 6-yard touchdown run, Blewitt

yards for a touchdown, building the lead to 18-0.

"We looked like a pretty good football team today," Houston head coach CJ Johnson said. "One in a row is not a streak or anything, but I tell you, our offense and defense played well. It was a lot of getting up to the ball, the tone, limiting the Brahmas running plays, and a lot of being to just 118 yards of total offense. prepared. And I got to congratulate the coaches also. I thought the coaches were outstanding. the game, when Rayshad Williams All week we've been preachintercepted a pass and returned it ing just everybody do your job. 68 yards for a touchdown to make Don't try to be Superman. Don't try to make the big play, just let Houston's Chris Blewitt be- the plays come to you, and evgan the scoring with a 38-yard erybody do your job, and we'll come out with the outcome that we want.

"This win means everything. added a 29-yard field goal to give We are in striking distance to the Roughnecks a 12-0 halftime achieve our goal, and I think it really shoots some momentum. It's In the third quarter, former not just winning. It's how we won A&M receiver Kirk Merritt ran 21 it. It was pretty convincing today."



JOE SOUTHERN, FILE PHOTO

Houston running back Max Borghi stiff-arms San Antonio defender Jordan Williams in an XFL game played in 2023 at TDECU Stadium.

Quarterback Jalan McClendon, while Merritt had six carries for in his first start of the year, completed 11 of 32 passes for 171 yards. White carried the ball 11 times for 40 yards with a touchdown

29 yards and a touchdown. The Roughnecks had 273 yards of total offense.

Former Texas A&M quarterback

Kellen Mond started for San Antonio (1-4) and completed 4 of 9 passes for 35 yards before he was replaced by Jarrett Guarantano to start the third quarter. Guarantano struggled as well, completing just 6 of 15 passes for 29 yards.

The Roughnecks (2-3) will play Memphis (1-4) at 11 a.m. Saturday in Houston at TDECU Stadium. The Roughnecks beat the Showboats 18-17 two weeks ago up in Memphis.

**UFL NEWS** 

At the halfway point in the season, the conference races have begun to tighten up. The top two teams in each conference advance to the playoffs.

**USFL** Conference

Michigan Panthers 3-2 Birmingham Stallions 3-2 Houston Roughnecks 2-3 Memphis Showboats 1-4

XFL Conference

DC Defenders 4-1 St. Louis Battlehawks 3-2 Arlington Renegades 3-2 San Antonio Brahmas 1-4

### LOCAL CALENDAR

## **Tuesday, April 29**

Baseball

Lamar at Texas A&M. 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 1

Class 5A bi-district: College Station at Crosby, 7 p.m.

Softball Texas A&M at Tennessee, 5 p.m.

Class 5A D1 area playoffs: College Station vs. Barbers Hill, Cy-Ridge High School, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 2

Baseball

LSU at Texas A&M, 6 p.m. Class 5A DI bi-district: Crosby at College Station.

Softball

Texas A&M at Tennessee, 5 p.m. Class 5A D1 area playoffs: College Station vs. Barbers Hill, Cy-Ridge High School, 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 3 Baseball

LSU at Texas A&M, 2 p.m. Class 5A DI bi-district: College Station vs. Crosby, if

Class 5A D1 area playoffs: College Station vs. Barbers

Softball Texas A&M at Tennessee, 3 p.m.

Hill, Cy-Ridge High School, if needed, noon Track & Field A&M Alumni Muster, 2:15 p.m.

necessary, TBD, 2 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 4 Baseball

LSU at Texas A&M, 1 p.m.

**SPORTS ON RADIO** 

#### **TUESDAY COLLEGE BASEBALL**

5:45 p.m.- Lamar at Texas A&M, KZNE 1150 AM,

### **THURSDAY COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL **6:15 p.m.**— College Station vs. Barbers Hill, **BCSBall.** 

com (online) HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

6:45 p.m. - College Station at Crosby, BCSBall.com

**FRIDAY** 

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

4:45 p.m.- Texas A&M at Tennessee, WILLY 1550 AM **COLLEGE BASEBALL** 

5:45 p.m.- LSU at Texas A&M. KZNE 1150 AM. 93.7

**SATURDAY COLLEGE BASEBALL** 

1:45 p.m.- LSU at Texas A&M. KZNE 1150 AM. 93.7

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL** 

2:45 p.m. - Texas A&M at Tennessee, WILLY 1550 AM

**SUNDAY COLLEGE BASEBALL** 

12:45 p.m.- LSU at Texas A&M. KZNE 1150 AM.

