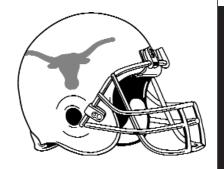
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## #7 TEXAS (7-1, 3-1) at NEBRASKA (6-3, 2-2)

Memorial Stadium/Tom Osborne Field (73,918) Lincoln, Neb.

Sat., Nov. 2, 2002 (6 p.m. CST/FOX Sports Net)

RANKINGS: Texas stayed at No. 7 in the latest Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN Coaches Top 25 polls. The Longhorns have been ranked among The AP Top 15 for 33 consecutive weeks. That is UT's longest stint among the nation's Top 15 since 1977-80, when the Horns spent 51 straight weeks rated among the Top 15. UT has been ranked among the USA Today/ESPN Top 25 for 60 weeks in a row and The AP Poll for 36 consecutive weeks. Nebraska is not ranked.

**TELEVISION:** The game will be televised nationally by FOX Sports Net. Joel Meyers (play-by-play), Dave Lapham (color) and Eric Clemons (sidelines) will call the action.

RADIO: The Longhorn Sports Network and KVET (1300 AM/98.1 FM) broadcast each UT game on its 36-station network (two in Spanish). Craig Way (play-by-play), Keith Moreland (color) and Brian Jones (sidelines) call the action. Dr. Ruben Pizarro (play-by-play), Joe Morales (color) and Raul Saenz (color) call the action on the Spanish broadcast.

UT PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATELLITE: Mack Brown's weekly press conference is available via satellite each Monday (contact the media relations office for coordinates) at 11 a.m. (CT). The press conference airs live nationally on ESPNEWS and locally on News 8 Austin. News 8 Austin also re-airs the press conference each Monday at 11:10 p.m.

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NO. 7 TEXAS HEADS TO LINCOLN WITH NEBRASKA RIDING A 26-GAME HOME WINNING STREAK: No. 7 Texas (7-1, 3-1 Big 12) extended its home winning streak to 17 in a row with a 21-10 victory against No. 17 Iowa State this past Saturday. UT, which posted a 17-14 victory at Kansas State two weeks ago, now has won back-to-



back games against Top 25 opponents for the first time since 1998 (26-24, vs. No. 6 Texas A&M/38-11, vs. No. 25 Mississippi State in the 1999 Cotton Bowl) and been victorious in four of its past six matchups against ranked foes overall. The Longhorns have beaten Top 20 teams in consecutive weeks for the first time since 1989 (28-24, vs. No. 15 Oklahoma/24-20, vs. No. 7 Arkansas). Texas returns to the road this weekend and will put its 11-game road winning streak (not including neutral site games) on the line when it travels to Nebraska (6-3, 2-2 Big 12). The Longhorns, who enter this weekend's contest having won 21 consecutive games against non-ranked opponents, will face a Huskers squad that has the nation's longest current home winning streak at 26 games. UT, which posted a 20-16 win in Lincoln in 1998 to snap Nebraska's 47-game home victory streak, is the only Big 12 school that has beaten the Huskers in Lincoln since league play began in 1996.

A TRADITION-RICH MATCHUP: Two of the winningest programs in NCAA history will face off on Saturday when Texas (fourth/762 victories) and Nebraska (third/769 wins) meet in Lincoln. UT also is the sixth-winningest program in NCAA history (762-305-33/70.8%) and ranks third on the NCAA all-time bowl games list (41). The Huskers rank in a fourth-place tie (40) on that chart.

LATE-SEASON TOP 10: Texas entered November ranked fifth nationally last season and the Longhorns are set to face their first opponent of this season's final month with a No. 7 ranking. That marks the first time since 1983-84 that the Horns have entered the final month of the regular sea-

## NCAA ACTIVE HOME WINNING STREAKS

1.	Nebraska^	_20	6
2.	Miami (Fla.)	20	0
3.	TEXAS	1	7
	^ <i>pi</i>	ays at home this week	

## **NCAA ALL-TIME RECORDS LISTS**

All-Time Winning Percentage				All-Time	e Victories				
			YEARS	RECORD	PCT.			YEARS	WINS
	1.	Notre Dame _	114	789-247-42	751	1.	Michigan	123 _	819
	2.	Michigan	123	819-268-36	745	2.	Notre Dame	114 _	789
	3.	Alabama	108	750-283-44	717	3.	Nebraska	113 _	770
	4.	Nebraska	113	770-304-40	709	4.	TEXAS	110 _	762
		Oklahoma	108	719-280-53	709	5.	Alabama	108 _	750
	6.	TEXAS	110	_762-305-33	708	6.	Penn State	115 _	749
	7.	Ohio State	113	740-292-53	706	7.	Ohio State	113 _	740











## TEXAS/NEBRASKA ALL-TIME SERIES AT-A-GLANCE

**OVERALL SERIES:** Series tied, 4-4

SERIES RECORD IN AUSTIN: Series tied, 1-1 SERIES RECORD IN LINCOLN: Texas leads, 2-1

SERIES RECORD AT NEUTRAL SITES: Nebraska leads, 2-1

CURRENT SERIES WIN STREAK: Nebraska, 1 AS CONFERENCE OPPONENTS: Texas leads, 3-1

Year	Score	UT's final record	NU's final record
1999* _	_#3 Nebraska 22, #12 Texas 6	9-5 (6-2 Big 12/1st)	12-1 (7-1 Big 12/1st)
1999 _	_@ #18 Texas 24, #3 Nebraska 20	9-5 (6-2 Big 12/1st)	12-1 (7-1 Big 12/1st)
1998 _	Texas 20, @ #7 Nebraska 16	9-3 (6-2 Big 12/2nd)	9-4 (5-3 Big 12/T-2nd)
1996* _	_Texas 37, #3 Nebraska 27	8-5 (6-2 Big 12/1st)	11-2 (8-0 Big 12/1st)
1973+ _	_#12 Nebraska 19, #8 Texas 3*	8-3 (7-0 SWC/T-1st) _	_9-2-1 (4-2-1, Big 8/T-2nd)
1960 _	_Nebraska 14, @ #4 Texas 13	_7-3-1 (5-2 SWC/T-2nd)	4-6 (2-5 Big 8/T-6th)
1959 _	_#17 Texas 20, @ Nebraska 0	9-2 (5-1 SWC/T-1st) _	4-6 (2-4 Big 7/6th)
1933 _	_@ Nebraska 26, Texas 0	_4-5-2 (2-3-1 SWC/5th)	8-1 (5-0 Big 6/1st)
* Big 12 Cl	nampionship game // + Cotton Bowl		

son with a Top 10 ranking in back-to-back seasons. Since Mack Brown took over the UT program in 1998, the Longhorns have entered November ranked among the Top 25 in each of his five seasons. That marks the first time since 1977-81 that Texas has posted such a streak.

**ROAD NOTES:** Texas takes to the road for the fourth time this season when it travels to Nebraska on Saturday. The Longhorns have won their last 11 road games (not including neutral site contests) and are 16-5 under Mack Brown on the road. UT's 11 consecutive road victories is its longest road victory string since 1981-84 when it tallied 13 wins in a row at opponents' home stadiums. UT has won 15 of its last 17 road contests under Brown. Prior to his arrival, Texas struggled at opponent's stadiums in recent years. UT posted just two winning road records (not including neutral site games) in the 10 seasons prior to 1998, the first year under Brown. All totalled during that time, UT was just 23-25 in road games. Although the Longhorns were 1-3 on the road in Brown's first year at Texas, that record featured losses at No. 6 UCLA and No. 5 Kansas State in two of his first three games as the Longhorns' head coach. It also included a victory at No. 7 Nebraska that snapped a Cornhuskers 47-game home winning streak. Texas, which won all of its non-neutral site road games a year ago, was 4-1 in road games in 1999 and 3-1 in 2000.

THE NEBRASKA SERIES: This weekend will mark the ninth meeting between the Longhorns and Huskers in a series that dates back to 1933. The series is tied at four games each, but Texas has won three of the past four meetings (all as Big 12 Conference foes). UT leads the all-time series in Lincoln, 2-1. That includes a UT 20-16 upset victory in 1998 that ended Nebraska's national-best 47-game home winning streak (No. 5 in NCAA history) and marks the only Husker loss in Lincoln since Big 12 play began in 1996.

**SERIES TIES:** The 1933 Nebraska squad that beat Texas 26-0 was coached by the legendary D.X. Bible, who later gained fame as UT's head coach and athletics director. Bible ranks third in career victories on both the Texas and Nebraska all-time lists. He posted a 50-15-7 record and claimed six league titles in eight seasons with Nebraska (1929-36) and turned in a 63-31-3 mark and claimed three Southwest Conference titles in 10 years at Texas from 1937-46.

**THE LAST TIME:** Dec. 4, 1999, #3 Nebraska 22, #12 Texas 6, Big 12 Championship at the Alamodome (San Antonio) — In a game that featured the first seasonal rematch for the Longhorns since 1909 (UT played Texas A&M twice that season), No. 3 Nebraska avenged its mid-season loss to No. 12 Texas with a 22-6 victory in the 1999 Big 12 Championship Game. The loss snapped UT's three-game winning streak against the Cornhuskers. The Texas offense was held in check by a stingy Huskers defense that forced four turnovers, posted seven sacks and held UT to just six rushing yards. With the offensive attack sputtering throughout the contest, a solid effort from the UT defense kept the Longhorns within striking distance, as it held



### **#7 TEXAS**

Record: 7-1 (2-1 Big 12)

Home: 4-0 Away: 3-0 Neutral: 0-1

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Aug. 3	31	NORTH TEXAS (PPV)	W, 27-0
Sept. 1	14	at North Carolina (ABC)	W, 52-21
2	21	HOUSTON (PPV)	W, 41-11
2	28	at Tulane (ESPN Regional)	W, 49-0
Oct.	5	OKLAHOMA STATE (FSN)	W, 17-15
1	12	vs. #2 Oklahoma+ (ABC)	L, 24-35
]	19	at #17 Kansas State (FSN)	W, 17-14
2	26	#17 IOWA STATE (ABC)	 W, 21-17
		at Nebraska (FSN)	
	9	BAYLOR	TBA
]	16	at Texas Tech	TBA
9	29	TEXAS A&M (ABC)	 11 a.m.

all times Central // + at Cotton Bowl (Dallas)

MACK BROWN (FLORIDA STATE '74): Texas' fifth-year head coach has won 65 of his last 82 games (.793) and led his teams to a 99-32 (.756) record the last 11 years. Brown is 131-88-1 in 19 years overall. With seven wins this season, he has secured his 13th consecutive winning season and 11th straight bowl berth. Brown is the Big 12's winningest active coach and his string of 10 straight bowl appearances is the longest among league mentors.



## NEBRASKA

Record: 6-3 (2-2 Big 12)

Home: 5	-0 Away: 1-3	Neutral: 0-0
Aug. 24	ARIZONA STATE^	W, 48-10
31	TROY STATE	W, 31-16
Sept. 7	UTAH STATE	W, 44-13
14	at Penn State	L, 7-40
28	at #19 Iowa State	L, 14-36
Oct. 5	McNEESE STATE	W, 38-14
12	MISSOURI	W, 24-13
19	at Oklahoma State	L, 21-24
26	at Texas A&M	W, 38-31
Nov. 2	#7 TEXAS	6 p.m.

9 KANSAS

16 at #14 Kansas State

29 #13 COLORADO

^ BCA Classic

**FRANK SOLICH (NEBRASKA '66):** Frank Solich has posted a 48-12 (.800) record in his five seasons at Nebraska.

Nebraska to 289 total yards of offense, including just 103 in the second half, and forced a pair of Nebraska fumbles, one of which led to the UT's

only touchdown. Nebraska opened the scoring on its second possession of the game with a Josh Brown 42-yard field goal. The Huskers would post their first touchdown a few minutes later. Taking over at its own 49, Nebraska scored in just six plays. Facing a fourth-and-one deep in UT territory, QB Eric Crouch broke through the line on an option keeper and raced 31 yards for the score. After being held to minus-one yard of total offense in the first quarter, the Longhorns rebounded with a solid drive to open the second quarter. QB Major Applewhite kept the drive alive when he connected with WR Kwame Cavil for 16 yards on a critical third-and-10 play, but UT was unable to get on the board when Kris Stockton's 49-yard field goal attempt fell short. Nebraska moved deep into UT territory on the ensuing possession, but the defense stood tall. On second-and-goal from the UT 9-yard line, FS Greg Brown picked off Crouch, but the Longhorns turned it back over on the next play from scrimmage when Applewhite was intercepted. However, the UT defense held Nebraska out of the end zone again as the Huskers settled for a 21-yard field goal. The Huskers defense then added to the lead with a safety on a bad snap that went out of the end zone and the Horns went into the locker room down 15-0. The first five minutes of the second half would prove pivotal. First, RB Hodges Mitchell sprained his right ankle on the second-half kickoff and played just one more series. The Longhorns defense then allowed its second big play of the game when Buckhalter, who posted 136 rushing yards on 20 carries, broke free and raced 55 yards to the UT three. One play later, Crouch scored from four yards out. The score remained 22-0 until early in the fourth quarter when Huskers RB Dahrran Diedrick fumbled near the NU 20. CB Ahmad Brooks scooped up the ball and scored. However, the two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving Texas down 22-6. Even with the UT defense holding Nebraska to just one first down in the final quarter, Texas was unable to make up the two-touchdown difference. Two more turnovers would hurt the Longhorns' cause. Texas did get one final chance to close the gap. Starting from their 22 with less than three minutes remaining, Applewhite moved the Horns deep into Huskers territory on a pair of completions to Cavil, but he was picked off for the third and final time on a pass intended for Jeremy Jones in the end zone. Nebraska then ran out the clock and earned its second Big 12 Championship and a trip the Fiesta Bowl.

**THE LAST TIME IN LINCOLN:** *Oct. 31, 1998, Texas 20, #7 Nebraska 16, at Memorial Stadium* — Texas snapped the nation's longest active home winning streak and the fifthlongest home victory string in NCAA history (47 games) with a 20-16 victory. RB Ricky Williams rushed for 150 yards and QB Major Applewhite completed 14-of-26 passes for 269 yards and two TDs as UT amassed 398 yards of total offense (129 rush/269 pass) against a Cornhuskers defense that ranked 19th nationally in total defense (297.6 YPG). The Huskers were allowing just 106.5 rushing yards per game (17th NCAA) and ranked 25th nationally in pass efficiency defense (107.0 rating). UT also shut down a Nebraska offensive attack that entered the game ranked fourth nationally in rushing (268.6 ypg) and was averaging 412.5 yards of offense per

## **UT'S 2002 NCAA RANKINGS**

## **TEAM**

Category	Rank	Avg./G
Rushing Offense	60 (6) _	149.5
Passing Offense	68 (8) _	208.8
Pass Efficiency Offense	57 (5) _	123.4
Total Offense	81 (10) _	358.3
Scoring Offense	37 (6)	31.0
Rushing Defense	36 (4) _	125.5
Passing Defense	3 (1) _	133.4
Pass Efficiency Defense	3 (2)	78.8
Total Defense	3 (2) _	258.9
Scoring Defense	3 (2)	13.3
Net Punting	54 (10)	35.0
Punt Returns	22 (3)	13.4
Kickoff Returns	8 (3)	25.6
Turnover Margin	25 (5)_	0.9

## INDIVIDUAL

### Cedric Benson, So., RB

<ul> <li>Rushing yards per game</li> </ul>	18 (3)	116.8
All-nurnose vards ner game	44 (5)	126.5

### Brian Bradford, Sr., P

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Punting average	40 (9)	41.2

## Dusty Mangum, So., PK

1101d godio per game	Field goals per g	ame	48 (8)	1.
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## Dakarai Pearson, Jr., FS

• Interceptions per game \_\_\_\_\_11 (2) \_\_\_\_\_0.

## Chris Simms, Sr., QB

- Pts. responsible for per game \_\_28 (4) \_\_12.0
- · Pass completions per game \_\_47 (5) \_\_16.6

## Nathan Vasher, Jr., CB/PR

• Punt returns \_\_\_\_\_\_36 (7) \_\_\_12.3

\*\*Note: Big 12 ranking in ( )

contest. Texas limited the Huskers to 194 rushing yards and just 311 total yards on the day. LB Anthony Hicks (13 tackles/five TFLs/two sacks), who came up short in a bid to become UT's first-ever Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week, and LB Dusty Renfro (11 tackles/1 sack) led the defensive attack. The Horns got off to a quick start as Williams rushed for 82 yards on 13 carries in the first quarter as UT jumped out to a 10-0 lead. On a play-action fake to Williams, the Longhorns scored on an Applewhite to Derek Lewis 16-yard TD pass and Kris Stockton hit a 36-yard field goal. Nebraska had just 15 yards on eight plays in the first quarter. Texas' defense mounted a late surge in forcing the Huskers to settle for a 27-yard field goal after driving 88 yards to the UT 10-yard line as the first half wound down. After generating 204 yards of offense and limiting Nebraska to 145 (55 rushing yards on 22 carries), UT led 10-3 at the half. Texas' defense stood tall despite battling tough field position in the third quarter. During that period, three of Nebraska's drives started in UT territory, and on average, the Huskers began their drives at the UT 48-yard line. The first stand came when the Huskers opened a series at the UT 31. The Longhorns limited the Huskers to two yards on three plays and they settled for a field goal to pull within 10-6. Nebraska again took over in UT territory at the Horns 49 with 5:41 left in the third quarter. The Huskers drove 49 yards for a TD and claimed their first lead at 13-10. UT looked to be in serious trouble as Applewhite was intercepted at the Texas 29 on its next drive, but Williams made a TD-saving tackle and the Huskers took over at the UT 12. Three plays later, J.J. Kelly forced

## **UT'S MACK BROWN ERA RECORDS**

38-0when outrushing an opponent	
20-0when rushing for more than 200 yards	
34-1when recording more than 400 total yard	ls
34-3when scoring first	
30-5when forcing more turnovers than oppor	nent
25-4when passing for more than 250 yards	
41-6when scoring more than 20 points	
40-6when leading at halftime	

a Huskers fumble and Donald McCowen recovered at the UT 8-yard line. Williams gained 11 yards on the first play, and after two incompletions, Applewhite found WR Bryan White sprinting down the sideline for a 76-yard gain. UT's drive stalled inside the Nebraska 5-yard line, but the Horns tied the game up at 13 on a Stockton 19-yard field goal. Nebraska answered on its ensuing possession with a field goal that gave it a 16-13 lead. Starting at its own 15-yard-line, UT mounted its game-winning drive. Three critical third-down plays (a 9-yard pass from Applewhite to WR Ryan Nunez; a 37-yarder from Applewhite to White; and an Applewhite sneak) set up an Applewhite to WR Wane McGarity game-winning 2-yard TD toss which capped a 14-play, 85-yard drive and gave the Horns a 20-16 lead with 2:47 remaining in the game. After the UT

defense halted Nebraska's final drive, Williams grinded out 13 yards on three carries to run out the clock and give the Longhorns the four-point upset victory.

**CONTROLLING THE GAME:** Texas has outscored its first eight opponents of the season 248-108, while posting two shutouts (one of only two schools nationally to do so). That's the first time the Longhorns have shut out two opponents in a season since 1991. Texas and Oklahoma are the only two NCAA Division I-A schools that have posted two shutouts this season. UT also led from start to finish in the first four games of the season, marking the first time since 1965 that it opened the season without trailing for the first 16 quarters of the year. Oklahoma State claimed a 3-0 lead five minutes into the game (Oct. 5), led the game for 19:04 until UT tied it up at three and the Longhorns never trailed again. Texas led through the first three quarters of the Oklahoma game and never trailed at Kansas State. Texas led for the first 27:40 against Iowa State before the Cyclones claimed a 10-7 lead with 2:10 left in the half. UT reclaimed the lead on its first series of

NCAA Division I-A Head Coaching Records Since 1990										
BY VICTORIES										
	Florida State	133-22-1	856							
	Texas A&M									
I .	TEXAS/NORTH CAROLINA									
Joe Paterno	Penn State	112-42	727							
	Kansas State									
6. Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	104-44-1	701							
7. Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee	99-22 ('92-'02)	818							
Fisher DeBerry	Air Force	99-55	643							
9. John Smith	Louisville/Idaho/Utah State	98-55	641							
10. Paul Pasqualoni	Syracuse	93-45-1 ('91-'02)	673							
BY WINNING PERCENTA	AGE (MINIMUM: 70 VICTORIES)									
1. Bobby Bowden	Florida State	133-22-1	856							
2. Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee	99-22 ('92-'02)	818							
3. Dennis Erickson	Oregon State/Miami (Fla.)	80-23 ('90-'94; '99-'02)	777							
4. R.C. Slocum	Texas A&M	114-40-2	737							
5. MACK BROWN	TEXAS/NORTH CAROLINA _	112-40-1	735							
6. Joe Paterno	Penn State	112-42	727							
Bill Snyder	Kansas State	110-41-1	.727							

Virginia Tech

Syracuse

South Carolina/Notre Dame

85-40-2

93-45-1 ('91-'02)

.677

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the second half and never trailed again. The Horns have played with a lead through 29 of 32 quarters this season. The Longhorns have done so by controlling the ball for nearly four minutes per game more than their opponents. That edge was at its most dominant when the Horns controlled 11:30 of the clock in the final quarter of a 21-10 victory over Iowa State. Texas has held the ball for at least 10 minutes in five quarters this season.

