# Roughnecks can't catch Stallions

Special to The Eagle

HOUSTON - Missed opportunities, untimely injuries and a late turnover all played a role in another loss for the Houston Roughnecks on Saturday at TDECU Stadium.

The Birmingham Stallions downed the Roughnecks 23-16 Saturday before 6,613 fans.

"I thought we started slow," Roughnecks head coach CJ Johnson said. "You can't start slow against a team like that. They are a really good football team. Nolan Henderson got hurt and Jalan (McClendon) came in, and he did a great job. He moved the football well, just unfortunate he couldn't get the win, but I thought he played well.

The Stallions started their opening drive on their 30 yard line and moved to the Houston 38 where field goal for a quick 3-0 lead.

Just eight into the second quarter, Stallions receiver Davion Davis caught a 26-yard touchdown pass from Matt Corral. Davis caught the two-point conversion pass from Corral to give the Stallions an 11-0

Houston (1-3) responded with 17-10 at halftime. a 4-yard touchdown run from ZaOuandre White with 9:46 left in the first half. Lorenzo Lingard ran two yards for the 1-point conversion. On that drive, starting quarterback Nolan Henderson was However, a false start penalty and injured on a running play and Jalan a holding penalty gave the Rough-



JOE SOUTHERN, THE EAGLE

Houston Roughnecks quarterback Jalan McClendon runs the ball in for a touchdown during Saturday's game against the Birmingham Stallions at TDECU Stadium.

rest of the game.

With a minute before halftime. Chris Blewitt drilled a 44-yard field goal for the Roughnecks, but two plays later, former Texas A&M tight end Jace Sternberger caught a 50-yard touchdown pass from Corral, extending the Stallions lead to

On the Stallions first drive of the third quarter, Roughnecks defensive back Rayshad Williams intercepted a Corral pass and returned it to the Birmingham 37-yard line.

Harrison Mevis kicked a 48-yard McClendon replaced him for the necks a first and 23 at midfield. The Roughnecks were able to regain the yards but were thrown for a loss on a fourth down and 1 yard play.

The Roughnecks moved from their own 14 yard line to the Birmingham 11 yard line, largely due to a 46-yard pass from McLendon to T.J. Vasher. McClendon ran the ball the remaining 11 yards for a touchdown, cutting the deficit to one at 17-16.

The Stallions fumbled the ensuing kickoff and the Roughnecks recovered on the Birmingham 25yard line. Two incomplete passes and a false start penalty stalled the

47-yard field goal attempt.

Birmingham (3-1) added field goals of 35 yards and 50 yards to end the scoring.

Houston, with no timeouts, completed three short passes to move from their 25 yard line to their 38 yard line, but Jo Jo Tillery intercepted McLendon's next attempt with 30 seconds to seal the Stallions' win.

McClendon completed 22 of 31 passing attempts for 236 yards. He also rushed five times for 17 yards. Justin Hall caught six passes for 58 yards and Keke Chism caught four passes for 35 yards. Lawrence Keys III had 99 all-purpose yards.

Corral completed 14 of 25 passes for 195 yards and two touchdowns for the Stallions. He also rushed 10 times for 52 vards.

"Our defense can't give up big plays," Johnson said. "That's one thing we hadn't done all year and we did this game. But offensively. we have to run the football better for any quarterback to be effective."

Deon Cane caught three passes for 69 yards and a touchdown, and Davion Davis had two receptions for 62 vards and a touchdown.

"Great to win," Birmingham head coach Skip Holtz said. "We know they're all going to be dog fights. We talk each and every week about a 60-minute game and you can't at anybody's records. Anybody can year.

drive. On top of it, Blewitt missed a beat anybody and I thought that Houston team tonight fought."

The Roughnecks will play the San Antonio Brahmas (0-3) at 2 p.m. Sunday in San Antonio. The Brahmas interim head coach is Payton Pardee, grandson of legendary coach Jack Pardee. Pardee took over for Wade Phillips, who resigned last week due to health reasons.

**NOTES** – The United Football Players Association has ratified a new collective bargaining agreement with the United Football League...The new CBA includes an annual raise of \$7,005 on the players' minimum salary, from \$55,000 to \$62,005 for players who participate in all 10 regular season games and makes all players eligible for year-round health care and the minimum salary for 2026 will be \$64,000. Other items agreed upon includes team roster size will increase to 43 players during the regular season and to 64 during training camp, Player bonuses of \$500 for player of the week awards, \$5,000 for players of the year, \$7,500 for league MVP and \$5,000 for players that win the UFL championship, a formal process for player grievances, a maximum of two padded practices per week, agreement that players can wear preferred cleats and the creation of a labor management commitoverlook anybody. You can't look tee that will meet three times per

## LOCAL CALENDAR

#### Tuesday, April 22

Baseball Sam Houston at Texas A&M, 4 p.m Killeen at Bryan, 7 p.m. Brenham at Rudder, 7 p.m. Willis at A&M Consolidated, 7 p.m.

