Mustangs, TCU Top SWC Race
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With all but two of the SWC elevens getting into action today, this year's race shapes up as being one of the tightest and most exciting in recent years in the SWC. Two teams, SMU and TCU, have been rated as contenders for the national championship, while two others, Texas and Rice, have received national ranking in at least one of the numerous polls. Even the three remaining teams, Arkansas, A&M, and Baylor, are rated only a step behind the leaders.

Joining the popular opinion that everyone should predict the results of football games, and recalling the old cliche, "Only fools and strangers predict Texas weather and football," we have assembled the seven conference teams in the order in which we expect them to finish, along with a few reasons for each selection.

SMU, Meredith Best Bets
Up in Dallas, Bill Meek surrounded himself with one of the most potent offensive aggregations ever assembled in the southwest. Headed by All-America Don Meredith supported by fleet halves Glynn Gregory, Frank Jackson, Billy Polk, and Tirey Wilson, along with fullbacks Mike Hackney and Jim Welch, the Mustang backfield should be the equal of any in the country. The Pony front line is also manned with experienced competitors such as end Henry Christopher, tackle Gary Ferguson, guard Bobby Loveless, and center Max Christian.

Despite the fact that the Mustangs return 23 lettermen, the loss of three defensive stalwarts, Tom Koenig, Lee Yokum and Billy Dunn, may be the downfall of the Ponies. For the leaky Mustang forward wall may leave Mr. Meredith and company with the awesome task of having to score several touchdowns in order to defeat many of their opponents.

Horned Frogs Boast Experience
The keynote at TCU is on experience, size, and depth. The Frogsies lost only seven lettermen from last year's championship club. Coach Abe Martin returns such standouts from last year as tackles Don Floyd and Bob Lilly, center Arvie Martin, guard Ramon Armstrong, along with backs Jack Spikes, Marvin Lasater, and Merlin Friddy.

Despite the loss of guard and linebacker Sherrill Headrick through scholastic difficulties, the TCU defense should be about as tough as last year. The offense, on the other hand, may not be as effective as last year if Abe Martin is not able to come up with a quarterback with the exceptional