

Sports

■ **With the 108th World Series** beginning Wednesday, Lee Goddard ranks the previous 107 editions of the World Series. Today he ranks the bottom 36. **4-5C**



LSU's defense holds off Manziel, Texas A&M



Texas A&M's Ryan Swope gets his helmet knocked off as he came up with a first down against LSU's Tharold Simon (24) during the first half of LSU's win Saturday in College Station.

■ **Aggies lead early; Tigers finish strong**

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Say hello to the LSU defense, Johnny Manziel.
Jeremy Hill rushed for a career-high 127 yards and a touchdown, and the sixth-ranked Tigers controlled Texas A&M's dual-threat quarterback to

(6) LSU	(20) TEXAS A&M
24	19
SEC	

rally from an early deficit and beat the 20th-ranked Aggies 24-19 at Kyle Field on Saturday.
Michael Ford had a touchdown run and Zach Mettenberger threw a TD pass to Kadron Boone for the Tigers (7-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference), who scored 21 points off Texas A&M turnovers.
A&M (5-2, 2-2) out-

played the Tigers for much of the first half and led 12-0, LSU's largest deficit since the national championship game against Alabama in January. LSU converted two A&M miscues into touchdowns just before halftime, and Boone's diving catch in the end zone with 11 seconds left put the Tigers up 14-12 at the break.
Manziel, the SEC's leader in total offense, completed 29 of 56 passes for 276 yards and also threw three intercep-

tions. He was also the league's leading rusher coming into the game and was held to 27 yards on 17 carries.
"Defense just had to get their feet set and understand what was going on," LSU coach Les Miles said, "get the comfort of the scheme and the habit of throw and how to chase that quarterback. He's a gutsy, tough guy."
The Tigers' offense ranks eighth in the SEC and struggled to produce

See A&M, 6C

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Miller's Jon Lopez holds on tight to the ball after intercepting a screen pass intended for Laredo Nixon's Richie Rendon on Saturday at Buc Stadium. The play enabled the Bucs to eke out a narrow win over the Mustangs.

CROSS COUNTRY

IWA runners win state

By staff reports

After three straight years of coming agonizingly close, the Incarnate Word Academy boys cross country team broke through with another state championship.
IWA crushed the competition in the TAPPS 4A state meet, placing six runners in the top 17 to crush second-place San Antonio Christian by 42 points.
The Angels won state in 2008, but then finished third in 2009 and second the past two seasons.
"They're really excited, because they wanted it bad after last year," IWA coach David Rodriguez said. "They worked hard all year. They put in the miles each and every day and showed up in really good shape since the beginning of the year. After coming so close last year, they were really motivated."
Jackson Bright led the way for IWA, finishing second after running the 5K in 16 minutes, 12.4 seconds. He finished three seconds behind individual state champion Chris Pietraszkiewicz of Texas Military Institute.
"Jackson was a little disappointed, because he wanted to win, but he ran well," Rodriguez said. "He ran his race and really helped the team."
IWA sophomore Jared Coco finished fourth at 16:49.3. The Angels' Christian House (16:59.5) was ninth, Jaran Cadena (17:19.5) was 12th, Vincent Morin III (17:25.9) was 14th and Ryan

HANGING TOUGH

■ **Miller defense makes key stops as Bucs upset Laredo Nixon**

By Matt Young
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MILLER	LAREDO NIXON
38	35
DISTRICT 31-4A	