#### Softball

Montgomery Lake Creek at College Station,

Louisiana-Lafayette at Texas A&M, 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 23

#### Golf

Texas A&M men at SEC Championships, St. Simons Island, Ga. Baseball

#### TAPPS Div. IV area playoffs: St. Joseph vs. Sacred Heart in Fayetteville, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, April 24** 

#### Golf Texas A&M men at SEC Championships, St.

Simons Island, Ga. Track & Field

#### Texas A&M at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa. Softball

TAPPS Div. IV area playoffs: Central Texas Christian at St. Joseph, 4:30 p.m.

#### Friday, April 25 Baseball

Texas A&M at Texas, 7 p.m. College Station at Montgomery Lake Creek,

Golf Texas A&M men at SEC Championships, St.

#### Simons Island, Ga. Softball

Class 5A D1 bi-district playoffs: A&M Consolidated vs. Crosby (DH), Cy Woods High School, 5:30 p.m.

Class 5A DI bi-district playoffs: New Caney Porter at College Station, 7 p.m. Track & Field

Texas A&M at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Saturday, April 26

Baseball Texas A&M at Texas, 3 p.m.

Golf Texas A&M men at SEC Championships, St. Simons Island, Ga.

Softball Class 5A D1 bi-district playoffs: A&M

Consolidated vs. Crosby, Cy Woods High School, Arkansas at Texas A&M, 4 p.m.

Track & Field Texas A&M at Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa.

Texas A&M at J. Fred Duckett Twilight, Houston Volleyball

#### Texas A&M at SMU, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 27

Texas A&M vs. LSU, Dallas, 3 p.m.

Texas A&M at Texas, 3 p.m. Golf

Texas A&M men at SEC Championships, St. Simons Island, Ga.

Softball Arkansas at Texas A&M, noor

## SPORTS ON RADIO

**TUESDAY COLLEGE BASEBALL** 

3:45 p.m.— Sam Houston at Texas A&M, KZNE 1150 AM, 93.7 FM

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL** 4:45 p.m. - Louisiana at Texas A&M. WILLY

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

6:45 p.m.- Killeen at Bryan, BCSBall.com 6:45 p.m. Montgomery Lake Creek at

College Station, BCSBall.com (online)

## FRIDAY

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL** 5:45 p.m.- Arkansas at Texas A&M, WILLY

**COLLEGE BASEBALL 6:45 p.m.**— Texas A&M at Texas, **KZNE 1150 AM, 93.7 FM** 

**SATURDAY** 

## **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

Texas A&M at Texas, KZNE 1150 AM, 93.7 FM

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL** Arkansas at Texas A&M, WILLY

## SUNDAY

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL** 11:45 p.m.— Arkansas at Texas A&M, WILLY

## **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

2:45 p.m.— Texas A&M at Texas, KZNE 1150 AM, 93.7 FM

## BASEBALL

#### **SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL**

	STAN	DIN	GS		
0.	School	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
	Texas	16-2	.889	33-5	.868
	Arkansas	13-5	.722	34-7	.829
	LSU	12-6	.667	34-7	.829
	Tennessee	12-6	.667	33-7	.825
	Vanderbilt	11-7	.611	30-10	.750
	Georgia	10-8	.556	33-9	.786
	Ole Miss	10-8	.556	28-12	.700
	Oklahoma	10-8	.556	29-10	.744
	Alabama	9-9	.500	31-10	.756
)	Auburn	9-9	.500	27-13	.675
l	Kentucky	8-10	.444	22-15	.595
2	Texas A&M	8-10	.444	23-16	.590
3	Florida	6-12	.333	27-15	.643
1	Mississippi State				
5	South Carolina	4-14	.222	23-18	.561

Missouri 0-18 .000 13-26 .351 Sunday, April 20 Kentucky 8, Tennessee 2; Mississippi State 14, Florida 8

Tuesday, April 22

Sam Houston at Texas A&M, 4 p.m. Lipscomb at Tennessee, 5 p.m.; North Florida at South Carolina, 5:30 p.m.; Louisville at Kentucky, 5:30 p.m.; Middle Tennessee at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m.; Ole Miss at Mississippi State, 6:30 p.m.; Texas State at Texas, 6 p.m.; Alabama at Samford, 6 p.m.; Oral Roberts at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m.; Northwestern State at LSU, 6:30 p.m.; Little Rock at Arkansas, 6:30 p.m.: Missouri at Missouri State. 6:30 p.m.; Georgia at Clemson, 7 p.m.; Georgia Tech at Auburn, 7 p.m.