BASEBALL

# **SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE**

#### **BASEBALL STANDINGS** School W-L Pct. W-L 37-9 Arkansas 14-7 .667 .804 Tennessee 13-8 .619 35-9 .795 Ole Miss 12-9 .571 31-13 .705 Vanderhilt 12-9 .571 31-13 Alabama 12-9 .571 35-10 .778 .571 .524 12-9 35-11 .761 Georgia Oklahoma 11-10 30-13 .698 .524 Auburn 11-10 30-14 Kentucky 10-11 .476 25-16 .610 8-13 .381 13 Texas A&M 8-13 .381 24-19 .558 7-14 Mississippi State 25-19 South Carolina 5-16 .222 25-20

Missouri 0-21 .000 13-30 .302 Sunday, April 27

Kentucky 11. South Carolina 5: Florida 9. Arkansas 5: Vanderbilt 13, Ole Miss 0; LSU 12, Tennessee 2; Auburn 14, Mississippi State 8; Texas 6, Texas A&M 5 Tuesday, April 29

Northern Kentucky at Tennessee, 5 p.m.; Charleston Southern at South Carolina, 5:30 p.m.; Lamar at Texas A&M, 6 p.m.; Arkansas at Missouri State, 6 p.m.; Kennesaw State at Georgia, 6 p.m.; Kentucky at Western Kentucky, 6 p.m.; Memphis at Mississippi State, 6 p.m.: Indiana State at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m.: Missouri at Kansas, 6 p.m.; Auburn at Samford, 6 p.m.; Wichita State at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m.: Prairie View LSU 6:30 p.m.; Austin Peay at Ole Miss, 6:30 p.m.

# **DISTRICT 12-6A BASEBALL**

STANDINGS								
No.	Team	<b>D.Record</b>	D.Per.	Record	Perc.			
1	#*Midway	11-1	.916	20-6	.769			
2	*Harker Heights	9-3	.750	20-7-1	.727			
3	*Copperas Cove	7-5	.583	13-14-1	.472			
4	*Temple	5-7	.416	8-18-1	.301			
5	Bryan	5-7	.416	5-17-1	.222			
6	Shoemaker	4-8	.333	10-12-2	.434			
7	Killeen	1-11	.083	3-20	.130			
#= district champion								
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Friday, April 25

Midway 5, Harker Heights 0; Temple 5, Shoemaker 4; Copperas Cove 14, Killeen 0; Bryan, idle

#### DISTRICT 17-5A BASEBALL FINAL 15 STANDINGS

SIANDINGS							
No.	Team D.I	RecordD	.Perc	.Record	Perc.		
1	#*Brenham	8-4	.667	19-10-1	.644		
2	#*Montgomery	8-4	.667	18-10-2	.621		
3#*	College Station	8-4	.667	15-10-1	.588		
	#*Lake Creek	8-4	.667	15-10-1	.588		
5	Consol	6-6	.500	11-12-1	.468		
6	Huntsville	4-7	.363	12-16-1	.421		
7	Rudder	0-11	.000	11-14-2	.423		

#= district champion

Brenham 13, Rudder 1; Montgomery 7, Huntsville 0; College Station 2, Lake Creek 0; Consol, idle.

#### **BRAZOS VALLEY BASEBALL BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF PAIRINGS** Class 5A Division I

College Station vs. Crosby Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday at Crosby High School Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday at College Station High

School Class 5A Division II

Brenham vs. Kingwood Park Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday at C.E. King High School

Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday at C.E. King High School Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday at Cleveland High School

Class 4A Division II Caldwell (16-9) vs. Brookshire Royal (6-10-1)

(All games at Fayetteville High School) Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday

Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1

Game 3 (if needed): Noon Saturday Class 3A Division I Franklin vs. Groesbeck (All games at Mumford High School)

Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1 Game 3 (if needed): 1 p.m. Saturday Class 3A Division II

Anderson-Shiro vs. East Bernard (All games at Waller High School) Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday Game 2: 6 p.m. Friday

Game 3 (if needed): Noon Saturday Class 2A Division I Centerville vs. Cushing

(all games start at Jacksonville High School) Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1

Game 3 (if needed): 11 a.m. Saturday Normangee vs. Douglass Game 1: TBA Game 2: TBA

Game 3: TBA 2A Division I Mumford vs. TBA

(All games at C.E. King High School) Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Thursday Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1 Game 3 (if needed): 6 p.m. Friday

Iola vs. Danbury (All games at Cypress Lakes High School) Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday

Game 3 (if needed): 1 p.m. Saturday **Division II** Leon vs. Orangefield (All games at Huntsville High School) Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday

Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1 Milano vs. Evadale

(All games at West Fork High School) Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday Game 3: 45 minutes after Game 2

Burton vs. Big Sandy Dallardsville (All games at Huntsville High School) Game 1: 4:30 p.m. Thursday Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1