Tyrell Clay did a little bit of everything for Miller on Saturday night.
He did his usual stellar work at quarterback, running for 161 yards and two touchdowns and throwing for 126 yards and two more

scores. He also returned kicks and played a little safety.
But in the most crucial moment of the game, he stayed on the sideline as a

bystander.
To his delight, he watched his defense get one final stop as Miller upset Laredo Nixon 38-35 at Buc Stadium.
After Nixon (4-3 overall, 2-2 District 31-4A) scored with just under two minutes remaining, the Mustangs defense forced Miller to punt. Nixon got the

ball back with 1:20 left in the game. Fortunately for the Bucs, the Mustangs had to start at their own 10 after a block in the back during the punt return.
Still, with Nixon's high-powered aerial attack, 90 yards in 80 seconds was a definite possibility.
Miller (3-4, 1-3) allowed one first down, and then

the defense stiffened up. After first down was wasted as Nixon spiked the ball to stop the clock with 50 seconds left, Mustangs quarterback Ralph Perez threw an incompletion.
On third down, Miller safety Lee Ramos broke up a pass intended for Jesus

See MILLER, 2C

See IWA, 3C

Javelinas spoil Tarleton State homecoming

■ **Johnson has another strong game in win**

By staff reports

A&M-K	TARLETON STATE
35	23
LONE STAR CONFERENCE	

STEPHENVILLE — For perhaps the first time this season, Texas A&M-Kingsville can celebrate a well-rounded victory.

Anthony Johnson rushed for 100-plus yards for the second consecutive week and Jonathan Woodson surpassed 5,000 career all-purpose yards in big way with two

touchdowns. The Javelinas won for the second week in a row, spoiling Tarleton State's homecoming in a 35-23 victory.
The Javelinas squared their season and Lone Star Conference records at 4-4 and 3-3, respectively. They did so despite 10 penalties covering 80 yards, most of which hampered them in the opening half. The

Texans fell to 3-4 and 3-3, respectively.
Holding a 15-14 lead at halftime, A&M-Kingsville turned away the Texans, who had driven to its 19 to open the second half. Blake Barnes, who kicked a school-tying five field goals, missed on a 36-yarder.
Backup quarterback Bryan Erlich, on for an

injured Nate Poppell, then directed successive scoring drives. Keyed by Johnson's 46-yard run, Erlich and Robert Armstrong connected on a 26-yard scoring pass. Matt Stoll's point-after kick gave the Javelinas a 22-14 lead.
After the Javelinas' defense forced a three-and-out, Erlich and Shane Prater connected on a 51-

yard TD pass with Shane Prater. Stoll's PAT kick failed, leaving the Javelinas with a 28-14 lead. For Prater, who has battled hamstring issues all season, it was his first career reception.
The Texans came right back, however. Arthur Buckingham, a thorn in

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS



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Flour Bluff's Molly Chapman (front) and Melissa Pfluger (back) defeated the No. 1 Ray girls doubles team in straight sets Saturday at the District 31-4A team tennis tournament championships at Flour Bluff High School.

Hornets unstoppable in District 31-4A finals

By Stuart Duncan
Special to the Caller-Times

The Flour Bluff girls tennis players were simply unbeatable Saturday.

That had as much as anything to do with Hornets winning their school-record sixth consecutive team tennis district title during their homecoming weekend.

Flour Bluff went a combined 8-0 in girls singles and doubles en route to beating Ray, 10-2, in the finals of the District 31-4A tournament at Flour Bluff's tennis courts.

"The coaches before us set a really high standard and we've worked really hard to see if we could beat that," Hornets coach Steve Bonds said. "Our goal every year has been to win it and it just so happens that this was No. 6."

Flour Bluff also beat Moody, 10-0 in Friday's semifinals to get to the title match, while Ray defeated semifinal opponent Alice, 10-0.

"Flour Bluff is very tough and they really played well today," said Texans first-year coach Jackson Lindsey, who was Ray's assistant coach last season. "This is the best that I've seen them play all year. They stepped it

up when it mattered."

The top two teams from each district advance to the Region IV-4A tournament, which begins Friday in San Antonio.

"The kids probably didn't feel the pressure but I did," said Bonds, whose team also won the CCISD Little State tennis tournament and split its two nondistrict matches with No. 18 Class 4A Calallen this season. "We weren't at 100 percent today and Ray had gotten some people back, so I was a little worried about the outcome. But we came out and played really well in the doubles and that set the tone, as always."