## **DISTRICT 12-6A BASEBALL**

STANDINGS							
No.	Team	D.Rec	D.Per.	Rec	Perc.		
1	*Midway	9-1	.900	18-6	.750		
2	*Hrker Hghts	8-2	.800	19-6-1	.745		
3	*Cppras Cove	6-4	.600	12-13-1	.470		
4	Temple	4-6	.400	7-17-1	.285		
5	Bryan	4-7	.364	4-17-1	.186		
6	Shoemaker	4-7	.364	10-11-2	.454		
7	Killeen	1-9	.100	3-18	.143		

= playoff spot Thursday, April 17 Harker Heights 8, Temple 2; Bryan 12, Killeen 0; Midway 9, Copperas Cove 0: Shoemaker, idle.

(all games start at 7 p.m.); Killeen at Brvan: Temple at Harker Heights; Midway at Copperas Cove; Shoemaker, idle.

## **DISTRICT 17-5A BASEBALL**

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N	o. Team	D.RecD	.Perc.	Rec	Perc
1	#*Lake Creek	8-2	.800	15-8-1	.63
2	Brenham	6-4	.600	17-10-1	.61
30	College Station	6-4	.600	13-10-1	.55
	Montgomery	6-4	.600	16-10-2	.59
5	Consol	6-6	.500	10-12-1	.44
	Huntsville	4-6	.400	12-14-1	.45
7	Rudder	0-10	.000	11-12-2	.46
*= playoff spot					

#= district champion Thursday, April 17 Consol 4. Huntsville 3: College Station 6. Rudder 2; Montgomery 12, Lake Creek 2; Brenham 8, Iowa Colony 7

Tuesday, April 22 (all games start at 7 p.m.); Brenham at Rudder; Huntsville at Montgomery; Lake Creek at College Station; Willis at Consol

## **D1 COLLEGE BASEBALL TOP**

## **25 POLL**

	ΙΈλαδ	22-2	1
	Clemson	35-7	3
	Oregon State	30-7	6
1	Florida State	29-7	7
	Arkansas	34-7	2
)	Tennessee	33-7	
'	LSU	34-7	9
;	North Carolina	31-9	12
)	Vanderbilt	30-10	19
0	Georgia	33-9	5
1	Auburn	27-13	8
2	UC Irvine	28-9	13
2 3 4 5 6 7	Oregon	27-11	16
4	Oklahoma	29-10	18
5	UCLA	29-10	10
6	Arizona	28-11	22
	West Virginia	34-4	24
8	Alabama	31-10	15
9	Louisville	28-11	17
0	Troy	28-12	20
1	Coastal Carolina	30-10	21
1	Southern Miss	27-13	23
3	Ole Miss	28-12	11
3	Georgia Tech	29-11	14
5	NC State	27-12	NR

#### SOFTBALL **SOUTHEASTERN**

#### **CONFERENCE SOFTBALL** CTANDINGS

	JIAN		U.S		
).	School	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct
	Texas A&M	13-4	.765	39-6	.867
	Oklahoma	13-5	.722	39-5	.886
				41-6	
	Tennessee	12-6	.667	37-9	.804
	Florida	11-7	.611	39-10	.796
	Arkansas	10-8	.556	34-9	.79
	South Carolina				
	LSU	9-9	.500	36-10	.783
	Ole Miss				
	Mississippi State	9-9	.500	33-14	.702
	Alabama	8-10	.444	31-18	.633
	Kentucky	6-11	.353	27-19	.587
	Georgia				
	Missouri	4-14	.222	23-26	.469

Auburn 4-17 .190 27-20 .574 Saturday, April 19 Oklahoma 6. Mississippi State 5: Oklahoma 9. Mississippi State 6; South Carolina 1, Kentucky 0 Monday, April 21

Kentucky at South Carolina, late

## **BRAZOS VALLEY SOFTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS**

Class 5A Division I **A&M Consolidated vs. Crosby** (All games at Cy Woods High School) Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday. Game 3. if needed: 10:30 a.m. Saturday. College Station vs. Porter (ONE GAME)

7 p.m. Friday at Lady Cougar Field. Class 5A Division II **Brenham vs. Kingwood Park** (All games at Cy Falls High School) Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Game 2: 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Game 3, if needed: 10 a.m. Saturday **Class 4A Division II** Caldwell vs. Sealy Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday at Caldwell Game 2: 5:30 p.m. Friday at Sealy.