8. Frank Beamer

10. Paul Pasqualoni

9. Lou Holtz

**THE MARCH TO 25,000:** This year will see UT reach the 25,000-point plateau in its storied 110-year history. Through eight games this season, the Longhorns stand at 24,988 points in school annals.

**CONFERENCE COMPETITION:** Mack Brown is 29-7 (.806) in five seasons of Big 12 Conference play. That is a significant improvement from the 8-8 (.500) mark the Longhorns produced in Big 12 competition the two years prior to his arrival. In 86 years of league play, Texas is 371-165-14 (.687) against conference competition. That includes marks of 334-150-14 (.685) in the Southwest Conference and 37-15 (.706) in the Big 12.

**110TH YEAR OF FOOTBALL:** Texas entered the 2002 season and its 110th year of football riding the heels of a school-record-tying four consecutive nine (or more) win seasons. That marks the first time since 1961-64 that the Longhorns have strung together four nine (or more) victory campaigns in a row (only the second such string in UT history). UT also is one of only four teams nationally currently riding a streak of four straight nine (or more) victory seasons (heading into 2002).

## FOUR-PEAT NCAA Division I-A programs with four nine-win seasons in a row entering 2002

PROGRAM	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Florida	10-2	9-4 _	10-3 _	10-2	5-3
Miami (Fla.)	9-3	9-4 _	11-1 _	12-0	7-0
Nebraska	9-4 _	12-1 _	10-2 _	11-2	6-3
TEXAS	9-3	9-5	9-3 _	11-2	7-1

NINES ARE WILD: UT finished the 2001 season with a school-record-tying 11 wins (11-2 record), marking the fourth consecutive season under Mack Brown that the Horns secured a nine (or more) win campaign. That marks the first time since 1961-64 that the Longhorns have registered four consecutive years of nine or more victories. It also marked just the second time in the previous 109 years of Texas football that has happened. The Longhorns were one of just four programs nationally to enter the 2002 campaign with such a streak (Florida, Miami (Fla.) and Nebraska were the others). After posting back-to-back nine (or more) win seasons at North Carolina prior to taking over at Texas in 1998, Brown has posted

nine or more wins in six consecutive seasons. He is the only active NCAA Division I-A head coach currently riding a string of six consecutive nine (or more) victory seasons.

**OTHER LONGHORNS STREAKS CONTINUE:** UT's string of nine (or more) win seasons isn't the only successful streak that continued in 2001. The Horns earned a fourth consecutive bowl berth and registered their fourth final Top 25 national ranking in a row. The string of bowl games is the longest at UT since the Longhorns earned nine consecutive bowl berths from 1977-85. Texas' streak of Top 25 rankings is the longest since it recorded eight straight Top 25 finishes from 1968-75. Head coach Mack Brown, who has posted the best head coaching start in UT history (45-14 in five years), owns streaks that go back even further. With his seven wins this season, Brown is assured of his 13th consecutive winning sea-

son and is bowl eligible for the 11th straight year. Both of those marks are the second-longest streaks among active NCAA Division I-A head coaches.

"FAN"-TASTIC: Texas opened the 2002 season with great support as the Longhorns welcomed their largest crowd in a home opener (83,051/No. 14 in UT history) for a 27-0 victory against North Texas. The Longhorns, who played in front of a sellout home crowd for the 14th consecutive game this past weekend, also have welcomed capacity crowds against Houston (82,936/No. 16 in UT history), Oklahoma State (83,116/No. 7) and Iowa State (83,071/No. 13). This season has seen yet another year of record-setting ticket sales, as the Horns have sold 63,000 season tickets (23,257 more than the record set prior to head coach Mack Brown's arrival). In 1999, Texas sold a record 48,300 season tickets, a total that was nearly 9,000 more than the previous all-time season ticket record of 39,743 set in 1997. In 2000, the Longhorns upped that total to 53,617 season tickets sold, and in 2001, UT broke the record again, upping the total to 56,350. On top of that, the Longhorns have sold out all 66 of their stadium suites and have a waiting list of more than 20 seeking to lease a suite. UT's 2001 home schedule featured

COACHING CONSISTENC	Y
Coaches with an active streak of at le 12 consecutive winning seasons	ast
Bobby Bowden, Florida State	25
2. MACK BROWN, TEXAS/UNC	_13^
^ includes 2002 season	
Coaches with an active streak of at le 10 consecutive bowl appearances	ast
Bobby Bowden, Florida State	20
2. MACK BROWN, TEXAS/UNC	10
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	10

sellout crowds of 82,856 against New Mexico State (No. 18 on UT's all-time list), 83,106 against North Carolina (No. 9), 83,081 against Texas Tech (No. 11), 83,156 against Colorado (No. 6) and 83,111 against Kansas (No. 7). The Longhorns came up just short of a sellout in its 2000 season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette (80,017) but followed that with sellouts against Houston, Oklahoma State, Missouri (82,892/No. 17 in UT history), Baylor (83,092/No. 10) and Texas A&M (84,012/No. 2). UT now has played in front of sellout crowds in 22 of its last 24 home outings and has posted its top four home crowds in school history since 1998 in sellout contests against Nebraska (84,082, 1999, 1st), Texas A&M (84,012, 2000, 2nd), Texas Tech (83,882, 1999, 3rd) and Texas A&M (83,687, 1998, 4th). The Longhorns' average attendance of 83,062 (No. 9 NCAA) last season eclipsed UT's previous average home attendance record of 82,673 set in 1999. Texas' 1999 average ranked eighth nationally and surpassed the Horns' all-time record of 79,715 set in 1984. The Longhorns average home attendance of 82,216 (No. 9 nationally) in 2000 ranked second on the school's all-time list. Texas has posted the top three total home attendance marks on school record during the past four years. The Longhorns' 1999 total home attendance (496,036) broke the previous record of 464,642 set in 1998. UT's total home attendance of 493,642 in 2000 ranks second on the UT all-time list.

NATIONAL AWARDS: Several Texas Longhorns can be found among this year's national award preseason watch lists. All totaled, 10 Longhorns are listed among 11 watch lists. UT's national award candidates in 2002 are: Biletnikoff Award (nation's outstanding receiver), Roy Williams, Jr., WR; Butkus Award (nation's outstanding linebacker), Derrick Johnson, So., LB; Davey O'Brien Award (nation's outstanding quarterback), Chris Simms, Sr., QB; Doak Walker Award (nation's outstanding running back), Cedric Benson, So., RB; Lombardi Award (nation's outstanding lineman), Derrick Dockery, Sr., OG and Cory Redding, Sr., DE; Lou Groza Award (nation's outstanding place-kicker), Dusty Mangum, So., PK; Nagurski Award (nation's outstanding defensive player), Johnson and Redding; Outland Trophy (nation's outstanding interior lineman), Robbie Doane, Sr., OT and Dockery; Thorpe Award (nation's top defensive back), Rod Babers, Sr., CB and Nathan Vasher, Jr., CB; Unitas Award (nation's top senior quarterback), Simms; Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year (nation's outstanding player), Benson, Simms and Williams.

JOHNSON A BUTKUS AWARD SEMIFINALIST: Sophomore linebacker Derrick Johnson was selected as one of 11 semifinalists for the Butkus Award, the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando, Inc. (DACO), announced on Thursday, Oct. 17. Johnson is just the second Longhorn in school history to be named a semifinalist for the annual award that honors the nation's outstanding linebacker since 1985. D.D. Lewis became the first UT linebacker to earn the honor last season. The 2001 Freshman All-American and Culligan Holiday Bowl Defensive MVP leads the squad in tackles (80) and has posted nine TFLs, two sacks, 10 QB pressures, two interceptions and six pass breakups this season. He also has registered four 10-tackle games. The 6-foot-4, 220-pounder is a key member of a Longhorns defense that ranks third nationally in scoring defense (13.3 ppg), total defense (258.9 ypg), passing defense (133.4 ypg) and pass efficiency defense (78.8 rating). UT is allowing 125.5 rushing yards per game (36th NCAA). On Nov. 14, DACO will announce the three finalists for this year's award. The 2002 Butkus Award winner will be presented with the trophy by the award's namesake, Dick Butkus, at the Butkus Award Presentation Ceremony on Friday, Dec. 13.

**WILLIAMS A BILETNIKOFF AWARD SEMIFINALIST:** Despite battling a hamstring injury since the Houston game, junior WR Roy Williams has made several big plays and been selected as one of 10 semifinalists for the 2002 Biletnikoff Award. The award, which honors the nation's outstanding receiver, has been presented by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club since 1994. Williams leads the Longhorns with 25 catches for 401

NCAA WINNINGE	ST ACTIVE COACHES: LA	ST SEVEN	YEARS
1. Bobby Bowden	Florida State	69-13	.841
2. Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee	66-16	805
3. MACK BROWN	TEXAS/NORTH CAROLINA	65-17	793
Bill Snyder	Kansas State	65-18	783
5. Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	64-16	.800
6. Lloyd Carr	Michigan	63-18	778
7. Bob Pruett	Marshall	60-12	833
8. Sonny Lubick	Colorado State	58-24	707
9. Mike Bellotti	Oregon	57-22	722
Barry Alvarez	Wisconsin	57-27	679

yards (16.0 ypc) and three TDs in 2002. Of his 25 catches, 11 have come on third down and 10 have resulted in first downs. Williams also has hauled in three passes that have moved the Longhorns inside the 10-yard line and set up scoring drives (two TDs/one FG). He also has gained 41 yards on three reverses. Including his 58-yard touchdown catch at North Carolina this year, Williams has 12 catches of 40 or more yards during his career. The 2002 Biletnikoff Award winner will be presented with the trophy by the award's namesake, Fred Biletnikoff, at ESPN's College Football Award's Show on Thursday, Dec. 12.

IOWA STATE RECAP: Sophomore RB Cedric Benson ran for 199 yards and two touchdowns and the seventh-ranked Longhorns contained QB Seneca Wallace in a 21-10 win against No. 17 Iowa State. A sellout crowd of 83,071 ignored wet, soggy conditions and were on hand for UT's 17th consecutive home victory in the 400th game played in the history of Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. The win assured head coach Mack Brown of his 13th consecutive winning season and qualified him for his 11th straight bowl game. Benson and his backfield mates helped Texas pile up 245 rushing yards and were the main reason the Longhorns held the ball for 20:22 in the second half, including 11:30 in the fourth quarter. Freshman RB Selvin Young's 2-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter capped a 19-play, 80-yard drive that chewed up nine minutes and four seconds and secured the Texas victory. Wallace finished the game with 226 passing yards but was unable to produce big plays because he was harassed all afternoon by a Longhorns defensive unit that entered the game ranked third nationally. The Cyclones were held to 285 total yards and just five second-half first downs. Junior MLB Reed Boyd paced the defense for the fifth time this season with his 11 tackles. Benson erased Iowa State's 10-7 halftime advantage on UT's first drive of the second half. On first-and-15 from the UT 41-yard line, Benson swept left, cut back between a pair of defenders and raced 59 yards to the end zone to give the Longhorns a 14-10 lead. Iowa State was unable to put points on the board following Nik Moser's blocked punt later in the third quarter. The Cyclones took over at the Texas 29 but picked up just one first down and Adam Benike missed a 32-yarder that would have cut the UT lead to 14-13. The Longhorns wasted no time getting the ball to Benson on their opening drive of the game. The second-year back opened the series with four carries for 44 yards as Texas marched 80 yards in 12 plays to take a 7-0 lead when Benson ran it in from one yard out. Benson had nine carries for 66 yards on the drive to set the tone for the afternoon. Wallace was picked off by junior CB Nathan Vasher on Iowa State's ensuing possession, but the Longhorns gave the ball back when Benson fumbled for just the fifth time in his career. The Cyclones moved the ball to the Texas 2 before the drive stalled and Benike kicked a 19-yard field goal. However, ISU was flagged for an illegal formation and Benike's attempt from 24 yards sailed wide right. On UT's next possession, senior QB Chris Simms was intercepted at the Texas 44-yard line. This time, the Cyclones capitalized on the opportunity as Benike was good from 40 yards to cut the lead to 7-3. Wallace put Iowa State on top 10-7 when he engineered a five-play, 65-yard drive that culminated with a 16-yard scoring strike in the closing minutes of the first half.

IOWA STATE GAME NOTES: The game was the 1,100th in UT history and it also marked the 400th contest in Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium history ... UT won its 17th consecutive home game (No. 3 in school history and third-longest active string nationally) and improved to 25-2 (.926) at home under Mack Brown ... Texas improved to 37-0 when outrushing its opponent and 20-0 when rushing for more than 200 yards under Brown ... the win assured Brown of his 13th consecutive winning season and qualified him for his 11th straight bowl game ... the Longhorns now have posted an interception in 14 of their last 16 games ... UT had a punt blocked for the first time since 1999 against Texas A&M, a span of 35 games ... the Horns' fourth-quarter scoring drive that ended with Selvin Young's 2-yard TD run was the team's longest under Brown in terms of plays (19) and time consumed (9:04) ... Texas' defense held Iowa State 25 points below their average of 35.3 points per game ... UT played in front of its 14th consecutive home sellout crowd (83,071) ... sophomore RB Cedric Benson Benson registered 160 of his 199 rushing yards on UT's three scoring drives, which totaled 240 yards (80 yards each) ... Benson, who rushed for a pair of TDs now has scored at least one rushing TD in nine of his last 12 games ... senior QB Chris Simms picked up his 22nd career victory as a starter, tying Major Applewhite (1998-2001) for fifth place on UT's all-time QB victories list ... junior WR Roy Williams extended his UT record to 29 consecutive games with a reception and he had 48 receiving yards to top the 2,000-yard plateau for his career (2,046) ... sophomore PK Dusty Mangum extended his UT record to 72 consecutive extra points made.

**PRESEASON RANKINGS:** Texas' No. 4 preseason ranking by *The Associated Press* was its highest ranking in that preseason poll since it opened the 1983 campaign ranked third. Since *The AP* preseason poll began in 1950, Texas has entered the year ranked among the Top Five 18 times, but 1983 and 2001 mark the only other times since 1980 that it has been listed among the preseason Top Five. The Horns made 15 appearances in *The AP* preseason Top Five from 1950-79, including a string of 11 consecutive Top Five preseason rankings from 1960-71.

## **NATIONAL RANKINGS**

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(released on Oct. 27)

Tea	ım (1st)	Record	Points	LW
	Miami, Fla. (59)			1
2.	Oklahoma (14)	7-0	1,788	2
3.	Virginia Tech	8-0	1,611_	3
4.	Notre Dame (1)	8-0	1,597_	6
5.	Georgia	8-0	1,582_	5
6.	Ohio State	9-0	1,575_	4
7.	TEXAS	7-1	1,351	7
8.	Washington State	7-1	1,271_	9
9.	Iowa	8-1	1,269	13
10.	N. Carolina State _	9-0	1,232	12
11.	USC	6-2	1,100	15
12.	Alabama	6-2	955	19
13.	Colorado	6-2	894	21
14.	Kansas State	6-2	778	20
15.	Michigan	6-2	702 _	8
16.	Arizona State	7-2	625	23
17.	LSU	6-2	604	10
18.	Florida State	5-3	551	11
19.	Oregon	6-2	536	14
20.	Penn State	5-3	388	18
21.	Bowling Green	7-0	361	24
22.	Iowa State	6-3	335	17
23.	Minnesota	7-1	327	25
24.	Colorado State	7-2	144	_NR
25.	Tennessee	4-3	119	16

## **USA TODAY/ESPN COACHES**

(released on Oct. 27)

Tea	ım (1st)	Record	Points	LW
1.	Miami, Fla. (53)	7-0	1,517	1
2.	Oklahoma (7)	7-0	1,464	2
3.	Virginia Tech	8-0	1,371	3
4.	Ohio State	9-0	1,311	4
5.	Georgia	8-0	1,300	5
6.	Notre Dame (1)	8-0	1,264	6
7.	TEXAS	7-1	1,138	7
8.	N. Carolina State	9-0	1,105	9
9.	Washington State	7-1	1,006	11
10.	Iowa	8-1	975	14
11.	USC	6-2	895	16
12.	Colorado	6-2	686	20
13.	Michigan	6-2	680	8
14.	Kansas State	6-2	639	21
15.	LSU	6-2	588	10
	Oregon		556	12
17.	Arizona State	7-2	472	25
18.	Bowling Green	7-0	441	22
19.	Minnesota	7-1	426	24
20.	Florida State	5-3	344	13
21.	Penn State	5-3	244	17
22.	Florida	5-3	203	23
23.	Iowa State	6-3	198	18
24.	Colorado State	7-2	190 _	_NR
25.	Marshall	6-1	181 _	_NR
LW:	Last week's ranking // <b>B</b>	<b>Sold</b> : <i>Big 12 C</i>	Conference so	chools

**AP RANKINGS:** After finishing the 2001 season with a No. 5 final ranking in *The Associated Press* Poll, Texas earned a 2002 preseason No. 4 ranking — its highest preseason ranking since 1983. The Longhorns climbed to No. 3 the week prior to their season opener and remained there for the next five

weeks. UT moved up to No. 2 for one week before dropping down a spot to No. 3 following its 17-15 win against Oklahoma State. The No. 2 ranking was the Horns' highest AP ranking at any point in a season since Nov. 3, 1984, when they also were ranked second. UT opened the 2002 season in the Top Five for eight consecutive weeks, which was its longest stretch in the Top Five since 1983-84 when it was ranked among the five best teams for 25 consecutive weeks. Excluding last season's season-opening six-week streak in the Top Five, the Longhorns' previous longest streak among the five best teams since 1984 was two in 1990. After dropping a 35-24 decision to Oklahoma, Texas fell to No. 8 in the poll. The Horns' 17-14 win at No. 17 Kansas State helped Texas climb to No. 7 last week and it remained there after a 21-10 win against No. 17 Iowa State. UT has been ranked among the Top 15 for 33 straight weeks, which is the program's longest stint among the nation's Top 15 since 1977-80 (51 weeks). UT has been ranked among the Top 25 for 36 weeks in a row and 57 of the last 58 weeks overall. Texas' 36 straight weeks in The AP Poll is the Longhorns' longest stint in that poll since Nov. 8, 1982-Dec. 5, 1984, when they made an appearance in the national rankings for 37 weeks in a row. UT has been listed among the Top 25 in 64 of the last 69 weeks under Mack Brown. Texas spent seven straight weeks ranked among the nation's Top 15 to end the 1999 regular season and the Horns matched that streak to start the 2000 campaign. That was UT's longest stint in the Top 15 since '95. UT was ranked among the nation's Top 25 for a school-best 113 consecutive weeks from 1968-76.

*USA TODAY*/ESPN COACHES POLL: On the heels of finishing last year ranked fifth in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches Poll, UT was tabbed second in the 2002 preseason poll and remained in that spot for eight weeks. After falling to No. 3 Oklahoma, Texas fell to No. 8 in the poll. Following their 17-14 win at No. 17 Kansas State, the Longhorns climbed one spot to No. 7 last week and remained there after a 21-10 win against No. 18 Iowa State. UT now has been ranked among that poll's Top 25 for 60 consecutive weeks. Since taking over a program that was 4-7 in 1997, Mack Brown has led UT to a spot among the *USA Today*/ESPN Top 25 in 67 of 79 weeks since 1998.