Flour Bluff (12-2) won five of the seven doubles matches and never surrendered that lead to Ray thanks to its 5-0 mark in girls singles.

No. 6 girls singles player Paige Thomas helped the Hornets compensate for the loss of another one of their players, who missed the match because of grades, Bonds said. Thomas not only won her singles match but also teamed with Leah Osterloh to win No. 3 girls doubles in straight sets as well.

The Hornets' Molly

Chapman, Melissa Pfluger and Sydney Weaver also won their girls singles and doubles matches in straight sets against Ray.

The No. 2 boys doubles team of Isaac Vasquez and Ryan Pickett and the mixed doubles team of Luis Delacruz and Luisa Fuqua won their matches for the Texans against Flour Bluff.

"(Making it to the finals) was awesome," Lindsey said. "I would've loved to have won but I'm happy with how we played. We did well."

FLOUR BLUFF 10, RAY 2

Boys Doubles
No. 1 — Noah Ortiz-Kevin Powell, Flour Bluff, def. Jacob Ayala-Eric Davis, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 2 — Isaac Vasquez-Ryan Pickett, Ray, def. Dawson Autry-Andrew Garcia, Flour Bluff, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.
No. 3 — Nick May-Jeff Orchard, Flour Bluff, def. Owens-Patel, Ray, 6-2, 6-3.

Girls Singles
No. 1 — Molly Chapman, Flour Bluff, def. Luisa Fuqua, Ray, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 2 — Melissa Pfluger, Flour Bluff, def. Paige Comstock, Ray, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 3 — Leah Osterloh, Flour Bluff, def. Mallory Sico, Ray, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 4 — Sydney Weaver, Flour Bluff, def. Jessica Griffith, Ray, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 6 — Paige Thomas, Flour Bluff, def. Sarah Barrera, Ray, 6-3, 6-0.

Doubles
No. 1 — Chapman-Pfluger, Flour Bluff, def. Comstock-Griffith, Ray, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 2 — Sarah Gilliam-Weaver, Flour Bluff, def. Sico-Eiermann, Ray, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3 — Osterloh-Thomas, Flour Bluff, def. Christie-Feehy, Ray, 6-3, 6-0.

Mixed doubles
Luis Delacruz-Fuqua, Ray, def. George Lopez-Virginia Nichols, Flour Bluff, 6-3, 6-1.

Romig's goal lifts IceRays in OT

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The IceRays turned in 60 hard-working minutes of hockey, and a late gaffe looked like it might sour a solid effort.

Given the opportunity to work some overtime, Corpus Christi made sure it didn't leave empty-handed.

Emil Romig scored early in extra time to give the IceRays a 3-2 victory over the Amarillo Bulls on Saturday night at the American Bank Center.

That allowed the IceRays (4-6-3, 11 points) to breathe a sigh of relief after a disastrous end to regulation.

Just 57 seconds into overtime, Romig's wrist shot from the top of the right circle whizzed over the left shoulder of Bulls goalie Collin Delia.

"Honestly, I didn't aim — I was just trying to get it on net," Romig said. "Fortunately, it got in. Getting those two points is just huge for us."

Thanks to Brandon Berkeley's goal with 3:26 left in the third period, the IceRays had a 2-1 lead in the final minute of regulation. However, goalie Ben Myers, who played a terrific game, made an ill-advised gamble trying to clear the puck through the middle with an empty net at the other end.

Myers' clearing attempt was picked off by the Bulls' Gage Christianson, who

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promptly scored with 38.3 seconds left.

"He deserved to win that game and did everything for us to get to that point," IceRays coach Justin Quenneville said of Myers. "He's the reason why we had a chance to win that hockey game. Obviously, it's unfortunate to see a blooper like that, but that's a character team to come back and stay focused."

"We deserved to win that game. The boys stuck together. They bought in, but they also fought. It's so easy to just turn around and quit when everything is against you. Instead, they persevered and stuck with it."