Game 3, if needed: Immediately following Madisonville vs. Silsbee Time, date and location to be determined Class 3A Division I

**Franklin vs. Groesbeck** (All games at Riesel High School) Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday. Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1. Game 3, if needed: TBA Saturday. Class 3A Division II Anderson-Shiro vs. Wallis Brazos

(ALL games at Cy-Springs High School) Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2 (if needed) Lexington vs. Buffalo

(All games at Normangee High School) Game 1: 4:30 p.m. Friday. Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1. Class 2A Division I

Danbury vs. Iola (all games at Cypress Ridge High School) Game 1: 2 p.m. Friday Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1 Game 3: 8 a.m. Saturday (if needed) Mumford vs. West Hardin

(All games at Huntsville High School) Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Game 2: 6:30 p.m. Friday Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2 (if needed) Class 2A Division II

**Burton vs. Big Sandy** (All games at West Fork High School) Game 1: 4:30 p.m. Thursday Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 2 Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday (if needed)

Class 1A North Zulch vs. Spurger

(ONE GAME) 6 p.m. Thursday at Groveton High School **TAPPS Division II area round** Central Texas Christian at St. Joseph

4:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph High

TRANSACTIONS

#### BASEBALL **Major League Baseball**

## American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Selected the contract of INF Bobby Dalbec from Charlotte (IL). Placed INF Chase Meidroth on the IL. Transferred LHP Martin Perez to the 60-day IL. Announced C Omar Narváez declined outright assignment to Charlotte and elected free agency. CLEVELAND GUARDIANS — Designated RHP

Triston McKenzie for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Zak Kent from Columbus (IL). DETROIT TIGERS — Recalled 3B Jace Jung from Toledo (IL). Optioned CF Ryan Kreidle

NEW YORK YANKEES - Placed CF Trent Grisham on the paternity list. Recalled 2B Jorbit Vivas from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).  ${\tt TORONTO\,BLUE\,JAYS-Agreed\,to\,terms\,with}$ RHP Wagner Soto on a minor league contract

**National League** ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Optioned CF Jake McCarthy to Reno (PCL). ATLANTA BRAVES - Activated RHP Scott Blewett. Designated LHP José Suarez for

Recalled LHP Josh Walker from Buffalo (IL).

CHICAGO CUBS - Optioned LHP Jordan Wicks to Iowa (IL). CINCINNATI REDS - Optioned RHP Randy Wynne to Louisville (IL). Activated LHP Nick Lodolo from the paternity list.

COLORADO ROCKIES - Optioned LHP Luis

Peralta to Albuquerque (PCL).

MIAMI MARLINS — Placed C Rob Brantly on the 10-day IL. Recalled C Agustín Ramírez and RHP George Soriano from Jacksonville (IL). Optioned LHP Cade Gibson to Jacksonville. MILWAUKEE BREWERS - Acquired RHP Cesai

SAN DIEGO PADRES - Placed INF Luis Arraez on the 7-day concussion IL. Recalled INF Mason McCoy from El Paso (PCL). WASHINGTON NATONALS — Optioned RHP Andry Lara to Rochester (IL).

## BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association ATLANTA HAWKS - Fired general manage

#### Women's National **Basketball Association**

CONNECTICUT SUN — Signed Gs Morgan Maly Madison Hayes and Saniya Rivers to rookie scale GOLDEN STATE VAKLYRIES – Signed G

Mamignan Toure to a rookie scale contract. LAS VEGAS ACES — Signed F Jordyn Jenkins to a rookie scale contract. NEW YORK LIBERTY — Announced C Raquel Carrera and F Seehia Ridard are out for the 2025 season due to personal decisions

## **AGGIE ROUNDUP**

#### **BASKETBALL**

**Haith added to men's basketball staff:** Frank Haith, another former Texas A&M men's basketball assistant, has been added to head coach Bucky McMillan's initial staff.

Haith, who has head coached at Miami (Fla.), Missouri and Tulsa, was part of Tony Barone's staff twice in Aggieland, in 1992-95 and 1996-97. Haith most recently was on Rodney Terry's staff at Texas, Haith also was at Texas under Rick Barnes from 2001-2004. He left Barnes to become head coach at Miami, where we went 129-101 in seven seasons, including 43-69 in Atlantic Coast Conference play. He left for Missouri, where he was 76-28 in three seasons (2011-14), including 34-20 in conference play as the Tigers made the transition from the Big 12 to the Southin his first season, finishing second in the previously Aggie assistants. league to Kansas. Haith had to sit out the

first five games of the 2013-14 season after the NCAA found a violation in the Miami men's basketball program while investigating the Miami football program. Haith agreed to leave Missouri for Tulsa after Missouri uncovered violations under Haith in an internal investigation. Missouri opted to vacate all victories from the 2013-14 season. Haith was 138-108 in eight seasons at Tulsa, including 78-64 in American Athletic Conference play.

The 59-year-old Haith in 18 seasons made four NCAA tournaments and the NIT six times. His career record is 343-237. The Queen, N.Y. native, also was an assistant at UNC Wilmington, Wake Forest, Penn State and Memphis.

Haith, who was associate head coach at A&M (1996-97) and Texas (2003-04) joins eastern Conference. The Tigers were 30-5 Kyle Keller and Mitch Cole, who also were

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