STINGY DEFENSE: The Longhorns have continued their trend of stingy defense in opening the 2002 campaign by holding their first eight opponents to 258.9 yards and 13.2 points per game (both third NCAA). The Longhorns also rank third nationally in passing defense (Big 12-best 133.4 ypg) and pass efficiency defense (78.8 rating/No. 2 Big 12). UT is allowing 125.5 rushing yards (36th NCAA) per game. The Longhorns have held two opponents to less than 200 yards of offense this season (three to 215 yards or less). They have recorded 14 interceptions (tied for the seventh-most nationally) and forced 20 turnovers in 2002. Texas posted its first shutout (27-0 against North

Texas) in a season opener since 1978 (34-0 at Rice) in holding North Texas to just 145 yards of total offense (fifth-best performance for UT since 1990) and allowing the Mean Green to complete just 6-of-20 passes for 55

## **JUMP STARTS**

In 59 games under Mack Brown, Texas has won 34 out of 37 games (91.9%) when scoring first. yards. The Longhorns held a Houston squad that was averaging 411.3 yards per contest to just 152 yards of offense (sixth-best performance for UT since 1990), including only 31 rushing yards on 23 carries. Texas held Tulane to just 215 yards of offense and limited the Green Wave's running back,

Mewelde Moore, who entered the game averaging 103.5 rushing yards per game (31st NCAA), to just 52 yards on 15 carries. The Longhorns held an Oklahoma State offense that was averaging 420.5 yards per game (29th NCAA) and 39.3 points per contest (14th NCAA) to just 273 yards and 15 points. The Cowboys entered the game averaging 279.3 passing yards per game (20th NCAA) but were held to just 14-of-31 passing for 134 yards and three interceptions. Texas intercepted four passes against Oklahoma QB Nate Hybl, who entered the game having thrown 148 consecutive passes without an interception (he extended the streak to 152 during the game). The Horns held a Kansas State offense that was averaging 415.5 yards of offense (31st NCAA) and 46.8 points per game (second NCAA) to 261 yards on 68 plays (3.8 ypp) in a 17-14 victory. UT limited a K-State rushing attack that was averaging 255.5 yards per game (sixth NCAA) and 5.4 yards per carry to 159 yards on 50 carries (3.2 ypc). UT held Iowa State, which was averaging 385.9 yards (5.6 ypp) and 35.3 points (19th NCAA) per game, to 285 yards (3.9 yards per play) in a 21-10 victory. The Horns held the Cyclones to just 68 yards in the second half of that game. Texas has held five of its last 13 opponents to less than 200 yards of offense and 16 of its last 21 to less than 300 yards. Texas, which went from ranking 85th nationally in total defense in 1997 to back-to-back top-10 finishes in total defense in 1999 and 2000, captured an NCAA statistical title in total defense in 2001. The Horns led the nation in total defense in allowing just 236.2 yards per game last season. That was the fewest the Horns have allowed since 1983 (212.0 ypg) and marked the first time since '83 and the third time in school history that UT led the nation in total defense. The Longhorns allowed an NCAA-low 117.3 yards per game in 1942. Texas also led the Big 12 Conference with a league-low 89.5 rushing yards (sixth NCAA) and 146.7 passing yards per contest (third NCAA) last season. One of only two defenses that ranked among the nation's top 10 (the only school among the top six in all categories) in every major defensive category, Texas led the Big 12 and ranked third nationally in scoring defense (13.7 ppg) and ranked fourth nationally in pass efficiency defense (88.0 rating). The scoring figure included two interception returns for a TD that the offense allowed and a kickoff return for a score. Texas' defense allowed just 143 points (11.9 pg) and held five opponents to five points or less on the year.

**DEFENSIVE DOMINANCE:** The Longhorns defensive dominance has continued in 2002 as UT has opened the season by holding two opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense (145, vs. North Texas/152, vs. Houston). The Longhorns also held Tulane to just 215 yards, Kansas State to 261, Oklahoma State to 273 yards and Iowa State to 285 yards of offense. Texas has held 14 opponents to 200 yards or less in five seasons under Mack Brown and defensive coordinator Carl Reese. Prior to their arrival in 1998, Texas had limited just six opponents to 200 yards or less in the previous 10 seasons. Texas held four opponents to less

than 200 yards of offense en route to ranking first nationally in total defense and leading the Big 12 in every defensive category in 2001. The four sub-200-yard efforts were the most since the 1983 squad (which also led the nation

## **BIG 12 ACTIVE COACHING VICTORY LEADERS**

Не	ead coach (years)	Record
1.	MACK BROWN, TEXAS (19)	131-88-1
2.	R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M (14)	122-44-2
3.	Bill Snyder, Kansas State (14)	111-50-1

in total defense at 212.0 ypg) held five opponents to less than 200 yards. The Longhorns defensive success steadily has been building since Mack Brown took over the program in 1998. Texas limited opponents to 278.3 yards per game and 4.0 yards

## HORNS DEFENSE ON THE ATTACK

Texas' aggressive defensive attack has made dramatic improvement in the Mack Brown era. Under the guidance of defensive coordinator Carl Reese, UT's defense has put much more pressure on its opponents and improved in virtually every statistical category.

## TALE OF THE TAPE (LONGHORNS DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT)

Period	Fumbles Rec.	Fumbles Caused	INTs	Sacks	TFLs	PBUs	Blocked Kicks	Forced TOs
Previous 59 games	s <u></u> 45	80	59	114	358	244	5	104
Last 59 games _	74	105	68	185	582	314 _	27	142

per play in 2000. That was the Horns' top total defense season since 1991 (258.9 ypg/3.7 ypp). UT held three opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense that year. Among those efforts was the Longhorns holding Colorado to just 133 yards of offense. The three sub-200-yard defensive efforts matched the number UT recorded in 1999. Texas held two opponents to less than 200 yards of offense in 1998.

SHORT DRIVES: The Texas defense has prevented its opponents from moving the chains on nearly 44 percent of their drives this season. In 110 possessions, Longhorns foes have been forced to give the ball up in three plays or less on 48 occasions (43.6%). UT forced North Texas into eight three-and-out drives in 13 possessions, posted seven three-and-outs in 14 drives at North Carolina, forced a season-high nine three-and-outs in 13 possessions against Houston, registered five three-and-outs in 15 drives at Tulane, had six three-and-outs in 14 possessions against Oklahoma State, recorded seven three-and-outs in 16 drives against Oklahoma, forced four three-and-outs in 14 possessions at Kansas State and registered two three-and-outs in 11 drives against Iowa State. The Longhorns forced 73 three-and-outs in 165 opponent drives last year (44.2%).

**SAFETIES:** Texas, which went six years from 1992-97 (79 games) without registering a safety, has corralled its opponent in its own end zone five times in the last 50 games — including twice against Kansas last season (UT's first two-safety game since 1977). Prior to this year, UT had posted a safety in three of the last four years. The only year since Mack Brown arrived in 1998 that the Longhorns didn't force a safety was '99.

**GROUND DEFENSE:** Before allowing its first 200-yard rusher in the Mack Brown era against Oklahoma, the Longhorns' rushing defense

had been as tough as ever to crack in 2002. UT opened the season by limiting its first five opponents to just 104.2 rushing yards per game. Texas held a Kansas State offense that was averaging 255.5 yards per game (sixth NCAA) and 5.4 yards per carry to 159 yards on 50 carries (3.2 ypc). The Horns followed that

	RUSH DEFENSE	PASS EFFICIENCY	TOTAL DEFENSE	SCORING DEF.
YEAR	YPG (NCAA)	RATING (NCAA)	YPG (NCAA)	PPG (NCAA)
2002	125.5 (36th)	78.8 (3rd)	258.9 (3rd)	13.3 (3rd)
2001	89.5 (6th)	88.0 (4th)	236.2 (1st)	13.7 (3rd)
2000	94.0 (12th)	88.3 (1st)	278.3 (7th)	17.9 (11th)
1999	105.7 (17th) _	101.6 (12th)	286.7 (6th)	20.6 (30th)
1998	143.5 (45th)	138.7 (92nd)	364.4 (56th)	29.6 (83rd)
1997	241.5 (104th)	132.7 (75th)	399.2 (85th)	33.3 (96th)
1996	203.4 (86th)	102.8 (27th)	373.0 (65th)	22.3 (44th)
1995	173.8 (67th)	108.7 (35th)	366.3 (55th)	18.9 (26th)
1994	171.4 (64th)	111.1 (35th)	363.4 (55th)	23.6 (52nd)
1993	194.4 (80th)	111.2 (27th)	401.4 (82nd)	24.5 (55th)

**LONGHORNS DEFENSIVE PROGRESS REPORT** 

bold italics denotes Mack Brown and defensive coordinator Carl Reese era

than 100 yards rushing and has allowed two 100-yard rushers this season. The Horns have limited 11 of their last 19 opponents to less than 100 yards rushing. UT held North Texas to just 90 yards on 38 carries (2.4 avg.). The Horns gave up just 31 rushing yards on 23 carries against a Houston squad that entered the game averaging 236.7 rushing yards per game (15th NCAA). UT held the Cougars' star back, Joffrey Reynolds, to just 38 yards on 13 carries (2.9 avg.) in the 41-11 victory. Reynolds, whose longest run was seven yards, entered the game averaging 137.3 rushing yards per contest (seventh NCAA) and 5.6 yards per carry. Texas held Tulane to just 88 yards on 29 carries and held its star back, Mewelde Moore, to just 52 yards on the ground. Moore entered the game averaging 103.5 rushing yards per contest (31st NCAA). Oklahoma State rushed for 139 yards on 29 carries. Texas has allowed just nine 100-yard rushers the past 46 games and has held opponents to just 101.8 yards per game (3,112 yards on 1,062 carries) and 2.93 yards per carry the past three seasons. In the three seasons prior to Brown's arrival, 26 backs rushed for at least 100 yards against the Longhorns. Texas' ground defense has made dramatic improvements since Mack Brown and defensive coordinator Carl Reese took over in 1998. After inheriting a unit that ranked 104th nationally and allowed 241.5 yards per game in 1997, Reese and company guided the Horns to the nation's 17th-best run defense (105.7 ypg) in 1999 and the 12th-best ground defense (94.0 ypg) in 2000. UT's 94.0 yards allowed rushing per game that season was, at the time, the fewest allowed by a Longhorns squad since 1977 (91.1 ypg). Despite losing a pair of current NFL starters in DT Casey Hampton (Pittsburgh Steelers) and Shaun Rogers (Detroit Lions), the Longhorns improved on those numbers last season. UT allowed a Big 12-low 89.5 rushing yards per game (6th NCAA) and just 2.8 yards per carry. The 89.5 rushing yards per game was the Horns' best effort since their 84.4 rushing yards per game allowed average in 1964. Texas limited eight of its 13 opponents to less than 100 yards on the ground (seven of the last 11 to less than 70 yards)

in 2001.

## NO PASSING ZONE:

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UT has continued its trend of tough pass defense this season by allowing its first eight foes to complete just 99-of-229 passes (43.2%/lowest in the nation) for 1,067 yards (133.4 y p g / t h i r d NCAA/first Big 12) and six TDs (tied for 12th-fewest nation-

ally). The Horns rank third nationally in pass efficiency defense (78.8 rating) and have allowed just four pass plays of more than 30 yards. Texas' 14 interceptions in 2002 are tied for the seventh-most nationally, UT's 14 interceptions in 229 opponent pass attempts is the fifth-best in the nation (6.1%) and the Horns have allowed opponents an average of just 4.66 yards per pass attempt (third-lowest in the nation) this year. The Longhorns have allowed just 20 TD passes the last three years (31 games/975 attempts/one per 48.8 attempts). UT allowed North Texas to complete just 6-of-20 passes for 55 yards (2.8 yards per attempt) and followed up that effort by holding North Carolina to just 13-of-29 passing for 170 yards and intercepted two passes. Houston completed 14-of-27 passes for 121 yards and the Horns picked off two passes. UT allowed Tulane to complete just 14-of-35 passes for 127 yards and intercepted two passes. The Longhorns held an Oklahoma State offense that was averaging 279.3 yards per game (20th NCAA) and completing 55 percent of its passes to just 14-of-31 passing for 134 yards and picked off three passes (Texas' third straight game of at least two interceptions). Texas held Oklahoma to just 12 of 29 completions for 131 yards and registered four interceptions. The Horns snapped Sooners QB Nate Hybl's string of 152 consecutive passes without an interception in that game. The Horns limited a Kansas State unit that entered the game ranked first nationally in pass efficiency (166.0 rating) and completing 57.3 percent of its passes to just 7-of-18 passes for 102 yards. Texas limited Iowa State QB Seneca Wallace, who was completing 59.8 percent of his passes, to just 18 of 39 passes. The 2002 pass defense effort continues a turnaround that started when head coach Mack Brown and defensive coordinator Carl Reese joined the Longhorns program for the 1998 season. That year, UT was coming off a season that saw it rank 75th nationally in pass efficiency defense (132.7 rating). In just their third season, they guided UT back among the national leaders in directing a pass defense that led the nation in pass efficiency (88.3 rating) in 2000. The Horns limited opponents to the second-lowest completion percentage in the nation (45.2%/178-of-378), 184.3 yards per game, 5.36 yards per pass attempt (second-lowest in the nation), while allowing just eight TD passes that season. The Horns put up comparable numbers a year ago in holding a schedule that featured several high-powered passing attacks to a Big 12-low 146.7 passing yards per game (third NCAA) and ranked fourth nationally in pass efficiency defense (88.0). Texas held its opponents to an NCAA-low 4.77 yards per attempt (only school to hold opponents to less than five yards per attempt) and just six TDs (tied for the second-fewest nationally). UT held Kansas to 5-of-19 passing for 40 yards — its fewest passing yards allowed since holding Rice to 1-of-9 passing for 27 yards in 1999. Texas ranked 92nd nationally in pass efficiency defense (138.7 rating) in 1998 and improved to 12th in 1999 (101.6 rating).

**FORCING TURNOVERS:** Texas' aggressive defense has provided several momentum swings in forcing 20 turnovers this season. The Longhorns have intercepted 14 passes (T-No. 7 NCAA) and recovered six fumbles in 2002. UT has forced 16 fumbles on the year.

## **ON THE DEFENSIVE**

Texas' top defensive efforts since 1990

67	<u>Total Yards</u> vs. Kansas	2001
	at Colorado	
	vs. Baylor	
143	vs. SMU	1990
		2002
	VS. HOUSTON	
	at Baylor	
160	vs. Texas Tech	
	at SMU	
	at Oklahoma State	
	at Texas A&M	
	vs. North Carolina State _	
	vs. Texas A&M	
	at SMU	
195	at Baylor	2001
195	at Rice	 1990
	vs. Oklahoma	
	vs. Houston	
	Rushing Yards	
(-7)	vs. Texas A&M	1998
	vs. SMU	
	at Baylor	
	at Rice	
	vs. Baylor	
	vs. Houston	
	vs. Oklahoma	
	at Texas Tech	
23	vs. Texas Tech	1999
27	vs. Kansas	2001
31	VS. HOUSTON	
	vs. Iowa State	
	vs. Texas Tech	
	at Texas Tech	
	at Houston	
41	at Texas Tech	

**PREVENTING TURNOVERS:** UT is tied for 25th nationally in turnover margin, gaining 0.9 more turnovers than it gives up per game this season. Texas has forced 20 turnovers (tied for 30th-most nationally) and given up 13 (tied for 22nd-fewest nationally). The Horns have given up just five fumbles (tied for 12th-fewest nationally). When Houston intercepted a tipped pass in the Horns third game of the season, Texas became the final team in NCAA Division I-A to turn the ball over.

## **TURNOVER TALE**

Texas has capitalized on turnovers this season. The Longhorns have committed 13 turnovers and opponents have converted those into only 13 points (1.0 point per TO). Meanwhile, UT has registered 66 points off 20 opponent turnovers (3.3 points per TO). The Longhorns rank 25th nationally in turnover margin (+0.9 pg).

	Forced	Points
	TOs	off
TEXAS	20	66
Opponents	13	13
Difference	+7	+53

**SACK ATTACK:** UT's pass rush was one of the most productive nationally the past two seasons (2000-01). The Longhorns registered 79 sacks during that span, which ranked among the top five nationally. UT recorded 36 sacks a year ago and a Big 12-best 43 in 2000. UT has opened the 2002 season with 23 sacks in posting a 7-1 start.

**OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION:** In just the fifth season under Mack Brown and offensive coordinator Greg Davis, Texas' explosive offense has produced four of the top five passing yards per game seasons and four of the top six total yardage seasons in school history. In the last four years, the Longhorns have registered 22 school records and 11 50-point games. Since Brown took over in 1998, UT has produced 13 500-yard total offense performances (there are only 36 of them in the 110 years of Texas football). In 2001, the Horns' high-powered offensive attack led the Big 12 in scoring at 39.2 points per game (sixth NCAA) and pass efficiency with a rating of 136.1 (27th NCAA). UT, which has produced at least 400 yards of offense in 12 of its last 17 games, also ranked 38th nationally in total offense (412.6 ypg), 34th in passing (250.3 ypg) and 51st in rushing (162.3 ypg) last season. Texas has registered 200 yards both passing and rushing in two

games this season and 14 times in five seasons under Brown and Davis. The Horns balanced attack registered 569 yards (271 rush/298 pass) at North Carolina, 477 (233 rush/244 pass) against Houston and 412 (145 rush/267 pass) in 2002. Texas' top effort of 2001 came when it registered

606 yards (No. 11 on UT's all-time list) against Kansas. The Longhorns rushed and passed for at least 200 yards in the same game three times in 2001. Texas produced the top performance of the 2000 season with 637 yards of offense (No. 4 on UT's all-time list) at Kansas. In 1999, UT posted 586 yards at Baylor, 558 yards against Stanford, 553 yards vs. Oklahoma and 504 yards against Texas Tech. Brown's first UT squad produced a school-best 692 yards against Rice in 1998 and also recorded 584 yards against Iowa State and 580 yards vs. New Mexico State.

## HORNS' OFFENSIVE STREAK SNAPPED:

Texas had an impressive streak snapped in its loss to Oklahoma. Entering that game, the Longhorns had tallied more yards of offense than their opponent in 18 consecutive games. Prior to the Sooners outgaining the Horns, the last time that had happened was in UT's 2000 Holiday Bowl loss to Oregon.

**PRODUCTIVE PERFORMERS:** Since Mack Brown and offensive coordinator Greg Davis took over the UT offense in 1998, Texas has produced its only 2,000-yard rusher (2,124, Ricky Williams, 1998), 1,000-yard receivers (1,087, Wane McGarity, 1998/1,188, Kwame Cavil, 1999) and 3,000-yard passer (3,357, Major Applewhite, 1999) in a season in school history. UT also has seen players record school single-season bests for rushing touchdowns (28, Ricky Williams, 1998), TD passes (22, Chris Simms, 2001), total TDs (28, Ricky Williams, 1998/Chris Simms, 2001), receptions (100, Kwame Cavil, 1999), scoring (168, Ricky Williams, 1998) and total offense (3,211, Major Applewhite, 1999). The Longhorns freshman

records for rushing yards (1,053, Cedric Benson, 2001), rushing TDs (12, Cedric Benson, 2001), total TDs (13, Cedric Benson, 2001), 100yard rushing games (5, Cedric Benson, 2001), passing yards (2,453, Major Applewhite, 1998), receptions (41, B.J. Johnson, 2000), receiving yards (809, Roy Williams, 2000), TD receptions (8, Roy Williams, 2000)

and TD passes (18, Major Applewhite, 1998) also have been set during the Brown era.