Game 3 (if needed): 10 a.m. Saturday Class 1A Richards vs. Spurger

(ONE GAME) 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Trinity High School

### SOFTBALL

#### **SEC SOFTBALL STANDINGS** School W-L Pct. W-L Pct.

1	Oklahoma	16-5	.762	42-5	.894	
2	Texas A&M	14-6	.700	41-8	.837	
3	Tennessee	14-7	.667	39-11	.780	
4	Texas	13-8	.619	42-9	.824	
5	Florida	12-8	.600	41-11	.788	
6	Arkansas	12-9	.571	36-10	.783	
7	South Carolina	11-10	.524	36-13	.735	
10	Mississippi State	11-10	.524	35-15	.700	
11	Alabama	11-10	.524	35-18	.660	
8	LSU	10-10	.500	38-11	.776	
9	Ole Miss	10-11	.476	34-14	.708	
12	Kentucky	7-14	.333	29-22	.569	
13	Georgia	6-14	.300	29-17	.630	
14	Auburn	6-18	.250	30-21	.583	
15	Missouri	4-17	.190	23-29	.442	

Sunday, April 27

Texas A&M 2, Arkansas 0; Mississippi State 5, Kentucky 0; Tennessee 7, Ole Miss 1; Oklahoma 9, Texas 8; South Carolina 4, Auburn 1; Alabama 2, Missouri 0; LSU 2, Florida 1

> Monday, April 28 Florida at LSU, late

#### **BRAZOS VALLEY SOFTBALL PLAYOFF RESULTS AND PAIRINGS**

**Class 5A Division I Bi-district** 

 ${\bf A\&M\ Consolidated\ vs.\ Crosby}$ (All games at Cy Woods High School) Game 1: Crosby 6, Consol 5 Game 2: Crosby 10, Consol 4

**Porter at College Station Bi-district** (ONE GAME) College Station 4, Porter 0

Area College Station (22-8) vs. Barbers Hill (29-3) (All games at Cypress Ridge High School) Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Game 2: 6:30 p.m. Friday Game 3 (if needed): Noon Saturday **Class 5A Division II** Brenham vs. Kingwood Park

Bi-district (All games at Cv Falls High School) Brenham 7, Kingwood Park 6 Game 2: Kingwood Park 10, Brenham 9 Game 3: Brenham 9, Kingwood Park 8

Area Brenham (16-12) vs. Nederland (20-7) Games, date, location and times TBD Class 4A Division II

Caldwell vs. Sealv Game 1: Sealy 15, Caldwell 2 Game 2: Sealy 10, Caldwell 1

Madisonville vs. Silsbee Game 1: Silsbee 11, Madisonville 1 Game 2: Silsbee 6, Madisonville 0 Class 3A Division I Franklin vs. Groesbeck **Bi-district** 

(All games at Riesel High School) Game 1: Franklin 23, Groesbeck 7 Game 2: Franklin 16, Groesbeck 1 Area Franklin (27-4-2) vs. Troy (24-4)

Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday at Franklin High School Game 3 (if needed): 7 p.m. Saturday site TBA Class 3A Division II **Bi-district** Anderson-Shiro vs. Wallis Brazos

Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday at Troy High School

(All games at Cy-Springs High School) Game 1: Anderson-Shiro 11, Brazos 2 Game 2: Anderson-Shiro 10, Brazos 0 Area

Anderson-Shiro (15-8-1) vs. Nacogdoches Central Heights (15-7) (ONE GAME)

6 p.m. Thursday at Livingston High School **Bi-district** 

Lexington vs. Buffalo (All games at Normangee High School) Game 1: Lexington 7, Buffalo 0 Game 2: Lexington 11, Buffalo 0

#### **ASTROS STATISTICS** THEOLIGH THUESON Dezenzo Meyers .265 .311 18 Peña Rodgers Caratini .241 .333 20 Smith .226 .304 5 4 McCormick Alvarez 11 Walker .295 8 .257 32 75 13 .205 Totals .310 788 92 186 28 2 19 85 78 197 20 6 PITCHERS GS sv ΙP н ER HR L ERA 3.2 2.0 Sousa Whitley 0.00 7 13.0 1 11.0 Hader 0.69 15 31 14 16 Okert Brown 1.16 0 31.0 King 0 11.2 Abreu 2.31 3.2 1 23 25 VanWev 2.45 3 2.78 Gusto Wesneski 3.91 0 23.0 10 Valdez 28.0 Montero 4.50 4.0 Rlanco 5.01 0 23.1 9.2 Arrighetti 0 8.0 Scott 5.62 0

