



## Rivalry in the stands

The Jenks-Union showdown is about more than just which team wins on the field. It's also about bragging rights for one school over another.

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STEPHEN HOLMAN / Tulsa World file

Tulsa officials will petition the NCAA for an additional year of eligibility for injured running back Courtney Tennial.

### TU FOOTBALL

## Tennial lost for season

► The senior injured his ankle in an Aug. 6 preseason practice.

By ERIC BAILEY  
World Sports Writer

Tulsa running back Courtney Tennial will miss the 2007 season with an ankle injury, the school announced on Wednesday.

Tennial, a senior from Glenpool, suffered the injury during an Aug. 6 practice. University officials will petition the NCAA for an additional year of eligibility for Tennial.

"We think we have a good chance," TU coach Todd Graham said following Wednesday's practice. "It would be a shame if he didn't get another year."

Tennial, who wasn't available for comment, transferred to TU after spending two years at Oklahoma. He redshirted in 2003 and didn't play in 2004.

After sitting out in 2005 because of transfer rules, Tennial was the Golden Hurricane's leading rusher with 862 yards and 14 touchdowns last season.

"You hate to see that happen to a guy that loves the game as much as he does," said running back Tarrion Adams.

Graham was hoping Tennial could return this season. "We wanted to wait and make sure that he couldn't make it back," he said. "We're just hoping and praying that we can get him out here for a sixth year. That's what we're counting on."

TU's last "six-year" player was Wes Caswell. The wide receiver, in his senior season, received a medical hardship in 1997 after injuring his knee in the second game and returned for the 1998 campaign.

Graham said freshman running backs will be asked to help Adams and Jamad Williams, who had 129 and 88 yards respectively in a 35-17 win at Louisiana-Monroe.

"This also pushes Charles Clay to the forefront," Graham said. "Jamad Williams played well, and we have to get Charlie (Opeseyitan) developed to where he's ready to go."

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## Drillers drop soggy Game One

► Springfield's newest player complicates Tulsa's night.

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo — Springfield's newest position player, third baseman Allen Craig, hit a two-run home run to key a three-run sixth in the Cardinals' 4-3 victory over Tulsa Wednesday night at Hammons Field.

A Hammons Field crowd of 6,136 braved a one-hour, 50-minute rain delay and saw the regular season Texas League North Division champs rally from a 3-1 deficit to take the first game of the best-of-five series.

Craig was called up to replace Rico Washington, who broke a bone in his face after a collision with left fielder Amaury Marti during a game last week.

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### TEXAS LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

#### Tulsa vs. Springfield

Radio: KTBB am1430 (Friday game KAKC am1300)

Game 1:	Springfield 4, Tulsa 3 (Springfield leads 1-0)
Game 2:	Thursday At Springfield 7:10 p.m.
Game 3:	Friday Vs. Springfield 7:05 p.m.
Game 4*:	Saturday Vs. Springfield 7:05 p.m.
Game 5*:	Sunday At Springfield 6:10 p.m.

\* - if necessary



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL: FLORIDA ATLANTIC (1-0) AT OKLAHOMA STATE (0-1)

6:05 p.m. Saturday • Boone Pickens Stadium, Stillwater • Radio: KFAQ am1170, KRVT am1270



JACOB HAND / For the Tulsa World

Despite losing 43 work days because of adverse weather, OSU officials say construction on the west end of Boone Pickens Stadium is ahead of schedule.

# A new view



MATT BARNARD / Tulsa World file

A year ago, the west end structure was a hole in the ground.

## West end of OSU stadium now enclosed

By BILL HAISTEN  
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STILLWATER — During the 2006 season, Oklahoma State fans could look to the west, immediately beyond Boone Pickens Stadium, and see an enormous hole created by the removal of 90,000 cubic yards of dirt.

On Saturday, during OSU's 6:05 p.m. meeting with Florida Atlantic, Cowboy fans will notice that the hole is gone.

What they will see instead is the future of the OSU football program.

"People who haven't been here for a while, they'll be amazed," said Marty Sargent, OSU's associate athletic director in charge of facilities.

In spite of losing 43 work days because of adverse weather, university officials report

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## MORE OSU FOOTBALL INSIDE

What kind of traffic conditions should fans expect heading into Stillwater this week? Please see page B-3

## What sports figures really say (plus picks)

THIS TIME, we predict what they're saying behind the scenes.

Arizona coach Mike Stoops: Hello, Bekins?

Florida State's Bobby Bowden: When's our first game?

Lou Holtz of TV fame: Sufferin' succotash.

Lloyd Carr, still of Michigan: How does this wig look?

ESPN's Mark May: If it's the first time I'm saying it, how can it be second-guessing?

ESPN's Lee Corso: OK men, let's go to work. Where are we?

ESPN's Neil Everett: You don't think loud nerds like sports, too? OSU play-by-play announcer: Water pistols firing.

OU play-by-play announcer: Is this thing on?

Boone Pickens, global: Everybody in Stillwater is on the clock.

ESPN's Chris Fowler: Who's wishy-washy, I just happen to like every team the same amount.



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NFL announcer Phil Simms: Somebody call a doctor, I can't stop talking nonstop about nothing in this shrill monotone of mine.

Texas coach Mack Brown: Where has all the air gone? ESPN's Chris Berman: I miss the '60s.

OU's Dean Blevins: I'm going to lead the 10 o'clock sports with

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## Iglesias like Clayton, but Stoops disagrees

NORMAN — They wear the same number, play the same position for the same school, and came to Oklahoma from the same state.

And that, according to football coach Bob Stoops, is where the sameness ends between former OU wide receiver Mark Clayton and current Sooner wideout Juquan Iglesias.

I beg to differ. So this is one of those friendly occurrences where Stoops and yours truly have agreed to disagree.

It's not the first time, and Stoops is usually right. He's also one of those rare



TY RUSSELL / Associated Press

OU receiver Juquan Iglesias had 169 total yards against North Texas.

### SOONERS EXTRA

OU's Jermaine Gresham almost ended up on the visitors side this week.

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