**DRIVING EFFICIENCY:** Texas has managed a number of timeconsuming scoring drives this season, including last weekend's 19-play, 80-yarder that ate up 9:04 off the clock. Of the Longhorns' 36 scoring drives, 15 have consumed more than three minutes (41.7%). UT's average scoring drive is six-and-half plays for 52.6 yards in two minutes, 43 seconds. UT also has

## **OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION**

Texas' 500-yard total offense games in school history

	in school mistory	
692	vs. Rice	1998
676	at SMU	1969
651	vs. TCU	1969
637	at Kansas	2000
626	vs. Houston	
624	vs. Oklahoma State	
617	vs. Rice	
614	at Houston	
611	vs. Kansas State	1942
609	at SMU	1973
606	vs. Kansas	
603	vs. Texas A&M	
601	at Houston	
595	vs. Navy*	
594	vs. Texas A&M	1996
<b>592</b>	vs. Washington*	2001
592	at Baylor	
<b>586</b>	at Baylor	
<b>584</b>	vs. Iowa State	1998
<b>580</b>	vs. New Mexico State	1998
579	at TCU	1980
575	at Texas Tech	1996
569	AT NORTH CAROLINA	2002
566	at Rice	1993
562	vs. Kansas	
<b>558</b>	vs. Stanford	
558	at SMU	1995
553	vs. Oklahoma	
549	at Texas Tech	1992
534	at Houston	2001
512	vs. Baylor	1993
510	vs. Baylor	
508	at Colorado	1993
<b>504</b>	vs. Oklahoma State	2000
<b>504</b>	vs. Texas Tech	
503	vs. Nebraska	
	Mack Brown era in <b>bold</b> // * bowl gan	

scored 21 times (17 TDs/four FGs) in the 82 drives (25.6%) that have started in its own territory this year.

FOUR CORNERS: In an effort to get more speed on the field, defensive coordinator Carl Reese elected to go to what the defensive staff tagged the "four corners" approach last season and the experiment was a great success, as all four of the Longhorns' starting defensive backs went on to earn All-Big 12 honors. Texas, which led the nation in total defense (236.2 ypg), faced several explosive passing offenses but allowed a Big 12-low 146.7 passing yards per game (third NCAA) and registered a pass efficiency defense rating of 88.0 (fourth NCAA). The Horns gave up just six TD passes (tied for second-lowest in the NCAA) and their 4.77 yards per pass attempt allowed was by far the nation's lowest total. With senior Rod Babers and junior Nathan Vasher (who moved from strong safety to his more natural cornerback position in the spring) both back this season, UT's secondary once again is working under the "four corners" philosophy. Babers and Vasher, both of whom are listed among the Thorpe Award's (nation's outstanding defensive back) watch list, are joined in the starting lineup by athletic junior FS Dakarai Pearson and redshirt freshman SS/CB Michael Huff, who has replaced an injured Vasher in the starting lineup for three games. Huff has split time with redshirt freshman Cedric Griffin, who also serves as the Longhorns' nickel back. That group has helped the Horns limit opponents to just 133.4 passing yards per game (third NCAA/first Big 12), 258.9 yards of offense per game (third NCAA) and a pass efficiency rating of 78.8 (third NCAA). Opponents have complet-

ed just 99-of-229 passes (43.2%/lowest in the nation) for 1,067 yards (4.66 yards per attempt/third-lowest in nation) and six TDs (tied for 12th-fewest allowed nationally) this season. Texas opened the season by limiting North Texas to just six completions in 20 attempts for 55

yards. They followed that effort up by holding North Carolina to just

## TEXAS STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN UT by the numbers during the Mack Brown era

	Under Brown (59g)	Previous (59g)
OFFENSE		
50-or-more-yard plays	32	25
40-or-more-point games	26	12
400-or-more-yard games	35	29
500-or-more-yard games	13	10
<u>DEFENSE</u>		
10-point or less games	15	7
100-yard rushers	15	36
200-yard or less passing yard games	37	33
300-yard or less total yard games	36	11

13-of-29 completions for 173 yards and Pearson intercepted a pair of passes. Texas' four corners held Houston to just 14-of-27 completions for 121 yards (4.48 vards per attempt) and registered a pair of interceptions. UT limited Tulane to just 14-of-35 passes for 127 yards and picked off two passes. The Horns held an Oklahoma State passing attack that was averaging 279.3 yards per game (20th NCAA) to just 14of-31 passing for 134 yards and picked of three passes (UT's third consecutive game with at least two interceptions). UT held Oklahoma State's star receiver Rashaun Woods, who was averaging eight receptions (fifth NCAA) for 134 yards (sixth NCAA), to six catches for 63 yards. Oklahoma, which entered the game averaging 256.4 passing yards per game, completed 12-of-29 passes for 131 yards and the Horns picked off four passes, one of which was returned 73 yards for a score by Babers. Sooners QB Nate Hybl entered that game having thrown 148 straight passes without an interception. Texas held a Kansas State attack that ranked first nationally in passing efficiency (166.0 rating) and was completing 57.3 percent of its passes to just 7-of-18 passing for 102 yards. The Horns held Iowa State star QB Seneca Wallace, who was completing 59.8 percent of his passes to just 18-of-39 passes. Wallace was just 7-of-21 for 50 yards as the Horns held the Cyclones to just 68 yards in the second half of that game.

**THE FOURSOME:** Texas' "four corners" defense is led by one of the Big 12's top corners in senior Rod Babers. The Longhorns senior, who returned an interception 73 yards for a score against Oklahoma, had a career-best four pass breakups at Tulane and tallied three PBUs at Kansas State, has posted a team-high 16 PBUs (T-No. 10 on UT's single-season list) this season and now is tied for fourth on UT's career list with 44. He also has recorded 26 tackles (21 solo), a sack, three TFLs, two interceptions (one that sealed a 17-15 win against Oklahoma State and another he returned 73 yards for a score against Oklahoma) and a forced fumble in 2002. That came one year after he registered 40 tackles and 17 PBUs (T-No. 8 on UT's single-season list) in 2001. He has two interception returns for TDs of 50 yards or more in the last 10 games and has returned three of his five career picks for scores. Babers, who returned an interception 54 yards for a score in the 2001 Big 12 title game, also had two TFLs, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery last year. Also a UT special teams standout, he has posted 115 tackles (95 solo), four sacks, 11 TFLs, five interceptions, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in 42 career games. A second-team All-Big 12 choice at strong safety in 2001, CB Nathan Vasher (who missed the Houston and Tulane games with an ankle injury) has tallied 12 tackles (9 solo), two TFLs, one sack, 10 pass breakups and two interceptions in six games this season and now has

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	Single Season Pass Breakups	
	Quentin Jammer (2001)	24
2.	Vance Bedford (1981)	22
3.	Mossy Cade (1983)	21
4.	Quentin Jammer (2000)	20
5.	Eric Jeffries (1986)	19
6.	Nathan Vasher (2001)	18
	Derrick Hatchett (1980)	18
8.	Rod Babers (2001)	17
	William Graham (1981)	17
10.	Mark Barry (1991)	16
	ROD BABERS (2002)	16
	Ahmad Brooks (1999)	16
	Mack Brown era in <b>bold</b>	
	Career Pass Breakups	
1.	Quentin Jammer (1997-2001)	57
2.	Derrick Hatchett (1977-80)	55
	Vance Bedford (1977-81)	
4.	ROD BABERS (1999-)	44
	Stanley Richard (1987-90)	44
6.	Mark Berry (1988-91)	43
7.	Mossy Cade (1980-83)	37
	Stephen Braggs (1983-86)	
	Joey Ellis (1991-94)	
	NATHAN VASHER (2000-)	

33 career PBUs (No. 10 on UT's career list). He registered a school-record-tying seven interceptions a year ago and also posted 56 tackles (41 solo) and 18 pass breakups (T-No. 6 on UT's single-season list). Vasher has 88 tackles (67 solo), seven TFLs and two sacks for his career. FS Dakarai Pearson, who has a team-high five interceptions (fifth NCAA/first Big 12) on the year, has started 20 career games. He has registered 46 tackles, a TFL and nine pass breakups in 2002. Pearson had four tackles in the opener, recorded a pair of interceptions and four stops at North Carolina, tallied three tackles and an interception against Houston and posted nine tackles at Tulane. He had his second two interception game of the season against Oklahoma and added 12 stops in that contest. Pearson tallied nine stops and two PBUs at Kansas State and registered seven stops against Iowa State. He has recorded 131 tackles, 16 PBUs and eight interceptions in his three seasons at UT. Michael Huff, who started at SS in the first two games before replacing Vasher in the starting lineup at CB for three games (he returned to SS against Oklahoma), has 30 tackles (22 solo), including four TFLs, an interception, seven PBUs and a QB pressure on the year. Huff posted a pair of pass breakups at North Carolina and tallied five stops, returned an interception 27 yards for a score and registered two PBUs against Houston. He had a pair of TFLs against Iowa State. SS Cedric Griffin leads the secondary with 46 tackles. He also has three pass breakups, a sack and a forced fumble in his first eight career games. He scooped up a blocked field goal and returned it 56 yards for a TD at Tulane. Griffin turned in a team-high three PBUs against North Texas. In three starts at strong safety (vs. Houston, at Tulane, vs. Oklahoma State), he posted 15 tackles and a sack. He started at nickel back against Oklahoma and registered a career-high 15 stops.

FRESH START: With junior CB Nathan Vasher sidelined for two games (vs. Houston and at Tulane), Texas' secondary took on an even more youthful look. Redshirt freshman Michael Huff replaced Vasher at cornerback and redshirt freshman Cedric Griffin replaced Huff at strong safety. In addition, true freshman Edorian McCullough saw added time as the top backup on the corner with Vasher out. Redshirt freshman FS Rufus Harris has seen action as junior FS Dakarai Pearson's top backup. With Pearson and senior CB Rod Babers as the lone veterans in the secondary over that two week span, Texas limited Houston and Tulane to 28-of-62 passing for 248 yards. UT's young secondary in those two games intercepted four passes and did not allow a touchdown pass.

"ESPN3": Along with serving as a key cog in the Longhorns secondary and as a member of the Thorpe Award (nation's outstanding defensive back) watch list, junior Nathan Vasher — who missed the Houston and Tulane games with an ankle injury — also is one of the nation's premier punt returners. He put that on display in UT's season opener against North Texas. Vasher had returns of 41, 40 and 27 yards in the 27-point victory against the Mean Green. Vasher is averaging 12.3 yards on 15 punt returns this season and has averaged 13.9 yards on 55 career returns. He has eight career returns of 30 or more yards. Vasher was tabbed second-team All-Big 12 both as a kick returner and as a defensive back in 2001 and also earned third-team All-America honors as a kick returner from *The Sporting News*. He ranked sixth nationally with an average of 15.0 yards per punt return (No. 3 on UT's single-season list) last season and had six returns of 30 or more yards. His 554 punt return yards eclipsed Johnnie Johnson's UT record of 538 set in 1977. He returned seven punts for a UT single-game record 173 yards (24.7 avg.) at Baylor and registered a career-best 60-yard return in that game. Vasher set a UT and Big 12 record with eight punt returns for a then-UT record 153 yards (19.1 avg.) against North Carolina and was tabbed Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week. He returned one of those punts 44 yards for a score and took another back 59 yards before stumbling out of bounds at the 5-yard line. Vasher came within one tackler of another score when he returned

a punt 44 yards to the 18-yard line against No. 14 Colorado.

SELVIN STEPS IN: With junior Nathan Vasher sidelined with an ankle injury, true freshman Selvin Young saw his first extended action as the Longhorns punt returner at Tulane and quickly made his mark. On just his third career punt return, Young sprinted 71 yards down the sideline for a touchdown against the Green Wave. It was the fifthlongest punt return in UT history (the longest by a freshman) and the school's longest punt

return since Jim Moore took a punt back 94 yards for a score against SMU in 1973. Young, who had a 91-yard kickoff return for a score called back because of a holding call against Houston, is averaging 21.8 yards on four punt returns and 28.2 yards on six kickoff returns this season. His 55-yard kickoff return in that game was a career high. He also has risen up the depth chart rapidly as Cedric Benson's top backup at tailback. In that role, Young has rushed 43 times for 189 yards and four TDs. Young, who had 151 all-purpose yards and three TDs on just 15 plays at Tulane, ranks second on the team with 445 all-purpose yards and has recorded five total TDs.

CODE "REDD": A prep national defensive player of the year at linebacker, Longhorns senior DE Cory Redding entered his final season at UT as one of the nation's premier defenders. A consensus preseason All-American who earned second-team All-America honors (The Associated Press) as a junior, Redding is on the Nagurski Award (nation's outstanding defensive player) and Lombardi Trophy (nation's top interior linemen) watch lists. Redding has been at his best in posting 16 tackles (11 solo), nine TFLs, four sacks, eight QB pressures and a forced fumble over the last three games (all against Top 25 opponents). He has 46 tackles (32 solo), two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, 11 TFLs (-24 yards), four sacks (-19 yards) and a team-high 25 QB pressures in 2002. The Horns currently rank third nationally in total defense (258.9 ypg) and are giving up just 13.2 points per game (third NCAA). He kicked off the 2002 season by posting four solo tackles, two QB pressures and a fumble recovery in helping the Horns register their first shutout (27-0 against North Texas) in a season opener since 1978 (34-0 at Rice). The Horns held North Texas to 145 yards of total offense (fifth-best effort for UT since 1990). He followed up that effort with eight tackles, a TFL and a career-best eight QB pressures in a 52-21 win at North Carolina. Redding tallied six tackles, two QB pressures and forced a fumble in helping the Horns limit a Houston team that was averaging 411.3 yards per game to just 152 yards of offense (sixth-best effort for UT since 1990). He helped lead the way for Texas to limit the Cougars' rushing attack, which entered the game ranked 15th nationally (236.7 ypg) to just 31 yards on 23 carries. The Horns also held Houston's star back, Joffrey Reynolds, who entered the game ranked seventh nationally in rushing (137.3 ypg.), to just 38 yards on 13 carries. Redding tallied six stops as UT held Tulane to only 215 yards of offense. The Horns limited the Green Wave to 88 yards rushing and held Tulane's star back, Mewelde Moore, to just 52 yards. Moore entered the game averaging 103.5 yards per game (31st NCAA). Redding posted five tackles, a TFL and five QB pressures as the Horns held an Oklahoma State offense that was averaging 420.5 yards per game (29th NCAA) to just 273 yards. Redding posted a sack, two TFLs and a pair of QB pressures versus Oklahoma. He had a career day with seven tackles (all solo), four TFLs, two sacks,

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	Career Tackles For Loss	
1.	Kiki DeAyala (1979-82)	60
2.	Casey Hampton (1996-2000)	54
3.	Shaun Rogers (1997-2000)	53
4.	Aaron Humphrey (1996-99)	51
	Doug Shankle (1978-81)	51
6.	Bruce Scholtz (1977-81)	50
7.	Tony Brackens (1993-95)	49
8.	Kenneth Sims (1978-81)	46
9.	CORY REDDING (1999-)	44
10.	Tony Degrate (1981-84)	41

five QB pressures and a forced fumble in helping the Horns hold a Kansas State offense that was averaging 415.5 yards of offense per game to 261 yards on 68 plays in a 17-14 win. Redding tallied seven tackles, three tackles for loss, one sack and a pressure in leading a Texas defense that held Iowa State, which was averaging 385.9 yards 35.3 points (19th NCAA) per game, to 285 yards in a 21-10 victory.

**REDDING'S CAREER:** In four seasons the 1998 *USA Today* Prep Defensive Player of the

Year, has registered 181 tackles, 17.5 sacks, 44 TFLs (No. 9 on UT's alltime list) and 65 QB pressures. He has averaged 8.6 yards per loss on his 17.5 career sacks (-151 yards). After moving from linebacker to defensive end as a true freshman, Redding earned Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year honors in 1999. He made steady improvement en route to honorable mention All-Big 12 honors after posting a teamhigh 6.5 sacks and 22 QB pressures to go with 52 tackles and 17 TFLs in 2000. As a junior, Redding became a defensive leader for the Horns and earned second-team All-America and first-team All-Big 12 honors. Redding helped UT become one of the nation's premier units by limiting opposing offenses to a NCAA-leading 236.2 total yards per game and a conference-low 89.5 rushing yards per contest (sixth NCAA) in 2001. The Horns allowed a Big 12-low 146.7 passing yards per game (third NCAA) and was one of only two schools nationally that ranked among the NCAA top 10 in all major defensive statistical categories. UT's defense gave up just 143 points (11.9 ppg) on the year. Including a pair of interceptions returned for scores against the offense and a kickoff returned for a score, UT led the Big 12 and ranked third nationally in scoring defense (13.7 ppg). Redding led Texas' defensive line with 57 tackles, ranked second on the team with 14 TFLs and was third on the squad with five sacks (-43 yards) in 2001. He also posted 18 QB pressures and returned an interception for a score.

THORNTON RETURNING TO FORM: After offseason knee surgery, junior DE Kalen Thornton has gradually worked his way back into the Longhorns lineup in 2002. Part of an end tandem (along with Cory Redding) that is one of the best in the Big 12 and produced 185 tackles, 19 sacks, 50 tackles for loss and 80 QB pressures in 2000-01, Thornton returned to the starting lineup in Texas' 17-14 win at Kansas State. He tallied four tackles, three QB pressures, deflected a pass and blocked an extra point as the Longhorns limited a K-State offense that was averaging 415.5 yards (31st NCAA) and 46.8 points (second NCAA) per game to just 261 yards and two TDs. Thornton followed that up with five tackles, a TFL and two pressures as the Horns held Iowa State to 100 yards and 28 points below its average in a 21-10 win. He led UT's defensive line with 10 tackles, one sack, a TFL and three QB pressures against Oklahoma. Thornton has played in all eight games this season and posted 22 tackles (13 solo), four TFLs, 1.5 sacks, 13 QB pressures, one pass deflection and a blocked extra point. He has 98 tackles, (59 solo), nine sacks, 23 TFLs, 53 pressures, five pass deflections, three caused fumbles and two blocks (one field goal/one PAT) in 30 career games (21 starts). Texas' junior end got his career off to a super start in posting 32 tackles (17 solo), 3.5 sacks (T-No. 5 on UT's freshman chart), eight TFLs (No. 5 on UT's all-time freshman list) and 20 QB pressures (third on the team) en route to first-team Freshman All-America (The Sporting News) honors as a true freshman 2000. In his second season, Thornton earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors

despite battling injuries for much of the year in 2001. An outstanding student who maintains a better-than-3.0 GPA, he also was named a Verizon Academic All-District performer last season. Thornton, who missed nearly a half of the Oklahoma game and the Oklahoma State contest with injuries, helped UT limit its opposing offenses to a NCAA-leading 236.2 total yards per game and a conference-low 89.5 rushing yards per contest (sixth/NCAA). The Horns allowed a Big 12-low 146.7 passing yards (third/NCAA) per game. Texas was one of only two schools nationally that ranked among the NCAA top 10 in all major defensive statistical categories. In 11 games in 2001, Thornton registered 44 tackles, 11 TFLs, four sacks, a team-high 20 QB pressures, two passes batted down, one forced fumble and a blocked field goal.

**DYNAMIC DUO:** With Kalen Thornton back in form, he and Cory Redding are again among the nation's best defensive end tandems. Over the last three games, Thornton and Redding have combined to produce 35 tackles (23 solo), 11 TFLs, five sacks and 16 QB pressures (all against Top 25 opponents). They have teamed to produce 78 tackles (45 solo), 15 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, 38 QB pressures, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and a blocked extra point.