The big key for the IceRays was their sublime penalty killing, which wiped out seven Amarillo power plays.

Corpus Christi was short-handed for nearly nine and a half minutes during the second period and had to kill off a five-minute major that spanned the end of the second and beginning of the third.

"We just rallied around each other and came to-

gether as a unit," IceRays defenseman Ryan Chiasson said. "Everybody was lying down to block shots and do whatever he could to get the puck out. We really just came together as a team."

LOOSE PUCKS

Four IceRays alumni from their minor pro years were on hand as part of the season-long celebration of the franchise's 15th anniversary. Ryan Garbutt, Jody Praznik, Mike Tomlinson and Geoff Bumstead were feted before the game at center ice. Garbutt, an IceRay in 2009-10 who's now with the Dallas Stars, is the only player to advance from Corpus Christi to the NHL. The other honorees played for Corpus Christi's inaugural 1998-99 team.

Amarillo 1 0 1 0-2
Corpus Christi 1 0 1 1-3
First Period — 1. CC, Chiasson 1 (unassisted), 12:29; 2. Ama, Fortman 2 (Ray, Davis), 15:48. **Penalties** — Ginley, CC (hooking), 24; Sherman, Ama (tripping), 2:43; Schulz, CC (interference), 9:01; Cole, Ama (diving), 11:48; Hutton, CC (high-sticking), 11:38; Plageman, Ama (hooking), 12:54; Uchyn, CC (tripping), 17:58; Economos, CC (cross-checking), 19:48; Sulmonte, CC, misconduct (abuse of officials), 20:00.
Second Period — None. **Penalties** — Gernhofer, Ama (slashing), 2:32; Williams, CC (holding), Pietroniro, CC (hooking), 8:23; Smith, CC, major-game misconduct, served by Berkley (checking from behind), 16:20.
Third Period — 3. CC, Berkeley 1 (Clark, Williams), 16:24; 4. Ama, Christianson 4 (unassisted), 19:21 (ea). **Penalties** — Christianson, Ama (roughing), 8:06; Schulz, CC (roughing), 8:06; Sarcona, Ama (roughing), 8:06; Heuser, CC, double minor, served by McGillvrey (delay of game), 8:06.
Overtime — 5. CC, Romig 3 (Pietroniro), 57. **Penalties** — None.
Shots on goal — Amarillo 13-13-8-0-34; Corpus Christi 9-4-10-1-24. **Goalies** — Amarillo, Delia 3-1-1 (24 shots-21 saves); Corpus Christi, Myers 2-4-0 (34-32).
Power-play opportunities — Amarillo 0 of 7; Corpus Christi 0 of 3. **Referee** — Matthew Wyld. **Linesmen** — Kevin Madden, Alex Black. **A** — 3, 167. **T** — 2:27.

IWA from IC

Trevino (17:31) was 17th. The Angels' Jason Simank (18:48.6) finished 56th.

"I told them before the race that they were ready," Rodriguez said. "They had been working hard, and I told them they looked like a state championship team. They just had to go prove it, and they did."

The IWA girls team finished third behind Hous-

ton Awty International and Fort Bend Christian.

Samantha Simank led the Angels with a third-place finish.

CARROLL WINS DISTRICT

The Carroll boys won their sixth straight district cross country championship, edging out King for the District 28-5A title Saturday.

The Tigers had six runners finish in the top 10 individually, led by district champion Logan Pittzman, who won the race in 16:32.

Teammate Peter Kleine finished second at 16:45. Carroll's Daniel Bitoni (17:08) was fourth, Chris Franco (17:13) was fifth, John Davila (17:17) was eighth, and Daniel Rubio was 10th (17:30).

Carroll had 20 points as a team. King and San Antonio East Central each finished with 72 points, but the Mustangs snagged second place on a tiebreaker.

Anthony Rodriguez led King by finishing in sixth place.

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