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A MSU rugby player stiff arms a TCU opponent as he runs with the ball Saturday afternoon. Midwestern won their Division II Texas Rugby Western Division opener against the Horned Frogs, 20-18. MSU will travel to San Angelo this Saturday to take on Angelo State at 2 p.m.

Rugby team squishes Horned Frogs

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Well on their way to becoming a staple of strength and consistency, the MSU Rugby Team won their Division II Texas Rugby Western Division opener against TCU Saturday.

MSU manhandled TCU in route to a 20-18 victory after losing the last three times the two teams tangled, dating back to 2003.

MSU set the tempo immediately and jumped out to an early 5-0 lead after flanker Tige Wells scored from two meters out. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

In a bangers game MSU set the pace by overpowering TCU and setting a physical tone early to establish their style of play.

The second score was similar to the first, just the names changed. Winger William Milton scored from five meters out after receiving a lateral from Phil Alexander who got an assist from team co-captain Robert Sweeney.

TCU answered by way of a drop-kick off of a penalty to bring the tally to 10-3.

TCU then scored again on a try to bring it to 10-8, but failed on the conversion.

Wells had his second short scamper of the game just before the end of the first half to give MSU the lead 15-8 going into the break.

About 10 minutes into the second half TCU scored, but failed on another conversion to make the score 15-13 MSU.

Then eight-man (end man on their front line), Brad Sample, re-

turned the ensuing kickoff, which ended up in a two-man maul, with he and co-captain Jeremy Stewart overpowering their foes to give MSU the lead for good. They failed on the conversion to leave the score 20-13.

TCU came back with a score of their own to threaten 20-18, but MSU held true on the conversion attempt to leave it that way.

After a promising first half of limited mistakes, the second was a bit sloppy forcing MSU into about 15 scrums (team vs. team lockups), which makes for a slower-paced match.

This was a good test for MSU in their conference opener, but the true gauge of their conference status will be this week against Angelo State, in San Angelo, and later this season against Baylor.

Mustangs outrun Lions

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MSU men's soccer player Danny Kastelic was the Southwest Soccer Conference defensive player of the week last week.

Kastelic is the third straight MSU player rewarded this year for his work on the defensive end. Not only was he a key element in MSU's defeating St. Edward's but he also played an important role in helping the team keep No. 11 Incarnate Word at one goal.

In team news, the men defeated Missouri Southern's Lions Friday in SSC action. The final score was 4-0. After this win MSU clinched a share of the SSC title, setting up a chance to take the title with a win or tie against Northeastern Oklahoma State that Sunday.

During the first half of the game, Daniel Brown picked up a goal off a corner kick from Brandeon Swartzendruber. With 13 minutes left in the half, Sun Potter got a pass from Swartzendruber.

During the second half, Ahmad

Ihmeidan scored off a penalty kick. Then with just 10 minutes to play Tyler Murphy scored and MSU's win was assured.

Missouri Southern was out shot by MSU a whopping 21-6. Goal keeper Jeremy Turner saved two of the six shots he faced in this game.

Then, the men's next game was against NSU in Tahlequah, Okla., which they won 3-0. This game became MSU's 11th straight victory. With this win MSU now has the honor of hosting the 2006 SSC Tournament Thursday and Saturday.

In the game against NSU, SSC scoring leader Swartzendruber scored two of the goals and assisted the third.

Junior Daniel Brown gave MSU an early lead with a 20-yard shot in the ninth minute. Then Swartzendruber followed with an assist off Potter a mere six minutes after.

The last goal of the game (made during the 66th minute) was also Swartzendruber's.

The NSU Redmen were outshot 15-5.

Turner got a save on the only NSU shot in the match, making this his fifth shutout of the season and the 10th shutout of the year for the team.

Since this game the team has moved up three spots (to No. 10) in the latest National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas Division II Top 25 poll. They remain in second place in the Midwest Regional Top 10.

The team is to be congratulated for this achievement, as well as winning the title of SSC regular season champs and hosting the 2006 SSC Tournament. Semifinal games will be played Thursday at the MSU soccer field. Second seed Northeastern Oklahoma State will face off against third seed West Texas A&M at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26.