SIMMS-ATIONAL: One of only six returnees from the 2001 Davey O'Brien Award (nation's outstanding quarterback) semifinalists list and one of just four from the Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year "Favorites" list, senior Chris Simms is off to a solid start in 2002. In eight games, Simms has completed 133-of-237 passes (56.1%) for 1,642 yards (205.2 ypg) and 12 TDs (T-No. 9 on UT's single season list). The left-handed senior also has rushed for four TDs and accounted for 16 TDs on the year (12.0 points responsible for per game/28th NCAA). He completed his first 10 passes (one shy of his own school record) and led UT to scores on five of its first six drives in leading the Longhorns to a 27-0 win against North Texas. Simms, who was good on 17-of-27 passes for 187 yards in the victory, tossed a 15-yard touchdown to junior TE Brock Edwards and scored on a 1-yard run (his seventh career rushing TD). Simms followed up that effort by throwing for 298 yards and four TDs in leading UT to a 52-21 win at North Carolina. He completed seven passes of 20 or more yards, including a 58-yard scoring strike to junior WR Roy Williams, in that game. Simms kicked off that contest by leading the UT offense to scores on four of its first five drives (three TDs/one FG) in mounting a 24-0 first-half lead. He completed 20-of-30 passes for 233 yards and two TDs in a 41-11 win against Houston. Simms led the Horns to scores on five of their first seven drives and completed passes to nine different receivers in that game. He completed 17-of-31 passes for 176 yards and two TDs at Tulane and connected with eight different receivers. Simms completed 24-of-46 passes for 267 yards and a TD against Oklahoma State. He completed 13-of-24 passes for 184 yards and two TDs against a Kansas State defense that ranked fifth nationally in total defense (268.3 ypg), sixth in pass efficiency defense (88.8 rating) and 16th in passing defense (167.7). Simms completed passes to eight different receivers, including strikes of 53, 39 and 32 yards to B.J. Johnson. The 39-yarder was a TD, the 53-yard strike set up a TD and the 32-yarder set up Dusty Mangum's 27-yard game winning field goal. Facing an Iowa State unit that ranked 20th nationally in pass defense, Simms completed 16-of-23 passes for 141 yards. Seeking to become the first UT quarterback ever to lead the Horns to 10 victories in back-to-back seasons, he has posted a 22-5 record (.816) as a starter, ranks third on UT's career TD passes chart (44), fourth on the school's career passing vards list (5,525) and fifth on the all-time total offense chart (5,473). His career completion percentage of 57.6% (433-of-752) ranks first on UT's all-time list. Listed among the 10 "favorites" for the Walter Camp Player of the Year and among the 12 semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback of the Year Award as a junior, Simms became the first UT quarterback in

## **CLIMBING THE CHARTS**

## **TEXAS' CAREER RECORDS**

IEAAS CAREER RECURDS					
	Pass Attempts				
1.	Major Applewhite (1998-2001)	1,065			
2.	Peter Gardere (1989-92)	1,025			
3.	James Brown (1994-97)	1,003			
4.	CHRIS SIMMS (1999-)	752			
5.	Bret Stafford (1984-87)	714			
	Pass Completions				
1.	Major Applewhite (1998-2001)	611			
2.	Peter Gardere (1989-92)	561			
3.	James Brown (1994-97)	546			
4.	CHRIS SIMMS (1999-)	433			
5.	Bret Stafford (1984-87)	378			
	Passing Yards				
1.	Major Applewhite (1998-2001)	8,353			
2.	James Brown (1994-97)	7,638			
3.	Peter Gardere (1989-92)	7,396			
	CHRIS SIMMS (1999-)	5,532			
5.	Bret Stafford (1984-87)	4,735			
	Shea Morenz (1993-94)	3,774			
7.	Bobby Layne (1944-47)	3,145			
8.	Todd Dodge (1982-85)	2,791			
9.	Paul Campbell (1947-49)	2,408			
10.	Rick McIvor (1979-81)	2,158			
	Touchdown Passes				
1.	Major Applewhite (1998-2001)	60			
	James Brown (1994-97)				
	CHRIS SIMMS (1999-)	44			
	Peter Gardere (1989-92)	37			
5.		25			
	Bobby Layne (1944-47)	25			
	Total Offense				
1.	Major Applewhite (1998-2001)	8,059			
2.	James Brown (1994-97)	8,049			
		7,409			
4.	Ricky Williams (1995-98)	6,306			
	CHRIS SIMMS (1999-)	5,473			
	Quarterback Victories (as a s	tarter)			
1.	Bobby Layne (1944-47)	28			
2.	Marty Akins (1973-75)	27			
3.	James Brown (1994-97)	25			
	Peter Gardere (1989-92)	25			
5.	Major Applewhite (1998-2001)	22			
	CHRIS SIMMS (1999-)	22			

a decade to lead the team to 10 victories as a starter. He completed 214-of-362 passes (59.1%) for 2,603 yards (No. 2 on UT's single-season chart) and a UT single-season record 22 TDs in 2001. When you factor in his six TD rushes on the year (the most by a UT QB since Donnie Little had seven in 1980), Simms accounted for a Big 12-best and UT single-season record-tying 28 TDs or 168 points (14.0 ppg/16th/NCAA). He ranked second in the Big 12 in pass efficiency with a 133.5 rating (38th/NCAA). Simms was good on 17-of-28 passes for 234 yards and three TDs in a 41-7 win over No. 14 Colorado and completed 18-of-30 passes for 235 yards and a school-record-tying five TDs at Oklahoma State as a junior. He also rushed for a TD and accounted for all six of Texas' TDs at OSU. Simms was good on 21-of-26 passes (80.8%) for 224 yards and a TD in a 42-7 win against Texas Tech (158.14 efficiency rating). He completed his first 10 passes in a row in that game and including a completion on his final pass at Houston, registered a UT record by completing 11 consecutive passes (previous: nine, Major Applewhite, vs. Iowa State, 1999; vs. La.-Lafayette, 2000). Simms completed 20-of-35 passes for 311 yards and three TDs in a 53-26 win at Houston. In that game he connected on a career-best 92-yard scoring strike with WR B.J. Johnson. That was the fourth-longest pass play and the sixth-longest scoring play from scrimmage in UT history.

**SIMMS' CAREER NUMBERS:** Chris Simms, who is 22-5 as a starter (tied for fifth-most victories by a QB in UT history), has connected on 433-of-752 passes (UT-record 57.6%) for 5,525 yards (No. 4 on UT's all-time list) and 44 TDs (No. 3 on UT's career chart) during his career. His career

pass efficiency rating of 131.5 currently trails Major Applewhite's UT record of 136.6. He has registered 13 career multiple-TD passes games. A versatile signal caller who also has displayed the ability to make plays with his feet, Simms has rushed for 24 first downs, 353 yards and 10 TDs on 73 career rushing attempts. He has accounted for 54 TDs during his career and his six rushing TDs in 2001 were the most by a UT QB since Donnie Little tallied seven rushing scores in 1980 and that total is tied for 11th on UT's single-season list. He has rushed for 10 TDs in the last 20 games.

SIMMS AGAINST TOP DEFENSES: Chris Simms has had a chance to face some of the nation's top defenses as a starter over the past three years and has fared pretty well in those matchups. Iowa State, which ranked 20th nationally in pass defense (181.3 ypg) and 26th in pass efficiency defense (107.3 rating), marked the 10th time in his 27 career starts that he has faced a team that ranked among the nation's top 30 defenses at season's end (or current for this year's opponents). In those games, Simms has completed 59.2% (168-of-284), averaged 206.2 passing yards per game and accounted for 15 TDs (nine pass/six rush) against 10 interceptions. Texas is 8-2 in those contests.

DRIVING EFFICIENCY: Chris Simms has led the Longhorns offense to points on 117 (89 TDs/28 FGs) of the 303 drives (38.6%) he has engineered the past three seasons. Simms has guided Texas to 33 scores (25 TDs/eight FGs) on 106 drives (31.1%) in 2002. He led the Horns to points on 3-of-12 drives (three TDs) against Iowa State, 3-of-14 drives (two TDs/one FG) at Kansas State, 3-of-16 drives (two TDs/one FG) against Oklahoma, three scores on 15 drives (two TDs/one FG) against Oklahoma State, three TDs in 12 drives at Tulane, six scoring drives (four TDs/two FGs) in 12 possessions against Houston, seven scores (six TDs/one FG) in 14 drives at North Carolina and five scores (three TDs/two FGs) on 11 drives against North Texas. As a junior, Simms led Texas to points on 59 (45 TDs) of the 134 drives (44.0%) he directed. UT's senior quarterback has led the offense to points on 25 of his 29 trips (86.2%) in the "Red Zone" this season. That comes one year after Simms led the Horns to scores on 42-of-45 trips (33 TDs/nine FGs/93.3%) inside the opponent's 20-yard line. During his career, the 6-foot-5 signal caller has committed only two turnovers (one INT/one fumble) inside the "Red Zone" and led the offense to 89 scores (68 TDs/21 FGs/89%) in 100 drives inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

**TEXAS TRIO:** Texas' junior trio of B.J. Johnson, Roy Williams and Sloan Thomas form arguably the best receiving threesome in Longhorns history and one of the nation's top trifectas. The trio of Williams (132-2,046-18), Johnson (106-1,597-9) and Thomas (61-948-10) have teamed to

catch 72 passes for 1,066 yards and seven TDs this season. They have combined to post 299 catches for 4,591 yards (15.4 ypc) and 37 TDs in 31 career games. Johnson (92t & 79t, 2001/71t & 70t, 2000) and Williams (98t, 2001/96t & 65t, 2000) have posted seven receptions for 60 or more yards in their three seasons, and when you add in Thomas (55, 2002/55t, 2000), all three junior receivers have posted at least one catch of 50 or more yards in their careers. The trio has teamed to post 23 touchdown receptions of 40 or more yards in three seasons. Williams posted 67 catches (No. 2 on UT's single-season list), Johnson had 41 receptions and Thomas hauled in 29 passes as the trio posted 137 receptions for 1,810 yards (150.8 ypg) and 16 TDs in 2001. The trio combined to post 31 catches for 551 yards and four TDs in the final two games last season (Big 12 Championship & Culligan Holiday Bowl).

FAB FRESHMEN: The trio of B.J. Johnson (41-698-3), Roy Williams (40-809-8) and Sloan Thomas (9-208-3) combined for 90 catches for 1,715 yards (19.1 ypc) and 14 TDs as true freshmen in 2000. The duo of Johnson and Williams — both of whom earned second-team Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News* — completed their first season atop the Horns' freshmen receiving tandem list in receptions (81) and receiving yards (1,507/No. 4 on UT's receiving tandem list) and ranked one-two on the school's all-time rookie receptions and receiving yardage lists. Johnson finished the season ranked first in receptions (41) with Williams close behind at 40. Williams' 809 receiving yards were the most

## **RECORD WATCH**

Junior WR Roy Williams has caught at least one pass in a UT-record 29 consecutive games. Fellow junior WR Johnson caught a pass in the first 27 games of his Longhorns career, which was the previous record and is a UT record to start a career.

## Consecutive Games w/ Reception

1.	ROY WILLIAMS (2000-)	29
2.	B.J. JOHNSON (2000-02)	27
3.	Mike Adams (1995-96)	26

by a freshman in school history with Johnson's 698 standing second. The tandem registered 13

of the top 15 freshmen reception games and the top four rookie receiving yardage games (five of the top 10 overall) in school history. Thomas and Williams each set the UT freshman record for TD catches in a game (two). ★ ROY WILLIAMS: As a true freshman, Williams earned Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year honors and posted two of the top three receiving yardage games by a freshman in UT history. He built on that season and was tabbed first-team All-Big 12 as a sophomore in 2001. Williams, who has caught a pass in a school-record 29 consecutive games (previous: 27, B.J. Johnson, 2000-02), opened the 2002 season with 11 receptions for 242 yards (22.0 ypc) and three TDs

before being sidelined with a hamstring injury in the first quarter of the Houston game and

missing the Tulane contest. Williams scored on his only catch, a 25-yarder, against the Cougars.

## **CAREER RECORD WATCH**

	IEAAS CAREER REC	JADS
	Receptions	
1.	Mike Adams (1992-96)	177
2.	Kwame Cavil (1997-99)	174
3.	ROY WILLIAMS (2000-)	132
	Eric Metcalf (1985-88)	
5.	Johnny Walker (1987-90)	114
6.	Tony Jones (1986-89)	108
7.	B.J. JOHNSON (2000-)	106
	Receiving Yards	
1.	Mike Adams (1992-96)	3,032
	Kwame Cavil (1997-99)	
3.	ROY WILLIAMS (2000-)	2,046
4.	Tony Jones (1986-89)	1,842
	Wane McGarity (1995-98)	1,687
6.	Johnny "Lam" Jones (1976-79)	1,603
7.	B.J. JOHNSON (2000-)	1,597
	100-Yard Receiving Games	S
1.	Mike Adams (1992-96)	
	ROY WILLIAMS (2000-)	7
	Kwame Cavil (1997-1999)	7
	Wane McGarity (1995-98)	
	Tony Jones (1986-89)	7
6.	B.J. JOHNSON (2000-)	6
	Touchdown Receptions	
1.	ROY WILLIAMS (2000-)	18
	Mike Adams (1992-96)	
	Lovell Pinkney (1992-94)	15
4.	Johnny "Lam" Jones (1976-79)	14
	Wane McGarity (1995-98)	14
	SLOAN THOMAS (2000-)	10
NR	B.J. JOHNSON (2000-)	9

In limited action against Oklahoma State, he had five catches for 27 yards. He followed that up with two catches for 68 yards against Oklahoma and three receptions for 16 yards at Kansas State. He had 48 yards on four receptions against Iowa State. In six games, Williams, who despite his injury recently earned a spot among the Biletnikoff Award semifinalists, has 25 receptions for 401 yards and three TDs on the year. Of his 25 receptions, 11 have come on third down (10 have been good for third down conversions). He hauled in five passes for 136 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown reception, at North Carolina. Williams gained 80 of his yards after the catch in the 31-point victory. He had five catches for 81 yards against North Texas. The Biletnikoff Award (nation's outstanding receiver) and Walter Camp Player

of the Year candidate has hauled

in four or more receptions in 24 of his 32 career games, including a string of 15 straight contests that was snapped against Houston. For his career, Williams has tallied 132 receptions (No. 3 on UT's career list) for 2,046 yards (No. 3 on UT's all-time chart) and a school record 18 TDs (previous: 16, Mike Adams, 1992-96). He is tied for second on UT's all-time list with seven career 100-yard receiving games. Williams also has run 10 reverses for 163 yards (16.3 avg.) and two TDs during his career. He posted 67 catches (No. 2 on UT's single-season chart) for 836 yards (No. 7 on UT's single-season list) and seven TDs (T-No. 6 on UT's single-season chart) a year ago. Williams set a UT bowl game record with 11 receptions (for 134 yards and a TD) in the Holiday Bowl against No. 21 Washington. He caught five passes for 83 yards and had a 27-yard run in the Big 12 title game against No. 9 Colorado. He registered a season-high 147 yards, including a 46-yard catch and a 36yard TD, on six catches at Baylor last season. Williams registered 10 catches (No. 5 on UT's single-game list) for 98 yards, including a 40yard TD, against Texas Tech. As a true freshman, he registered 180 receiving yards at Kansas and 175 receiving yards against Oklahoma State, both of which rank among UT's top five single-game receiving records overall. Williams' 809 receiving yards (No. 7 on UT's single-sea-

son list) and eight TD catches (tied for No. 3 on UT's single-season chart) were UT freshman records and his 40 receptions rank second only to Johnson on that list. He also ran two reverses for 75 yards and a pair of TDs. He ranked first among NCAA Division I-A true freshman receivers in receiving yards per game (809 yards/73.5 ypg), TD catches (eight) and yards per catch (20.2). He ranked third nationally among true freshmen in receptions per game (40 receptions/3.6 rpg). Williams became the first freshman in UT history to

## **TEXAS TRIO'S TOP 40**

## 40-yard receptions by Texas' junior WR trio (2000-02)

	_Roy Williams (from Major Applewhite), vs. Oklahoma State, 2000
92t	_B.J. Johnson (from Chris Simms), at Houston, 2001
79t	_B.J. Johnson (from Applewhite), vs. Colorado, 2001*
71t	_B.J. Johnson (from Applewhite), at Stanford, 2000
70t	_B.J. Johnson (from Simms), vs. Texas A&M, 2000
68t	_Roy Williams (from Simms), vs. Kansas, 2001
65t	_Roy Williams (from Simms), at Kansas, 2000
58t	_Roy Williams (from Simms), at North Carolina, 2002
55	_Sloan Thomas (from Simms), vs. Oklahoma State, 2002
55t	_Sloan Thomas (from Simms), vs. Texas A&M, 2000
53	_B.J. Johnson (from Simms), at Kansas State, 2002
48t	_Roy Williams (from Applewhite), vs. Missouri, 2000
46	_Roy Williams (from Simms) at Baylor, 2001
45	_Sloan Thomas (from Simms), vs. Colorado, 2001*
45	_B.J. Johnson (from Applewhite), vs. Baylor, 2000
45	_Sloan Thomas (from Simms), vs. Baylor, 2000
44	_Roy Williams (from Simms), vs. Oklahoma, 2002
44	_Sloan Thomas (from Simms), vs. Houston, 2000
43t	_B.J. Johnson (from Applewhite), vs. Washington, 2001^
43	_Roy Williams (from Simms), at Kansas, 2000
42t	_Roy Williams (from Applewhite), at Colorado, 2000
41	_B.J. Johnson (from Simms), at Tulane, 2002
40t	_Roy Williams (from Simms), vs. Texas Tech, 2001
40	_Roy Williams (from Simms), vs. Texas A&M, 2000
	_Roy Williams (from Applewhite) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, 2000
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\* Big 12 Championship game // ^ Holiday Bowl

register 100 receiving yards in his initial game, catching six passes for 105 yards against Louisiana-Lafayette in UT's 2000 season opener. His 96-yard TD catch (second-longest pass play in UT history) against Oklahoma State was a Longhorns freshman record. Williams tied UT's freshman record with two TD receptions at Colorado.

★ B.J. JOHNSON: As a true freshman, Johnson set a UT freshman record with 41 receptions. The 6-foot-1, 200-pound junior set a school-record by catching a pass in a UT-record 27 consecutive games (previous: 26, Mike Adams, 1995-96). Johnson's streak was snapped when he went without a reception against Houston. Johnson had four catches for a season-best 132 yards (sixth career 100-yard receiving game/No. 6 on UT's alltime list) and a 39-yard TD at Kansas State. He provided the

key play in all three of the Horns' scoring drives in the 17-14 victory against the Wildcats and did so in facing a defense that ranked sixth nationally in pass efficiency defense (88.8) and 16th in passing defense (167.7 ypg). Johnson's 39-yard TD catch in the second quarter put the Horns on top 7-0 and his 32-yard grab on a third-and 11 play late in the fourth quarter set up Dusty Mangum's game-winning 27-yard field goal. He also recorded a 53-yard catch that took the ball to the 3-yard line and set up a 2-yard scoring toss from QB Chris Simms to TE David Thomas. He posted a season-best seven catches for 78 yards and a touchdown against Oklahoma State. Of Johnson's 24 catches for 360 yards on the season, 18 have come for 272 yards in the last four games. He has 106 catches (No. 7 on UT's all-time list) for 1,597 yards (No. 7 on UT's all-time list) and nine TDs (an average of 42.3 yards per TD reception) during his career. He set single-game freshman marks for receptions (nine, vs. Baylor) and receiving yards (187, vs. Texas A&M) in 2000. His 698 receiving yards in 2000 rank second on the Horns' alltime freshman list. As a sophomore, Johnson registered his fifth career 100-yard receiving game (tied for No. 6 on UT's all-time list) in recording six catches for 157 yards and a TD in the Culligan Holiday Bowl. That came one game after he caught four passes for 107 yards (includ-

yards and a TD in the Culligan Holiday Bowl. ter he caught four passes for 107 yards (including a 79-yard TD) and two scores in the Big 12 Championship game. He posted 41 catches for 539 yards and four TDs en route to honorable mention All-Big 12 honors in 2001. Johnson also posted 124 yards on four catches, including a 92-yard TD (fourth-longest pass play in UT history/sixth-longest scoring play from scrimmage on UT record), at Houston in 2001. He registered two of the top four UT freshman receiving yardage games and six of the top 14 freshman reception

efforts in 2000. His 162 receiving yards (No. 10

## LONGHORNS W/L RECORD vs. unranked opponents

In 2002 5-0 In 2001 9-0 In 2000 8-1 In 1999 \_8-1 In 1998 6-1 All-time 410-94-6 228-45-2 At home 150-44-2 On the road \_

on UT's single-game list) vs. Baylor rank fourth on UT's all-time freshman list. His 63.5 receiving yards and 3.7 receptions per game ranked second nationally among true freshmen receivers in 2000.