#### Totals **RANGERS STATISTICS** THROUGH THURSDAY **BATTERS** AVG OBA Langford .409 .321 18 Pillar .308 .345 .286 Seager .318 .286 Jung .258 .270 16 14 15 20 .246 .295 14 19 García .200 .212 65 77 88 Taveras Burger 13 13 19 23 18 16 .148 .222 13 .174 Duran 0 Ornelas 0 0 0 794 176 30 56 194 Totals .278 80 33 78 21 PITCHERS ERA GS S۷ ER ВВ 50 0.00

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**Totals** 

West (16-14-1) vs. Lexington (17-7) Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday at West High School Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday at Lexington High School Game 3 (if needed): 30 minutes after Game 2 Class 2A Division I

**Bi-district** Danbury vs. Iola (all games at Cypress Ridge High School)

Game 1:Danbury 10, Iola 3 Game 2: Danbury 8, Iola 3 **Bi-district Mumford vs. West Hardin** 

(All games at Huntsville High School) Mumford 8, West Hardin 6 Game 2: West Hardin 5, Mumford 4 Game 3: Mumford 6, West Hardin 3

Area Mumford (17-6) vs. Holland (20-6) (ONE GAME) 6 p.m. Thursday at Rosebud-Lott High School Bi-district

Leon vs. Mount Enterprise (All games at Palestine Westwood High School) Game 1: Leon 21, Mount Enterprise 11 Game 2: Leon 11, Mount Enterprise 4

Area Leon (12-15) vs. Shelbyville (21-9) (All games at Jacksonville High School) Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Game 2: 6:30 p.m. Friday Game 3 (if needed): Noon Saturday Class 2A Division II

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(All games at West Fork High School) Burton 16, Big Sandy 1 Burton 12, Big Sandy 1 Area Burton (18-3) vs. Granger (10-10-1) (All games at Caldwell High School)

Burton vs. Dallardsville Big Sandy

Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday Game 2: 6:30 p.m. Friday Game 3 (if needed): Noon Saturday

**Bi-district Bremond vs. Junction** (ONE GAME) Junction 8, Bremond 7

**Bi-district** North Zulch vs. Spurger

(ONE GAME) Spurger 18, North Zulch 3 TAPPS Division IV area round Central Texas Christian at St. Joseph

(ONE GAME)

St. Joseph 12, Central Texas Christian 1

**TAPPS Division IV regional final** 

Time, date and location TBA

# Cindric takes calm Talladega race victory

Penske team's first victory comes in race void of usual drama

## **JENNA FRYER Associated Press**

TALLADEGA, Ala. – Austin Cindric celebrated his first win of the season by wearing Talladega's Superspeedway traditional victory wreath all around the track.

Indianapolis 500. He thought so, too.

"Feels like I just won the Indy 500," he said of Sunday's NASCAR race. "I'm trying to walk on the

plane with this."

Cindric wasn't even concerned how such a gesture might be received by Team Penske teammate Joey Logano, who raged on his radio after the second stage when Cindric didn't push him and it allowed Bubba Wallace in a Toyota to win the segment and its valuable bonus

"Way to go Austin," seethed Logano, who used multiple exple-A wreath like he just won the tives in his anger over his Penske radio. "You just gave it to him. over his radio. "Rock and roll. Gave a Toyota a stage win. Nice job. Way to go ... put that in the

Cindric was unconcerned by But Preece and Logano were to take the win from Cindric but eighth.

with the wreath on the Penske

"I think that would be very immature," Cindric said. "I don't see him doing that. We'll see."

It was a celebratory day for Cindric, who gave Team Penske its first NASCAR victory of the season by holding off a huge pack of challengers over the closing lap in a rare drama-free day at Talladega Superspeedway.

"Rock on, guys," Cindric said

the idea Logano might take issue disqualified following postrace there was never any room. inspections because of spoiler infractions. Logano had crossed the finish line in fifth.

After the DQ's, Kyle Larson moved up to second and William Byron third for Hendrick Motorsports. The two Chevrolet drivers pushed Cindric and Preece from the second row rather than pull out of line on the final lap and make a third lane in an attempt

It was Larson's best career finish at Talladega, where drafting and pack racing is required and Ford drivers went 1-2, with neither suits his style. He said Ryan Preece finishing second. he wanted to make a move to try highest-finishing Toyota driver in

"I wanted to take it, but I felt like the gap was too big," Larson said. "I was just stuck inside and just doing everything I could to advance our lane and maybe open it up to where I then could get to the outside. But we were all just pushing so equally that it kept the lanes jammed up."

Noah Gragson ended up fourth in a Ford, while Hendrick driver Chase Elliott was fifth - two spots ahead of teammate Alex Bowman, with Carson Hocevar of Spire Motorsports sandwiched in between them. Wallace was the