This game will be immediately followed by MSU going up against fourth seed Eastern New Mexico at 7:30 p.m.

The championship game between the semifinal winners will be Saturday, at noon.

Women earn postseason spot

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The MSU women's soccer team beat Southwestern Oklahoma State Friday.

The game went into overtime and the winning goal was scored by freshman Kari Bristow. The final score was 1-0.

With this win, the MSU women won a spot in the Lone Star Conference post-season tournament.

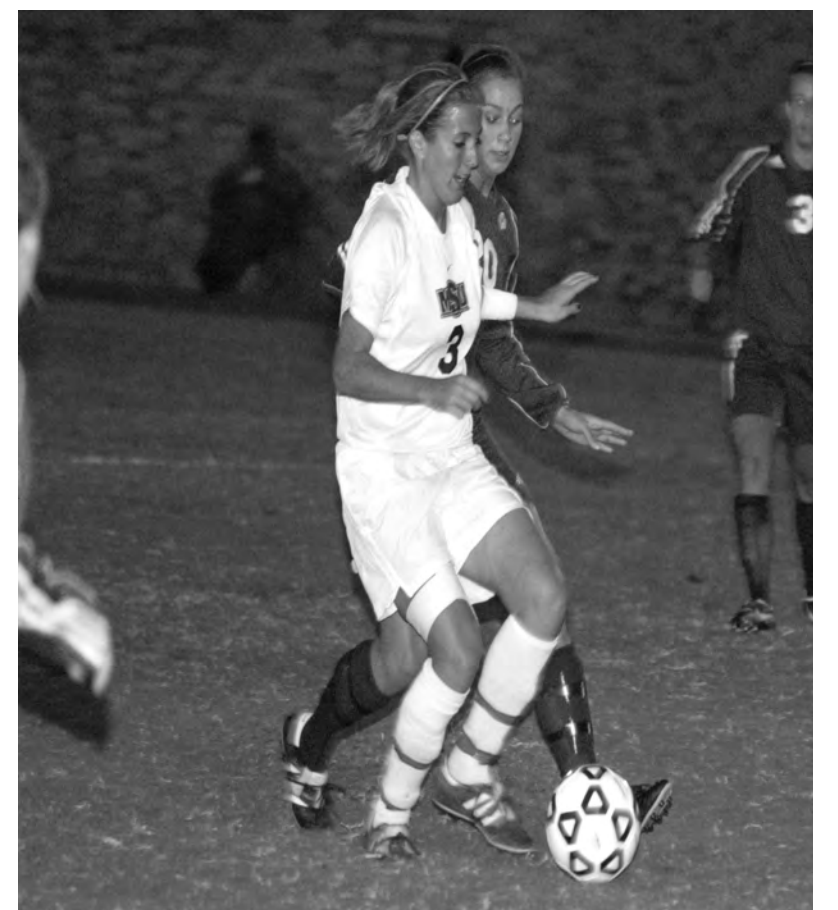
The women improved to 9-6-1, 5-2-1 and out shot Southwestern 17-6.

Goal keeper Heather Primavera saved three out of the six shots she faced. With her second straight shut out, Primavera improved to 8-5-1.

Next up for the women was a game against No. 17 Central Oklahoma Sunday. This was their final regular season game, and unfortunately the score didn't turn out as planned. The women lost 4-1.

This makes MSU's record 9-7-1, 5-3-1 and they are now fifth seed in next week's Lone Star Conference soccer championship tournament. The tournament starts Thursday in Edmond, Okla.

The only goal MSU scored during the game came on a penalty



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MSU's Brittany Burney, 3, looks to pass the ball in a game at the MSU Soccer Field this past week. The Lady Mustangs have a record of 9-6-1 for the year.

kick in the second half from Bristow. This was her fifth goal of the season.

Another goal keeper (Ashley Meek) was used for this game,

though both gave up two goals to the Broncos. Primavera saved three out of seven; Meek saved four out of 10.

Mustangs trample Javelinas to end two-game losing streak

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Daniel Polk ran like a possessed man Saturday night in Kingsville, galloping through the Javelina rush defense for 172 yards and a touchdown while throwing for another score in a 44-17 whipping of Texas A&M-Kingsville.