★ SLOAN THOMAS: Thomas saw less action as a true freshman but was equally as explosive. In eight games of action in 2000, the 6foot-2, 200-pounder hauled in nine passes for 208 yards and three TDs. He averaged a teamhigh 23.1 yards per catch (nine receptions for 208 yards). Thomas recorded 29 catches for 435 yards and five TDs in 2001 and again led the team with a 15.0-yards-per-catch average. He has a team-high 23 catches for 305 yards and two TDs in 2002. After catching just one pass for 15 yards in the first two games of 2002, Thomas hauled in six catches for a career-high 87 yards and a score against Houston. Replacing the injured Roy Williams in the starting lineup at Tulane, he caught five more passes for 42 yards and a TD. He tallied

a career-high seven catches for 130 yards and equalled his career-best with a 55-yard reception against Oklahoma State. Over the last 14 regular season games, Thomas has posted 44 receptions for 641 yards and seven TDs. After posting six catches for 82 yards and matching his personal-high with two TD receptions at Oklahoma State (Oct. 13, 2001) last season, he posted three catches for 63 yards and a pair of TDs against No. 14 Colorado (Oct. 20, 2001). Thomas did not have a catch at Missouri but followed that with three receptions for 66 yards and a score at Baylor and three catches for 45 yards vs. Kansas. He caught four passes for 64 yards, including a 45-yard grab, in the Big 12 title game. For his career, Thomas has 59 catches for 935 yards (15.8 ypc) and 10 TDs. He has caught two TDs in a game three times during his career. Thomas had one of his most productive games as a freshman in

a big game, catching two passes for 74 yards, including a 55-yard TD vs. Texas A&M. He matched the UT freshman single-game record with two TDs vs. Missouri. Thomas also registered a 45-yard catch vs. Baylor.

TALENT POOL: The Longhorn talent at receiver runs deep with weapons like sophomore Tony Jeffery, senior Kyle Shanahan and true freshman Robert Timmons complementing the Texas trio of Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas. Jeffery, a former prep quarterback, caught two passes for 31 yards at Tulane and has five receptions for 51 yards on the year. He has 10 catches for 125 yards and a TD and has gained 55 yards on 13 reverses in two seasons. Shanahan, the son of Denver Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan who aspires to be a coach himself, has caught seven passes for 62 yards in 2002. He has 14 catches for 127 yards in two seasons at Texas. Timmons is a talented young wideout who removed his redshirt in the Houston game and has caught five passes for 46 yards on the

## **LONGHORNS REWIND**

Ricky Williams made a dramatic impact on the Longhorns program from 1995-98. Six years later, another talented young running back, Cedric Benson, has followed in his footsteps. In 20 career games (15 starts), Benson has tallied 1,987 yards and 19 rushing TDs on 428 carries. He also has caught 32 passes for 281 yards and one score.

## WILLIAMS & BENSON COMPARISON

(through 20 career games)

<u>Williams</u>	<b>Benson</b>
1,777	1,987
295	428
6.0	4.6
88.9	99.4
18	19
7	9
34	32
421	281
1	1
	1,777 295 6.0 88.9 18 7 34

year. He started his first career game at Kansas State.

## **TIGHT ENDS GETTING INTO THE ACT:** After losing junior all-conference TE Bo

Scaife to a season-ending knee injury prior to the season, Texas was without a significant weapon in its passing attack. In his place, the Longhorns have received production out of the trio of senior Chad Stevens, junior Brock Edwards and true freshman David Thomas. That group has combined to catch 19 passes for 184 yards and four TDs. The Longhorns tight ends caught four TD passes in the entire 2001 season. Edwards leads the way with 10 catches for 132 vards and all three tight ends have caught a TD pass. Two of Thomas' four passes for 30 yards have gone for touchdowns. Scaife caught 30 passes for 396 yards and a TD last season and has 33 catches for 444 yards and a TD during his career.

'NUFF "CED": In just his true freshman sea-

son, RB Cedric Benson established himself as one of the nation's top young rushers and was selected as Texas' Offensive MVP. Now in his second season, Benson, who entered the year as a preseason All-American and as a member of the Doak Walker Award (nation's outstanding running back) and Walter Camp Player of the Year watch lists, is on his way to another 1,000-yard season. A quick and elusive back who models his game after his hero, 1998 Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, Benson hasn't disappointed. In eight games in 2002, he has tallied 934 yards (116.8 ypg/18th NCAA) and seven TDs on 205 carries. Of his 205 carries, 43 have gone for first downs (21%). He has rushed for 100 yards in four of eight outings this year and has eight career 100-yard rushing games. He is averaging 126.5 all-purpose yards per game. Benson registered his second career 200-yard rushing

game (208 yards and two TDs on a thencareer-high 31 carries) at North Carolina. He followed that performance with 160 yards and a TD on a career-best 37 carries against Houston. Benson rushed for 88 yards on 17 carries in only three quarters of action at Tulane and gained 117 yards on 27 carries against Oklahoma State. Facing a defense that was allowing just 100.7 rushing yards per game (15th/NCAA), Benson rushed for 59 yards in a 17-14 win at Kansas State. Benson gained 199 yards and rushed for a pair of TDs on 30 carries against Iowa State. He had a 59yard TD run and gained at least 10 yards on eight carries in that game. Of Texas' 240 total yards on three scoring drives against ISU, Benson registered 160 yards of them. The UT sophomore has tallied 1,801 yards (120.1 ypg) and 16 TDs on 384 carries in just 15 career starts. Benson has recorded 1,987 yards (No. 13 in UT history) and 19 TDs and caught 32 passes for 281 yards and a TD in 20 career games. Of his 428 career carries, 91 have gone for first downs (21.3%). He has nine career

## **CLIMBING THE CHARTS**

CLIMBING THE CHART	3
Career Rushing Yards	
1. Ricky Williams (1995-98)	6,279
10. Steve Worster (1968-70)	2,353
11. Phil Brown (1990-93)	2,102
12. Darron Norris (1985-88)	2,079
13. CEDRIC BENSON (2001-)	_1,987
Single-Season Rushing Yards	
1. Ricky Williams (1998)	2,124
15. Darryl Clark (1982)	1,049
16. Chris Gilbert (1967)	1,019
17. CEDRIC BENSON (2001-)	934
Career 100-Yard Games	
1. Ricky Williams (1995-98)	27
2. Earl Campbell (1974-77)	20
3. Chris Gilbert (1967-69)	15
4. A.J. "Jam" Jones (1978-81)	14
5. Roosevelt Leaks (1972-74)	11
Hodges Mitchell (1997-2000)	11
7. Eric Metcalf (1985-88)	10
Steve Worster (1968-70)	10
4. CEDRIC BENSON (2001-)	9
Jim Bertelsen (1969-71)	9

100-yard games (No. 9 on the UT all-time list). Benson was tabbed a firstteam Freshman All-American (The Sporting News), the Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year and third-team All-Big 12 in 2001. The first freshman 1,000-yard rusher in Longhorns history, Benson rushed for a UT freshman-record 1,053 yards (No. 13 on UT's single-season list) and a Longhorns freshman-best 12 TDs (T-No. 13 on UT's single-season chart) on 223 carries in 2001. He became just the ninth runner in UT history to surpass 1,000 yards in a season. When you add in his one receiving TD, he also broke the UT freshman record for total TDs scored in a season with 13. His 87.8 rushing yards per game ranked fifth in the Big 12 and 45th nationally. He also caught 17 passes for 203 yards and a TD and led the Horns with a UT freshman-best 1,256 all-purpose yards (104.7 ypg/sixth Big 12). Benson's 1,053 rushing yards ranked first nationally among true freshman running backs and third among freshmen rushers overall. Of his 223 carries as a freshman, 48 went for first downs (21.5%), including a season-high 10 in his first career start at Oklahoma State. Benson began establishing himself as one of the top freshman backs in UT history after taking over as the Horns' starter at Oklahoma State. In his first five career starts, Benson became the first Longhorns true freshman to post five consecutive 100-yard rushing games (T-No. 2 on UT record) and eclipsed Earl Campbell's 26-year-old freshman record for 100-yard rushing games in a season (four). Williams (1995), Edwin Simmons (1983) and Campbell (1974) are the only other freshman backs in UT history to post back-toback 100-yard rushing games. Benson was a three-time Texas 5A Offensive Player of the Year and led Midland Lee to three straight Texas 5A titles as a prepster. He rushed for a Texas 5A record 8,423 yards and scored 127 TDs during his career.

**DOUBLE-DIGIT DASHES:** Cedric Benson has been getting yards in relatively large chunks since he cracked the Longhorn lineup as a true freshman last season. Last week against Iowa State Benson had eight runs of 10 or more yards. That was the most 10-yard runs he had posted in a game during his career. Of Benson's 205 carries this year, 20 have been good for at least 10 yards (9.8%). For his career, Benson has gained at least 10 yards on 48 of 428 carries (8.9%).

RUSHING REWIND: After rushing for 186 yards and three TDs on 44 carries while steadily getting into the flow of the UT offense, Cedric Benson earned his first start at Oklahoma State in the sixth game of 2001. He rushed for 131 yards on a UT freshman-record 31 carries in that game in facing an Cowboys defense that entered the game allowing just 97.0 rushing yards per game (18th NCAA). He then rushed for 100 yards and scored two TDs on 23 carries in Texas' 41-7 win against No. 14 Colorado (the Buffaloes entered the game allowing just 91.8 yards per game, 15th NCAA) and followed that with 157 yards (No. 5 on UT's freshman list) on a UT freshman-record tying 31 carries at Missouri. He also caught three passes for 59 yards, including a 40-yarder against CU. Benson tallied 108 yards and two TDs on 26 carries in his fourth career start at Baylor. His fifth start was his most impressive performance, as he registered a UT freshman single-game-record 213 yards (breaking Charles Hunter's record of 187 set at Houston in 1985) and two TDs on 28 carries against Kansas. That was the third-best single-game rushing effort in the Big 12 in 2001. Benson recorded a career-long 61-yard run in that game and also caught a pair of passes for 68 yards, including a career-long 60-yard TD catch on a shovel pass, to record a UT freshman all-purpose yardage record of 281 yards on 30 plays (9.4 ypp). The 281 all-purpose yards rank eighth on UT's single-game list in that category. His 60-yard reception and rush in the same game marked the first time a Longhorn accomplished that feat since Terry Orr in 1984. Although his streak of five straight 100-yard rushing

## **MACK BROWN BY THE NUMBERS**

- **Q**: Active NCAA Division I-A head coaches other than Mack Brown who have led their teams to six consecutive nine (or more) victory seasons.
- 1: Coaches other than Mack Brown who have tutored a player that produced a 3,000-yard passing season, a 2,000-yard rushing season and a 1,000-yard receiving season during their careers as a head coach (John Robinson, USC, is the other).
- **2:** Number of Big 12 South Championships Mack Brown has led Texas to in his four seasons as head coach.
- **3:** Longhorns victories against Top 10-ranked teams under Mack Brown (compared to one UT win over a Top 10 foe in the five years prior to his arrival).
- **7:** Players Mack Brown has had selected in the first round of the last four NFL Drafts.
- **q:** Mack Brown has coached a 1,000-yard rusher in nine of his last 14 seasons as a head coach.
- **10:** Mack Brown has directed his teams to 10 consecutive bowl games. He is one of only three active NCAA Division I-A head coaches that have led their squads to 10 straight bowl games (Florida State's Bobby Bowden (20) and Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer (10) are the others).
- **11:** Texas has scored 50 or more points 11 times in 59 games under Mack Brown.
- **13:** With seven wins this season, Mack Brown now has coached his teams to 13 winning seasons in a row. He is one of only two active NCAA Division I-A coaches who have led their squads to at least 13 straight winning seasons (Florida State's Bobby Bowden, 25, is the other).
- **13:** Of the 36 games of 500 or more yards of total offense in UT history, Mack Brown's Longhorns squads have produced 13 of them. Texas had 23 games of 500-plus yards of total offense in the 105 years of Longhorns football prior to his arrival.
- **20:** Texas is 20-0 under Mack Brown when it rushes for at least 200 yards.
- **22:** Since Mack Brown took over at UT, the Horns have played in front of sellout crowds at home in 22 of the last 24 games.
- **38:** Texas is 38-0 during the Mack Brown era when it outrushes the opposition.
- **65:** Mack Brown's 65 victories during the past seven seasons rank in a third-place tie nationally among active NCAA Division I-A coaches.
- **87.0:** Texas has scored on 87.0% (215-of-247) of its trips inside the opponent's 20-yard line during the Mack Brown era.
- **112:** Mack Brown's 112 wins (T-No. 3) and 73.5 winning percentage (No. 5) since 1990 rank in the top 10 nationally among active NCAA Division I-A coaches.
- **131:** Mack Brown's 131 career victories rank first among active Big 12 coaches.

## **2002 TEXAS HONOR ROLL**

## Big 12 Player of the Week

- **Aug. 31** \_\_Derrick Johnson (Defense)
- Sept. 14 \_\_Cedric Benson (Offense)
- Sept. 28 \_\_Selvin Young (co-Special Teams)
- Oct. 5 \_\_Rod Babers (Defense)
  Oct. 19 \_\_Dusty Mangum (Special Teams)
- Oct. 26 \_\_Cedric Benson (Offense)

## Darrell K Royal Award

## (UT Offensive Player of the Week)

- Aug. 31 \_\_Chris Simms, Roy Williams
- Sept. 14\_Offensive Line, Fullbacks, Tight Ends
- Sept. 21 \_\_Chris Simms
- Sept. 28 Brock Edwards
- Oct. 5 Chris Simms
- Oct. 19 \_\_B.J. Johnson, Chris Simms
- Oct. 26 \_\_Cedric Benson, Brock Edwards, \_Ivan Williams, Offensive Line

## Mike Campbell "Across the Bow" Award (UT Defensive Player of the Week)

- Aug. 31 \_\_Derrick Johnson,
- Dakarai Pearson, Cory Redding
- Sept. 14\_\_Lee Jackson, Cory Redding
- Sept. 21 \_\_Reed Boyd, Dakarai Pearson
- Sept. 28 \_\_Rod Babers,
- Reed Boyd, Marcus Tubbs
- Oct. 5 \_\_Reed Boyd,
  - Derrick Johnson, Marcus Tubbs
- **Oct. 19** \_\_Derrick Johnson, Cory Redding
- Oct. 26 Dakarai Pearson, Nathan Vasher

## Frank Denius Award

## (UT Special Teams Player of the Week)

- Aug. 31 \_\_Beau Trahan
- Sept. 14 \_\_Cullen Loeffler, Brett Robin
- Sept. 21\_ \_Rufus Harris, Beau Trahan
- Sept. 28\_ \_Selvin Young
- Oct. 5 Brian Bradford, Richmond McGee
- Oct. 19 \_ Dusty Mangum, Marcus Tubbs
- Oct. 26 Michael Ungar

games was snapped in his next start, that starting assignment may have been the most dramatic. Benson registered Texas' only two offensive TDs and recorded 79 rushing yards against a stingy Aggies defense in a 21-7 win at Texas A&M. Benson gained 67 of his 79 yards and scored both of his TDs as the Horns broke a 7-7 tie in the fourth quarter of that game. He was headed for another big game in the Big 12 Championship game against No. 9 Colorado before being sidelined with a pinched nerve in his neck late in the second quarter. Benson, who rushed for 79 yards and a TD on 13 carries and caught two passes for 23 yards before halftime, was injured on a collision with All-American OT Mike Williams while the two attempted to make a tackle after an interception. That injury forced him to miss the Culligan Holiday Bowl.

BENSON'S RECORD START: Cedric Benson came away with 13 Texas freshman records in his true freshman season. He broke the freshman season records of Longhorns Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams in rushing yards (1,053/previous record: 990, Williams, 1995), rushing TDs (12/previous record: 8, Williams and two others), 100-yard rushing games (5/previous record: 4, Campbell, 1974), consecutive 100-yard games (5/previous record: Williams, Campbell, 2) and all-purpose yards (1,256/previous record: 1,214, Williams). He also eclipsed the UT freshman season marks for total TDs (13/previous record: 10, Roy Williams, 2000), points scored by a non-kicker (78/previous record: 62, Roy Williams, 2000) and carries (223/previous record: 193, Adrian Walker, 1989). Benson set new Longhorns freshman single-game bests for rushing yards (213, vs. Kansas), carries (31, at Oklahoma State and Missouri) and all-purpose yards (281, vs. Kansas). He tied the UT freshman single-game bests in total TDs (three, vs. Kansas) and points (18, vs. Kansas).

**BENSON'S BREAKING TACKLES:** One of Cedric Benson's most productive traits on display in the first 20 games of his career has been his ability to make yards after contact. Benson has registered 565 of his 934 yards (60.5%) in 2002 after contact. He tallied 135 of his 199 yards after contact vs. Iowa State, 35 of his 59 yards after contact at Kansas State, 34 of his 54 yards against Oklahoma after contact, 81 of his 117 yards after contact (69.2%) against Oklahoma State, 74 of his 88 rushing yards after contact (84.1%) at Tulane, 82 of his 160 (51.3%) rushing yards after initial contact against Houston, 114 of his 208 yards (54.8%) were registered after contact at North Carolina and 30 of his 49 yards (61.2%) in the 2002 season opener against North Texas came after contact. For his career, Benson has gained 1,106 of his 1,987 career rushing yards (55.7%) after contact. Of his Texas freshman-record 1,053 yards in 2001, 541 (51.4%) came after initial contact.

**POSITIVE PRODUCTION:** Cedric Benson had a string of 47 consecutive carries without being tackled for a loss snapped when he was dropped for a 1-yard loss in the first quarter at North Carolina. The streak dated back to the fourth quarter of last year's Texas A&M game. Benson was tackled just once for a loss against Houston, Tulane and Oklahoma State and a fumble

against Iowa State resulted in a loss this season. He has been stopped behind the line of scrimmage only 10 times in 205 carries (once in every 20.5 carries) on the year. He has reached the line of scrimmage or registered positive yardage on 235 of his last 245 carries. During his career, Benson has been tackled for a loss on just 29 of his 428 career carries (once in every 14.8 carries). He reached the line of scrimmage or gained yardage on all but 19 of his 223 carries as a true freshman in 2001.

**PROTECTING THE PIGSKIN:** Cedric Benson not only has been one of the most productive backs in the country since starting as a true freshman last season, but he also has been among the most dependable. He had a streak of 225 straight carries without a fumble snapped at Tulane. In 428 career carries, Benson has fumbled just five times (once every 85.6 carries).

PAVING THE WAY: Although the Longhorns offensive line is without NFL firstround pick and first-team All-American RT Mike Williams and veteran starters RG Antwan Kirk-Hughes and C Matthew Anderson (a trio that combined to start 91 games the past three seasons), the group has the potential to once again be among the nation's best units. The unit paved the way as Texas recorded 569 yards of offense (271 rush/298 pass) and did not allow a sack in a 52-21 win at North Carolina. It followed up that effort by helping the offense register 477 yards (233 rush/244 pass) and allowing just one sack in a 41-11 victory against Houston. Texas registered 369 yards (176 rush/193 pass) and allowed just one sack in a 49-0 win at Tulane. The Horns tallied 412 yards (145 rush/267 pass) against Oklahoma State. The Horns rushed for 245 of its 386 yards of offense in a 21-10 win over Iowa State. Led by preseason All-American and Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award candi-

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114-9When scoring 25 or more points on road
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date senior RG Derrick Dockery (6-foot-6, 345 pounds), the Longhorns feature three veteran returnees with starting experience. Also returning is senior LT Robbie Doane (6-foot-6, 315 pounds), an Academic All-America candidate who also is a member of the Outland Trophy watch list. Junior LG Tillman Holloway (6-foot-3, 315 pounds)

has started 21 games the last three seasons. Dockery, who has started 26 career games and is versatile enough to play both guard and tackle, registered 51 knockdowns and 36 pancake blocks as a junior. Doane, a starter in 21 straight games, made a name for himself in holding North Carolina All-American DE Julius Peppers without a tackle in that contest. He had 72 knockdowns and 41 pancake blocks on the season. Holloway registered 45 knockdowns and 43 pancake blocks in 2001. That trio was joined by a pair of first-year starters in redshirt freshman RT Jonathan Scott (6-foot-7, 297 pounds) and sophomore C Jason Glynn (6-foot-2, 275 pounds) in the starting lineup against North Texas. Scott, who has been sidelined with injuries, was replaced in the starting lineup at right tackle by Dockery at North Carolina and senior Beau Baker earned his first start in replacing Dockery at right guard. Dockery remained the starter at right tackle and Baker at right guard the next four games. With Baker out for the Iowa State game, Dockery started at right guard and Scott returned to the starting lineup at left tackle.

JUST CALL HIM D.J.: One of the nation's most explosive returning linebackers who recently became just the second Longhorn to earn a spot on the Butkus Award semifinalist, UT sophomore Derrick Johnson is off to a great start in 2002. In seven games he has posted a team-high 80 tackles (54 solo), nine TFLs, two sacks, six pass breakups, two interceptions and 10 QB pressures as the Longhorns rank among the top three nationally in total defense (258.9 ypg/third NCAA), scoring defense (13.3 ppg/third NCAA), passing defense (133.4 ypg/second NCAA) and pass efficiency defense (78.8 rating/third NCAA). He put up an All-America effort and was tabbed the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week in his first game of 2002. On the heels of a freshman campaign that was capped by a Defensive MVP effort in last year's Culligan Holiday Bowl, D.J. tallied a team-high 12 tackles (eight solo), three TFLs and two QB pressures in helping Texas register its first shutout in a season opener since 1978 with a 27-0 win against North Texas. The Waco native helped the Horns hold North Texas to just 145 yards of total offense (fifth-best effort at UT since 1990). He followed up that game with nine tackles, a TFL and one QB pressure in Texas' 52-21 win at North Carolina. The Longhorn sophomore registered six tackles as the Horns held a Houston squad that was averaging 411 yards per game to just 152 yards of offense (31 rush/121 pass). He helped the Horns limit the Cougars' ground attack, which entered the game ranked 15th nationally (236.7 ypg) to just 31 yards on 23 carries. UT held UH star back, Joffrey Reynolds, the nation's seventhranked rusher (137.3 ypg.) entering the contest, to just 38 yards on 13 carries. Johnson tallied eight tackles, a TFL, two PBUs and a QB pressure as the Horns held Tulane to 215 yards of offense (88 rush/127 pass). UT limited Tulane to just 88 yards rushing and held its star back, Mewelde Moore, to 52 yards rushing. Moore entered the game averaging 103.5 rushing yards per game (31st NCAA). He turned in 10 tackles, posted an interception and added a QB pressure in helping the Horns limit an Oklahoma State offense that was averaging 420.5 yards

## **SCORING STREAK**

- ♦ Texas has scored in a Big 12-record 260 straight games, dating back to a 16-0 loss at Baylor (1980). That is the second-longest active streak in the nation (BYU: 346).
- $\buildrel \bullet$  UT has scored in 142 straight home games dating back to a 30-0 loss to Houston in 1976.
- ♦ The Horns have scored in 142 straight road games (including neutral site contests) and a Big 12-record 169 straight conference games.

per game (29th NCAA) to just 273 yards. Johnson tallied 12 tackles, an interception and a pass breakup against Oklahoma. He tallied a season-best 14 stops, two sacks, two TFLs and three QB pressures as the Horns slowed down a Kansas State offense that was averaging 415.5 yards (31st NCAA) and 46.8 points (6th NCAA) to 261 yards

in a 17-14 win. Johnson registered nine tackles, two TFLs, broke up two passes and recorded a pressure as the Horns held an Iowa State offense that was averaging 385.9 yards and 35.3 points per game to 285 yards in a 21-10 win. Texas held ISU to just 68 yards and posted a shutout in the second half of that game.

**D.J.'s CAREER NUMBERS.:** In just two season, Derrick Johnson has put up some very impressive numbers. In 20 career games (10 starts) the sophomore linebacker has registered 163 tackles, 6.5 sacks, 22 TFLs, 19 QB pressures and two interceptions. D.J. also has recorded nine pass breakups, three fumble recoveries and forced one fumble. He has registered six career 10-tackle games and has posted at least six stops in 16 contests. D.J.'s 6.5 career sacks have resulted in an average loss of 5.1 yards while his 22 career TFLs (-71 yards) have dropped opponents for an average of 3.2 yards. He also has returned his interceptions an average of 18.5 yards per pick.

FRESHMAN PHENOM: As a true freshman, Derrick Johnson earned first-team Freshman All-America (The Sporting News and Football Writer's Association of America) and Big 12 co-Defensive Freshman of the Year honors. Johnson made an immediate impact on a Longhorns defense that held its opponents to an NCAA-leading 236.2 total yards and a conference low 89.5 rushing yards per contest (sixth NCAA). UT allowed a Big 12-low 146.7 passing yards (third NCAA) per game and ranked first in the conference and third nationally in scoring defense (13.7 ppg). That included two interceptions that were returned for scores against the offense and a kickoff return for a TD. Texas' defense allowed just 11.9 points per game in 2001 and was one of only two schools nationally that ranked among the NCAA top 10 in all major defensive statistical categories. The 6-foot-4, 220-pound WLB ranked second nationally among true freshmen in TFLs and sacks and fourth in tackles. Johnson posted two 10-tackle games and was second on the team with 83 tackles (57 solo). His 83 stops rank eighth on the UT freshman list. He also ranked third on the squad with 13 TFLs (No. 3 on UT's freshman list) and fourth with 4.5 sacks (No. 4 on UT's frosh chart). Johnson added nine QB pressures, three pass breakups, a forced fumble and two recovered fumbles. His 13 TFLs eclipsed Doug Shankle's (1978) UT best of nine among LBs on the school's all-time freshman list, while his 4.5 sacks surpassed Bobby Rhodes' (1986) UT high of four among freshman LBs on the UT chart. Johnson moved into the lineup gradually before earning his first career start when the Horns lined up in a 3-4 defense against Texas Tech. He posted a teamhigh 13 tackles (nine solo) and two tackles for loss, while registering a sack and a PBU in that game and shared UT's Special Teams Player of the Week award. Johnson recorded his second start and again led the team with eight tackles and added one TFL, a half sack and two QB pressures as the Horns held Oklahoma to 206 yards of offense and just one TD. He had a team-best 10 stops (three on special teams), three TFLs and two sacks against North Carolina. The Waco native posted 170 tackles and earned *Parade* All-American honors as a prep senior.

**NEW FACES SHINING AT LB:** Derrick Johnson is joined by a familiar face and a first-year starter in the Longhorns linebacker lineup that is in the midst of the daunting task of replacing a trio that had started a combined 110 games the past three years. The three are among the Longhorns' top tacklers and have combined to post 205 tackles (25.6 pg), 20 TFLs, six sacks and 30 QB pressures in the first eight games of 2002. In the season opener, the trio combined to record 29 tackles, three TFLs and four QB pressures. They followed that up by combining for 29 tackles, a sack, two TFLs and five QB pressures at North Carolina. Texas' first-year LB unit tallied 23 tackles, three QB pressures and a TFL against Houston. The trio added 27 stops, five TFLs and two sacks at Tulane. They combined for 25 tackles, a sack, an interception and three QB pressures in a win against Oklahoma State. The three LBs produced 21 tackles, two TFLs, three pressures, one interceptions and a PBU against Oklahoma. UT's starting linebackers tallied 29 tackles, two sacks, two TFLs, five pressures and recovered a fumble at Kansas State. The LB trio posted 22 tackles, three TFLs and six pressures versus Iowa State. Senior SLB Lee Jackson, who has missed the better part of the past two seasons with injuries, made his first career start at linebacker and posted eight tackles and a QB pressure in the Horns' season-opening 27-0 victory against North Texas. He improved on that effort with nine stops, a sack and three QB pressures in a 52-21 win at North Carolina, added five stops against Houston tallied eight stops, two TFLs and a sack at Tulane, posted four tackles against Oklahoma State, had two stops and a pressure against Oklahoma, turned in six tackles, a pressure and recovered a fumble at Kansas State and added two tackles and a pair of pressures vs. Iowa State. A former starting strong safety, Jackson has posted 161 tackles and 15 TFLs in 37 career games (15 starts at SS/seven at LB). Junior MLB Reed Boyd spent his first two seasons at UT as a special teams standout and backup linebacker. Boyd claimed the starting middle linebacker job last spring and shares the team lead with 80 tackles in eight games. He also has seven TFLs and two sacks and has led the team in tackles in five of the last seven games. Boyd posted nine tackles and a QB pressure in his debut as a starter against North Texas and tallied a team-high 12 stops and a QB pressure at North Carolina. He turned in his top game with a team-high 12 stops, three QB pressures and a TFL against Houston and followed that up by leading the team with 10 stops, two TFLs, a sack, one QB pressure and an interception at Tulane. He led the team in tackles for the fourth game in a row with 11 tackles, a sack and a QB pressures against Oklahoma State. Boyd added seven tackles, two TFLs, a pressure and a forced fumble against Oklahoma. The junior LB tallied eight stops and a pressure at Kansas State and produced a team-high 11 stops, a TFL and three pressures vs. Iowa State. He has 133 tackles, nine TFLs, 3.5 sacks, two interceptions and 19 QB pressures in 31 career games.

"BIG TEX" TERRORIZING OFFENSES: After missing the Houston game with an injury, junior Marcus Tubbs — tabbed "Big Tex" by his teammates — has been a dominant force in the middle of the defense for the Longhorns. Despite missing a game-and-a half due to injury, Tubbs has posted 40 tackles, six TFLs, 1.5 sacks, 14 QB pressures and blocked two kicks in seven games this season. His blocked field goal with seven seconds remaining secured Texas' 17-14 win at Kansas State. After missing the second half of the North Carolina game and the Houston contest due to injury, he bounced back to tally eight tackles, two TFLs and four QB pressures as Texas held Tulane to just 88 yards rushing and 215 total yards. Tubbs helped the Horns limit the Green Wave's star back, Mewelde Moore, to 52 yards rushing. Moore entered the game averaging 103.5 rushing yards per contest (31st NCAA). He posted seven tackles, a sack, and two QB pressures as the Horns held an Oklahoma State team that was averaging 420.5 yards per game (29th NCAA) and 39.3 points per game (14th NCAA) to 273 yards of offense in a 17-15 win. Texas' junior tackle tallied five tackles and four pressures against Oklahoma. UT's junior DT turned in four tackles, a pressure and blocked the game-securing field goal in helping the Horns limit a Kansas State offense that was averaging 415.5 yards (31st NCAA) and 46.8 points (second NCAA) per

game to 261 yards and just two TDs. He posted five tackles and a QB pressure as the Horns held Iowa State 100 yards and 25 points below its season averages in a 21-10 win. Tubbs opened the 2002 season by registering seven tackles (four solo), two TFLs, a pair of QB pressures and a forced fumble as UT limited North Texas to just 90 rushing yards and 145 yards of total offense (fifth-best effort at UT since 1990). He was off to another great start at North Carolina before being sidelined with a concussion in the first half of that game. Before he went down, Tubbs posted four tackles and a half sack. He missed the Houston game due to that injury. Tubbs has been a mainstay on the line since filling in for Shaun Rogers as a redshirt freshman in 2000. The 6-foot-4, 305-pound former prep tight end who didn't start playing football until his junior year of high school — has posted 127 tackles, nine sacks, 28 TFLs, 39 QB pressures, three forced fumbles and a fumble recovery in 30 career games (21 starts). He was a second-team All-Big 12 selection by The Dallas Morning News and Houston Chronicle after registering 50 tackles, two sacks, 12 TFLs and 18 QB pressures in 2001.

**THE WRIGHT STUFF:** True freshman DT Rodrique Wright, a first-team *USA Today* prep All-American a year ago, gradually worked his way into the Longhorns starting lineup and is now challenging for Freshman All-American honors. Wright has played in all eight games (five starts) this season and posted 34 tackles, seven TFLs, two sacks, seven QB pressures and a forced fumble. He has been at his best against the best, registering 22 tackles, seven TFLs, two sacks and four pressures over the last three games (all against Top 25 opponents). Wright earned his first career start

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YARDS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
1-9 yards	201	65	266
10-19 yards	25	41	66
20-29 yards	3	10	113
30-39 yards	2	6	8
40-49 yards	0	3	3
50-59 yards	1	3	4
60-69 yards	0	0	0
70-79 yards	0	0	0
80-89 yards	0	0	0
90+ yards	0	0	0

YARDS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
1-9 yards	168	49	217
10-19 yards	25	32	57
20-29 yards	8	13	21
30-39 yards	0	4	4
40-49 yards	2	0	2
50-59 yards	0	0	0
60-69 yards	1	0	1
70-79 yards	0	0	0
80-89 yards	0	0	0
90+ yards	0	0	0

**UT'S OPPONENT 2002 BIG-PLAY BREAKDOWN** 

when Marcus Tubbs was sidelined for the Houston game and has served as the Horns No. 2 tackle in the last six contests. He tallied four tackles in his first start as the Horns held a Houston ground attack that was averaging 236.7 yards per game (15th NCAA) to just 31 yards on 23 carries. At Tulane, Wright posted a pair of tackles and a QB pressure in the 49-0 victory. Wright registered five tackles, a QB pressure and blocked an extra point in Texas' 17-15 victory against Oklahoma State. He helped the Horns hold a Cowboys offense that was averaging 420.5 yards per game (29th NCAA) to 273 yards. The freshman led the Longhorns tackles with six stops and two QB pressures against Oklahoma. He turned in his top game of his young career with nine tackles, four TFLs (-17 yards), a sack, one QB pressure and a forced fumble as Texas held a Kansas State team that was averaging 415.5 yards (31st NCAA) and 46.8 points per game (second NCAA) to just 261 yards in a 17-14 win. Wright followed that up with seven tackles, three TFLs, one sack and a QB pressure in helping the Horns hold an Iowa State offense that was averaging 385.9 yards and 35.3 points per game to 285 yards in a 21-10 win.

**PICKRYL TOO:** Rodrique Wright is joined by another true freshman who is making a major impact in his first year on campus on the defensive line. DE Bryan Pickryl, who graduated from high school early and joined the Horns last spring, has 16 tackles, four TFLs, 1.5 sacks, a pass batted down and eight QB pressures this year. He posted one tackle in his first career game against North Texas and then turned in two tackles, 1.5 sacks, two TFLs and three QB pressures at North Carolina. He earned his first career start and responded with four tackles, a TFL and a QB pressure against Houston. Pickryl had two tackles and a pair of QB pressures at Tulane, registered three tackles, a TFL, one QB pressure and batted down a pass against Oklahoma State and had one solo stop against Oklahoma.

FRESHMAN IMPACT: All totaled, 10 Longhorns true freshman have seen action in 2002. Among that group, DT Rodrique Wright (five starts) and DE Bryan Pickryl (one start) have started. RB Selvin Young rapidly has risen to Cedric Benson's top backup at tailback and is a first-teamer on the Longhorns' kickoff return unit. He also filled in for an injured Nathan Vasher as UT's punt returner at Tulane and responded with a UT freshman-record 71-yard TD return (fifthlongest in UT history). Seven true freshmen — DT Larry Dibbles (first career sack at Tulane), LB Aaron Harris, CB Edorian McCullough (first career interception at Tulane), Pickryl, LB Garnet Smith, LB Mike Williams and Wright all have seen action on a UT defensive unit that ranks third nationally in total defense (258.9 ypg). Three true freshmen — TE David Thomas (two of his first four career catches have been TDs), WR Robert Timmons (one start) and Young have seen action on an offense that is averaging 31.0 points per game (29th NCAA).

MORE FRESHMEN: In addition to the 10 true freshmen seeing action this season, four redshirt freshmen are playing key roles for Texas. Redshirt freshmen defensive backs Michael Huff (three starts at CB/five at SS) and Cedric Griffin (three starts at SS/one at nickel back) have played a key role on a defense that ranks third nationally in pass efficiency defense (78.8 rating) and passing defense (133.4 ypg). On offense, redshirt freshmen OT Jonathan Scott (two starts) and C Will Allen both have seen significant action on an offense that is averaging 31.0 points per game.

**KICKIN' IT:** Sophomore Dusty Mangum, listed among the 2002 Groza Award (nation's outstanding kicker) watch list, has connected on 8-of-

14 field goals and all 31 extra points attempts in tallying 55 points this season. Mangum has bounced back from missing three field goals against Oklahoma State to make a 36-yarder against Oklahoma and to hit the game-winning 27-yarder with 1:32 remaining at Kansas State. He has made 24-of-37 field goals and 85-of-86 PATs (including a current UT-record streak of 72 in row/previous record: 57, Kris Stockton, 1998-99) in 20 career games. He has made a field goal in 14 of his first 20 career games. With the loss of its most accurate kicker in school history in Kris Stockton, one of the Longhorns' major concerns entering 2001 was the kicking game. Enter true freshman Mangum, who along with three other kickers, walked-on in August to join a pair of returnees in a battle for the Longhorns' kicking chores. Mangum came out on top and turned in one of the best freshman kicking seasons on UT record. He made his first seven field goal attempts and was good on 16-of-23 attempts, including two kicks of 50 or more yards. Mangum's 1.33 field goals per game tied for 23rd nationally, while his 16 field goals were a UT freshman record. He also made 54-of-55 PATs and led the team and ranked 21st nationally with a UT freshman-record 102 points (8.5 ppg/fifth Big 12). The 102 points rank eighth on UT's single-season scoring chart (fourth-most among kickers). In just his second career game, Mangum connected on a UT freshman record-tying three field goals, including a 51- and 49-yarder, and three PATs to tally 12 points vs. North Carolina. The 51-yard field goal is tied for the fifth longest field goal by a freshman in UT history. He capped the regular season by tallying a UT freshman kick-scoring record 13 points (No. 3 on UT's freshman single-game list) in the Big 12 title game. Mangum matched his freshman record with three field goals, including a 50 and 49-yarder in that game. He made a pair of field goals in Texas' 47-43 come-from-behind win against No. 21 Washington in the Culligan Holiday Bowl.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Texas' special teams have started 2002 right where they left off a season ago — as one of the nation's premier units. The Longhorns rank seventh nationally in kickoff returns (25.6 ypr) and 22nd in punt returns (13.4 ypr). UT's first-year kickoff man, sophomore Richmond McGee, has booted 25 (16 for touchbacks) of his 48 kickoffs into the end zone in the first eight games of 2002. Senior P Brian Bradford is averaging 41.2 yards (40th NCAA) on 45 punts. He has dropped nine punts inside the 20 and had a career-long 71-yard punt downed at the 1-yard line against Oklahoma State. Junior PR Nathan Vasher is averaging 12.3 yards per punt return, including returns of 41, 40 and 27 yards, while true freshman Selvin Young has averaged 28.2 yards on six kickoff returns. Young replaced Vasher in the lineup at Tulane and posted the fifth-longest punt return (longest ever by a UT freshman) in school history (71-yard TD). The Horns also have blocked seven kicks (three punts/two field goals/two PATs) in 2002. Texas blocked a punt in the opener against North Texas. The Horns blocked a punt, blocked a field goal and returned it 56 yards for a score, took a punt back for a TD and forced a fumble on a kickoff at Tulane. Texas blocked an extra point against Oklahoma State. UT blocked a punt, field goal and extra point in a 17-14 win at Kansas State. Marcus Tubbs' block of a 36-yard field goal attempt as time expired in that game sealed the victory. PK Dusty Mangum, who has made all 31 of his extra points and is currently riding a UT record streak of 72 straight PATs, connected on a game-winning 27-yard field goal with 1:32 left in the K-State contest. Those efforts came on the heels of a season when UT proved to be one of the nation's most complete special teams units. The Horns returned a punt for a score, forced and recovered three fumbled kickoff returns, blocked two punts for TDs (five blocked punts on the year/T-No. 2 in UT history), recovered

a fumbled punt in the end zone, blocked a field goal, tackled a punter for a safety, connected on 16-of-23 field goal attempts and made 56-of-57 extra points last season. Texas ranked third nationally in punt returns (15.4 ypr) and that ranked as the fourth-best in UT history. Vasher, who had seven punt returns for a school-record 173 yards and a career-best 60-yarder at Baylor, ranked sixth nationally with his 15.0 yards per return average. He also broke Johnnie Johnson's 24-year-old UT record for punt return yards in a season (538 in 1977) with 554 yards. Vasher returned a UT and Big 12 record eight punts for a then-UT record 153 yards, including a 44-yard TD (and a 59-yard return), against North Carolina. He also returned a punt 44 yards against No. 14 Colorado and had six returns of 30 or more yards. The Horns ranked fourth nationally in kickoff returns (26.8 ypr) and that return average shattered the UT record of 24.9 set in 1963. In contrast to the Horns successful return game, Texas' coverage teams allowed an average of just 18.4 yards per kickoff return and 7.5 yards per punt return on the season. The success in 2001 came on the heels of a season that saw UT's special teams rate among the most successful in several years for the Longhorns. In 2000, Hodges Mitchell returned 36 punts for 427 yards for an 11.9 yards per return average (29th NCAA). After ranking 108th nationally in punt returns (6.0 avg.) in 1999, Texas ranked 32nd nationally (11.2 avg.) in 2000. Texas also ranked 10th nationally with a 22.9 yards per kickoff return average in 2000. That also was a dramatic turnaround from a unit that ranked 69th nationally and averaged 19.7 yards per return in 1999. UT's defensive effort on kickoffs in 2000 was impressive as well as it limited its foes to just 15.8 yards per kick return, the team's best since 1992.