But the duel-threat quarterback was not the only player in the Mustang backfield to hit the century mark rushing.

MSU (6-2 overall, 2-2 LSC South) unleashed tailback's Adrien

Butler and Ulysses Odoms upon the Javs (3-5 overall, 0-3 LSC South) as the duo finished with 133 and 105 yards rushing respectively. Butler ran 35 yards into the end zone at the top of the second quarter to give MSU the first touchdown of the game, while Odoms contributed scoring jaunts of 18, 23, and 41 yards in the blowout win.

The victory snaps a two-game skid for the 25th-ranked Mustangs, who must now win their remaining divisional schedule, which includes a season-finale showdown with top-ranked Abilene Christian, in order

to make the postseason. The Mustangs begin their march towards the playoffs by hosting Southeastern Oklahoma State University for Homecoming Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Mustang defense suffocated the run all night, holding TAMUK to 12 net yards rushing on 23 carries and to 165 total yards for the game. The Javs converted nine first-downs compared to the Mustangs 23 as MSU finished with 537 total yards, 456 of which came via the ground.

Sophomore defensive back Herman Walker got MSU on the score board first after blocking a TAMUK punt for a safety on the third possession of the second quarter. Walker

also recorded the lone interception for the team and was rewarded for his efforts by being named this week's Lone Star Conference special teams player of the week.

The Mustangs then punched in touchdown runs from Butler and Odoms to take a 16-3 lead at halftime.

The Mustang defense wiped out errors made by the offense in the first half by shutting out the Javs from end zone. MSU turned the ball over on two interceptions and a fumble before intermission, giving the team a total of four fumbles and three interceptions on the night.

Mustang linebacker Jarrell Warren led the stout defense with six

tackles, followed by five from Donnal Arps and Devon Campbell. Arps also had sack and Lance Moss registered four tackles, one forced fumble, and a pass deflection, while the team had six total deflections.

MSU turned up the intensity in the second half, dropping 21 points in the third quarter alone.

Odoms ignited the fireworks with 9:55 remaining in the third by getting loose for a 23-yard touchdown to put the team up 23-3. Then on the ensuing Javelina possession, Moss laid a hit on Kingsville running back Raymorris Miller for the fumble and Todd Zoglmann recovery, setting up a 29-yard touchdown from Polk to senior receiver Keith

Flanagan.

Trailing 37-3 in the top of the fourth, Kingsville got the ball rolling when quarterback Jeremy Heatley and Frank Allen hooked up for a 7-yard touchdown. But the Javs only managed to move the chains 16 yards before Walker stepped up and picked off Heatley's pass at the MSU 30-yard line to set up another Mustang score and 44-10 lead. TAMUK would finally close out the scoring as Tauron Thomas took in a muffed punt return from Moss in the end zone for a 44-17 final.

The win keeps MSU ranked eighth in the NCAA Division II Southwest Regional rankings.

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Rhodes, Boggs join LSC elite

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Midwestern State University greats Dominic Rhodes and Phillip Boggs have been named among the greatest to play in the Lone Star Conference the league announced this week.

The MSU duo was named to the list of the top 75 football players and coaches of the first 75 years of the Lone Star Conference, as part of the year-long celebration of the conference's 75th anniversary.

The LSC, known to be the oldest collegiate athletic conference in the southwestern United States, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year with a tribute to the outstanding teams and great sports personal-

ities. An NCAA Division II conference with 15 member institutions in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, the LSC was founded on April 25, 1931. The 1931-32 athletic seasons were the first for the league.

Rhodes, who was a running back for MSU in the 1999 and 2000 seasons, set MSU records with 2,541 yards rushing and 29 touchdowns. He now is a starter for the Indianapolis Colts.

Boggs, an MSU quarterback from 1999-to-2003, holds nearly all of the Midwestern passing records. He finished his career with 5,466 passing yards, hitting 433-of-732 passes with 41 touchdowns.

The pair join an impressive compilation of well-known names throughout both college and pro-

fessional football, with eight of the selections - Johnny Bailey, Rodney Cason, Darrell Green, Pierce Holt, Wilbert Montgomery, Dwayne Nix, Richard Ritchie and Gil Steinke - having been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

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