SPECIALISTS: Longhorns seniors Beau Trahan and Michael Ungar are once again leading an aggressive Texas special teams unit. Trahan, UT's Special Teams MVP in 2000 and '01, has posted eight special teams tackles, scored on a fake field goal and converted a first-down rush on a fake punt in 2002. He led the Horns with three solo special teams tackles and blocked a punt against North Texas. As UT's holder, Trahan scored his third career TD (two on fake FGs/one on a kickoff fumble recovery) by taking a fake field goal 24 yards for a score against Houston. Trahan's four-yard run converted a fake punt for a first down against Oklahoma State. He has 59 career special teams tackles. Trahan had an amazing 31 (24 solo) special teams tackles last season and also led UT with 15 special teams stops (11 solo) in 2000. Ungar, a former walk-on who is a gunner on the Horns' punt and kickoff coverage units, has posted 10 special teams tackles, a forced fumble, has a fumble recovery in 2002 and has 38 career special teams tackles. He had a fumble recovery at North Carolina and forced a fumble at Tulane this year. He has four career recoveries, two caused fumbles and a blocked punt. Ungar ranked second on the squad with 18 special teams tackles (15 solo) last season and had nine special teams stops (six solo) in 2000.

SCORING DEFENSE: Texas' defense/special teams, which accounted for 51 points in 2000 (five interception returns/two fumble recoveries/one safety), continued that trend last season (two interception returns/one fumble recovery/two blocked punt returns/three safeties). Texas, which scored eight times last season on defense and special teams, tallied its first defensive score of 2002 when Michael Huff took a pick back 27 yards for a touchdown against Houston. UT posted another defensive score when Rod Babers took an interception back 73 yards for a score against Oklahoma. The Longhorns defense/special teams has scored in 19 of the last 40 games. UT has

tallied 11 interception returns for TDs in the last 39 games. That is a dramatic turnaround from the stretch of 56 games without returning an INT for a score from 1995-99. UT also has returned five fumbles for TDs in the last 40 games. The Horns had a string of 50 straight games without a fumble return for a score (1995-99) snapped in '99.

## TEXAS' DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS HAS SCORED IN 19 OF THE LAST 40 GAMES

- Beau Trahan 5-yd fumble recovery, at Iowa State (10/30/99)
- Greg Brown 31-yd INT return, at Oklahoma State (11/6/99)
- Lee Jackson 22-yd INT return, vs. Texas Tech (11/13/99)
- Lee Jackson PAT return, at Texas A&M (11/26/99)
- · Ahmad Brooks 20-yd fumble recovery, vs. Nebraska (12/4/99)
- Casey Hampton safety, at Stanford (9/16/00)
- Dakarai Pearson 42-yd INT return, vs. Houston (9/23/00)
- Michael Ungar 1-yd fumble recovery, vs. Houston (9/23/00)
- O.J. McClintock 23-yd INT return, vs. Houston (9/23/00)
- Rod Babers 15-yd INT return, vs. Missouri (10/21/00)
- Marcus Tubbs fumble recovery, vs. Missouri (10/21/00)
- Greg Brown 10-yd INT return, vs. Texas A&M (11/24/00)
- Greg Brown 23-yd INT return, vs. Oregon (12/29/00)
- Phillip Geiggar blocked punt TD in end zone, vs. New Mexico State (9/1/01)
- Cory Redding 22-yd INT return, vs. North Carolina (9/8/01)
- Maurice Gordon safety, vs. North Carolina (9/8/01)
- Nathan Vasher 44-yd punt return, vs. North Carolina (9/8/01)
- Dakarai Pearson fumble recovery in end zone, at Baylor (11/3/01)
- Michael Ungar safety, vs. Kansas (11/10/01)
- Marcus Tubbs safety, vs. Kansas (11/10/01)
- Tony Jeffery 23-yd blocked punt return, at Texas A&M (11/23/01)
- Rod Babers 54-yd INT return, vs. Colorado (12/1/01)
- · Beau Trahan 24-yd fake field goal, vs. Houston (9/21/02)
- Michael Huff 27-yd INT return, vs. Houston (9/21/02)
- Selvin Young 71-yd punt return, at Tulane (9/28/02)
- Cedric Griffin 56-yd blocked field goal return, at Tulane (9/28/02)
- Rod Babers 73-yd INT return, vs. Oklahoma (10/12/02)

**BLOCK PARTY:** Texas pulled off the trifecta in blocking a punt, field goal attempt and an extra point at Kansas State (Oct. 19) this season. Marcus Tubbs' block of a 36-yard field goal with one second remaining in that game sealed UT's 17-14 win. The Longhorns have blocked seven kicks (three punts/two field goals/two PATs) this season. Cedric Griffin produced a UT first when he became the first player in Longhorns history to return a blocked field goal for a TD (56-yard return) at Tulane this season. UT's success in 2002 comes a year after the Horns blocked seven kicks (five punts/two field goals) in 2001. Texas returned two of their blocked punts for TDs last year. UT blocked three kicks (two field goals/one PAT) in 2000. The Horns also blocked a punt against Oregon in the Holiday Bowl that year. Led by Terrol Dillon's school-record setting four blocked punts in 1999, UT registered four blocks (four punts) and returned one for a score that season. In 1998, the Horns deflected three PATs and one punt. Texas also blocked a field goal against Mississippi State in the Cotton Bowl. That kick blocking success is a dramatic turn of events since Mack Brown took over the Texas program in 1998. In five seasons (59 games) under Brown, Texas has blocked 27 kicks (14 punts/seven field goals/six PATs). Four of those blocks have resulted in TDs. By comparison, that is 22 more blocked kicks than the five the Longhorns registered in the 59 games prior to Brown's arrival.

RED ZONE SCORING SUCCESS: Texas has been extremely successful when penetrating the "Red Zone" during the Mack Brown era. UT has scored on 27 (20 TDs/seven FGs) of 32 trips (84.4%) into the "Red Zone" this season. That comes one year after UT scored on 51of-58 (41 TDs/10 field goals) - 87.9% - of its trips inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Texas has scored on all 17 of its possessions (14 TDs/three FGs) on first-and-goal this season and has scored on 66 of its last 68 opportunities since 2000. The Longhorns registered points on 38-of-39 (33 TDs/five field goals) of their possessions on first-and-goal in 2001. In fact, the Longhorns streak of 38 consecutive first-and-goal scores came to an end on Oct. 27 at Missouri. In 2000, the Horns scored on 47 (30 TDs/17 FGs) of their 51 drives inside the opponents' 20-yard line (92.7%) and also scored on 27 of their 29 possessions (93.1%/20 TDs/seven FGs) on first and goal. In 1999, UT scored on 51 of 60 trips (85.0%) inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Of those 51 scores, 37 were touchdowns (25 rush/12 pass). Texas was even more productive inside the opponents' 10-yard line, where the Horns tallied 23 TDs and five field goals in 28 attempts on first-and-goal. UT's "Red Zone" success is a continuation of what Mack Brown's squad accomplished in his first season at Texas. In 1998, UT scored on 39 (31 TDs) of 46 trips (84.8%) inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Texas has scored on 215 of 247 trips (87.0%) inside the "Red Zone' during the Brown era.

	TEXAS'	NATIONAL	RANKINGS	SINCE 19	98
2002	AP	USA Today/ESPN	11/5	19th	19th
Preseason	4th		11/12	 14th	15th
8/26		2nd	11/19	12th	13th
9/2		2nd	11/26	12th	
9/8	3rd			12th	
9/15		 2nd			12th
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9/29	2nd	2nd			USA Today/ESPN
10/6	3rd	2nd		17th	
10/13	8th	8th		NR	NR
10/20	7th	7th	9/5	NK	23rd
10/27		7th		NR	23rd
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2001		USA Today/ESPN		15th	
	5th			23rd	23rd
8/27	5th	6th	10/10		19th
9/2	4th	6th		18th	
9/9	5th	6th			12th
9/16	NP	NP	10/31	11th	11th
9/23	5th	5th			10th
9/29	5th	5th		6th	
10/7	11th _	11th		7th	
10/14		8th		12th	
10/21		7th		14th	
10/28		5th	1/4	21st	23rd
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9/24		13th	11/15	25th	NR
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## **2002 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

NORTH DIVISION										
Conference					Overall					
Team	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Colorado	4	0	1.000	159	73	7	2	778	241	163
Iowa State	3	2_	600	125	104	6	3	667	292	191
Kansas State	2	2_	500	133	71	6	2	750	339	107
Nebraska	2	2	500	97	104	6	3	667	265	197
Missouri	1	3	250	111	119	4	4	500	257	203
Kansas	0	5	000	98	216	2	7	222	221	343

## **SOUTH DIVISION**

	Conference				Overall					
Team	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA PA
Oklahoma	3	0	1.000	115	51	7	0	1.000	288	92
TEXAS	3	1	750	79	74	7	1	875	248	106
Texas A&M	2	2_	500	166	108	5	3	625	245	143
Texas Tech	2	2_	500	130	153	5	4	556	314	291
Oklahoma State	1	2_	333	48	82	3	4	429	205	185
Baylor	1	3	250	45	151	3	5	375	154	281

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

## Saturday, Nov. 2

Texas A&M at Oklahoma State, 11:30 a.m. (FOX Sports Net)

Baylor at Texas Tech, 1 p.m.

Kansas State at Kansas, 1 p.m.

Missouri at Iowa State, 1 p.m.

Colorado at Oklahoma, 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Texas at Nebraska, 6 p.m. (FOX Sports Net)

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

## Saturday, Oct. 26

@ Texas 21, Iowa State 10

@ Colorado 37, Texas Tech 13

Kansas State 44, @ Baylor 10

@ Missouri 36, Kansas 12

Nebraska 38, @ Texas A&M 31

## UT STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Passing Yards           Seniors         98.3%           Juniors         0.0%           Sophomores         1.7%           Freshmen         0.0%           Rushing Yards         2.2%           Seniors         9.0%           Sophomores         73.9%           Freshmen         14.9%           Receiving Yards         Seniors           Seniors         6.2%           Juniors         81.5%           Sophomores         7.7%           Freshmen         4.6%           Scoring         16.9%           Juniors         21.8%           Sophomores         39.5%           Freshmen         21.8%           Seniors         20.2%           Juniors         34.6%           Sophomores         18.0%           Freshmen         27.2%           Sacks         Seniors         34.8%           Juniors         27.8%
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## **TEXAS BY THE NUMBERS**

- **2:** Number of shutouts the Texas defense has posted this year, its most in a season since 1991. UT and Oklahoma are the only two teams in the nation to post a pair of shutouts in 2002.
- **2:** Turnovers senior QB Chris Simms has committed in 100 "Red Zone" trips during his career (including bowl games). UT has scored on 89 of those trips inside the opponent's 20-yard line (68 TDs/21 FGs/89.0%).
- **2.9:** Rushing yards per carry opponents have averaged against the UT defense the last 54 games (1,973 rushes for 5,770 yards) dating back to 1998.
- **3:** Senior CB Rod Babers has returned three of his five career interceptions for touchdowns.
- **3.3:** Sacks the Longhorns defense has averaged per game during the last 52 contests (174).
- **9:04:** UT's game-securing 19-play, 80-yard drive that chewed up nine minutes and four seconds during the third and fourth quarters of the Iowa State game was the longest in the Mack Brown era.
- **10:** Times sophomore RB Cedric Benson has been tackled behind the line of scrimmage in 205 carries this season (just once every 20.5 attempts).
- **10:** 100-yard rushers UT's defense has allowed in the last 46 games, compared to five in 1998, seven in '97 and nine in '96.
- **11:** With their 11-2 record last season, the Longhorns posted their first 11-victory campaign since 1983 and only the fifth 11-win season in school history (1963, '65, '77 are the other years).
- **13:** The Longhorns defense has limited 13 of its last 18 opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense and allowed only 248.5 yards per game during that span (4,474 yards).
- **15.6:** Yards per touch junior WR Roy Williams has averaged during his career (142 touches for 2,209 yards).
- **16:** Number of touchbacks sophomore PK Richmond McGee has booted this season. The Longhorns had just five touchbacks in 2001.
- **16:** UT led its opponents for the first 16 quarters of the season. It was the Longhorns' longest streak to open a season since 1965.
- **16.4:** Texas is averaging one interception in every 16.5 pass attempts this season, which is the best ratio in the nation.
- **17:** UT has won 16 consecutive home games, its longest home winning streak since 1968-76, when the Longhorns won a school-record 42 games in a row (No. 6 in NCAA history). It is the third-longest string in school history and the the third-longest active streak nationally.

- **19:** UT's game-securing 19-play drive (for 80 yards) that spanned the third and fourth quarters of the Iowa State game was the longest in the Mack Brown era (by number of plays).
- **24:** Roy Williams has caught at least four passes in 24 of 32 career games (including bowl games) and in 17 of the past 20 contests.
- **24.4:** Junior WR Sloan Thomas' career average yards per touchdown catch (10 for 244 yards).
- **26.5:** Average yards per TD pass for QB Chris Simms the last three seasons (42 TDs for 1,115 yards).
- **27:** Kicks UT has blocked in 59 games under Mack Brown, compared to five blocks in 59 games prior to his arrival.
- **29:** Roy Williams has caught a pass in a UT-record 29 consecutive games (previous: 27, B.J. Johnson, 2000-02).
- **33:** Consecutive weeks the Longhorns have been ranked among *The AP's* Top 15.
- **33:** Senior CB Rod Babers has started a team-best 33 consecutive games.
- **33.5:** Average yards per career TD reception for Texas' junior receiving trio of B.J. Johnson, Sloan Thomas and Roy Williams (37 for 1,241 yards).
- **34.2:** Roy Williams' career average yards per TD catch (18 for 617 yards).
- **35:** When Texas had a punt blocked against Iowa State, it marked the first time in 35 games that UT had a punt blocked (at Texas A&M, 1999).
- **42.3:** B.J. Johnson's career average yards per touchdown catch (nine for 381 yards).
- **43.6:** Percentage of three-and-out drives the UT defense has forced this season (8-of-13, vs. North Texas/7-of-14, at North Carolina/9-of-13, vs. Houston/5-of-15, at Tulane/6-of-14, vs. Oklahoma State/7-of-16, vs. Oklahoma/4-of-14, at Kansas State/2-of-11, vs. Iowa State). The Longhorns forced 73 three-and-outs in 165 opponent possessions last year (44.2%).
- **60:** Consecutive weeks the Horns have been ranked among the *USA Today*/ESPN Top 25.
- **72:** Sophomore PK Dusty Mangum's current UT-record streak of consecutive extra points made.
- **1,106:** Number of sophomore RB Cedric Benson's 1,987 career rushing yards that have come after initial contact (55.7%).

## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

## UT ON THE INTERNET

## www.MackBrown-TexasFootball.com

Up-to-date information on UT's football team is available on the Internet 24 hours a day at www.MackBrown-TexasFootball.com. Quotes from press conferences, releases, feature stories and game notes will be available on the Web site.

## **CYBERCAST**

A cybercast featuring real time play-by-play, game statistics and much more is available for each UT game at www.MackBrown-TexasFootball.com.

## SATELLITE FEED

University of Texas and Big 12 Conference highlights are available weekly on the Big 12 satellite feed. The feed is available on Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. (CT) throughout the season on Telstar 4-C, transponder 11, orbital slot 89W, 3920MHz-Vertical, standard audio channels 6.2-6.8 MHz.

## VIDEO CLIPS

For Texas Longhorns video clips, please contact Mike Miller at Earl Miller Productions (512/458-4343/Fax: 512/458-4485).

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Action shots of UT student-athletes can be requested by contacting Chris Carson of the UT Athletics Photography Department at 512/471-6573

## TEAMLINE

TRZ Sports Services provides live radio play-byplay of all UT football games. Please call 800/846-4700 to access the Longhorn Sports Network broadcast.

## LONGHORN SPORTS CENTER WITH MACK BROWN

Catch UT football action each week on Longhorn Sports Center with Mack Brown. The 30-minute show airs three times each week. Below is this year's schedule.

Sunday	10:30 a.m	KTBC (FOX 7)
	9:30 p.m	KVC (Channel 13)
Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	FOX Sports Net SW

## **INTERVIEW POLICIES**

## Postgame

The Longhorns' locker room is closed. Interview requests should be given to Assistant AD/Media Relations Director John Bianco. Requested players will be brought to the Moncrief-Neuhaus Athletics Complex meeting rooms following home contests and to a designated interview area at road games. NO INTERVIEWS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE FIELD FOLLOWING THE GAME. After a NCAA required and team-enforced 10-minute cooling off period, players and coaches will be escorted to the interview area. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the termination of your press credential.

### **Practice**

Players and coaches are available for interviews following UT football practices. Your requests should be given to Assistant AD/Media Relations Director John Bianco. The coaches and players will be brought to a designated interview area. NO INTERVIEWS ARE ALLOWED DURING PRACTICE OR ON THE FIELD PRIOR TO PRACTICE.

### Phone

Phone interviews with Longhorns players should be requested at least 24 hours in advance through Assistant AD/Media Relations Director John Bianco (office: 512/471-1346/cell: 512/748-9315). Based on the players' schedules, the call will either be made following practice or at an assigned time. The last chance for player interviews is after Wednesday's practice. Phone interviews with coaches and staff members should be requested at least 24 hours in advance through Bill Little (office: 512/471-6062/cell: 512/422-8520). Coaches and staff members are available through Little until Thursday.

## CONFERENCE CALL

Head coach Mack Brown hosts a conference call each Sunday at 2:30 pm (CT). Contact the Texas Athletics Media Relations at 512/471-6036 for the teleconference access number. Brown also participates in the Big 12 Conference's weekly coaches conference call each Monday from 11:20-11:30 a.m. Contact Big 12 Media Relations Director Bo Carter at 214/742-1212 for the teleconference access number.

## LONGHORN SPORTS NETWORK

For complete coverage of Texas Longhorns football, tune into the Longhorn Sports Network. Craig Way (play-by-play), Keith Moreland (color) and Brian Jones (sidelines) call the action.

City	Call Letters	Frequency
Alpine	KVLF	1240 AM
Amarillo	KPUR	1440 AM
Austin	KVET	1300 AM
	KVET	98.1 FM
Beaumont	KIKR	1450 AM
Big Spring	KBST	1490 AM
Brownwood		
Bryan	WTAW	1150 AM
Carthage		
Coleman	KSTA	102.3 FM
Corpus Christi	KSIX	1230 AM
Crockett	KIVY	1290 AM
Dallas	KAAM	770 AM
Fort Stockton	KFST	860 AM
Houston	KILT	610 AM
Liberty	KSHN	99.9 FM
Llano	KBLK	92.5 FM
Longview		
Lubbock		
Lufkin		
Marshall		
Midland	KRIL	1410 AM
	KMND	
Orange	KOGT	1600 AM
Raymondville	KSOX	1240 AM
Rusk	KTLU	1580 AM
RuskSan Angelo	KKSA	1260 AM
San Antonio	KTKR	760 AM
	WOAI	
San Saba		
Texarkana	KCMC	740 AM
Tyler	KTBB	600 AM
Waco		
Wichita Falls		

**NOTE:** Broadcasts also are available at www.MackBrown-TexasFootball.com.

## SPANISH RADIO NETWORK

UT radio broadcasts also are available in Spanish on the following stations. Dr. Ruben Pizarro (playby-play), Joe Morales (color) and Raul Saenz (color) call the action.

City	Call Letters	Frequency
Austin	KTXZ	1560 AM
Harlingen_	KGBT	1530 AM