

Slight Limit Put On Scholarships

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The Southwest Conference has placed a slightly flexible limit of 100 football and 20 basketball scholarships on its athletes.

This figure will be arrived at through a two-year average and it isn't likely anybody will howl if a school goes one or two over the mark.

The conference, like most athletic organizations, always puts in some exceptions when it passes a rule. This is because all angles of the situation are studied and there is no desire to penalize in cases of hardship.

The limit has two reasons: economic and equalization of competition. It cost from \$800 to \$1,400 a year to house, feed and educate the athlete with denominational schools higher than state schools because of more tuition. If a school gives out 120 scholarships it is spending about \$150,000. Adding in the scholarships in other sports—which are not being limited—and the total would run around \$200,000. That's about all a college can afford to spend on the athletes since there are other expenses, like paying the coaches, maintaining stadiums, operating the non-paying sports, etc.

The limit will prevent one school hogging all the athletes if it was so inclined—that is signing up more than it needed just to keep the others from getting their share. And it prevents the richer schools getting more athletes than the ones that don't take in as much money at the gate.

The limit also will cut out the practice of "red shirting"—that is, having athletes lay out a season because they are not needed. The schools can't afford to red shirt because they won't have a surplus of athletes.

The practice of signing an athlete for say track when he's really going to play football so it won't count on the number in football will be eliminated. The rule says

that any athlete who plans to participate in football must be counted as a football scholarship even though he's going to play basketball too. Any athlete who is going to play baseball and basketball must be signed as a basketball scholarship.

A conference member can exceed the average under certain circumstances. If it loses athletes thru injury or illness or one flunks out of college, they can be replaced by signing other athletes even though it may put the school over the limit.

While the conference announced that no penalties for violation of the rule were prescribed, this actually is not the case. If a school exceeds the limit without justification or valid excuse its case will be studied by the conference and penalties meted out. What the conference meant to say was that there were not specific penalties, such as probation for a certain time, expulsion or fine but any penalty thought, just can be assessed.

It isn't likely that the rule will have any effect on the way the conference members have been limiting scholarships to 100 for football and 20 for basketball on the average anyway. That's why those figures were selected. But anyway, it won't bring a repetition of the story that went the rounds during the two-platoon days:

The coach asked the college president for more football players. "How many do you have?" inquired the president. "We have 88," said the coach. "Well, that's eight teams isn't it," shot back the president. "But," wailed the coach, "we need a few substitutes."

SPORTS SECTION



Rocky Ducks Flat Answer For Comeback

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON—Former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano ducked a flat answer Wednesday as to whether he might try a comeback.

"I really don't know," Marciano told the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee. "It's an exciting thought."

A newsman told Marciano he interpreted this as meaning the door was not definitely closed to a comeback.

"It's pretty hard to close the last inch," Marciano replied.

The retired undefeated heavyweight champ was among witnesses who testified in favor of the federal government helping to clean up boxing.

The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., has before it a bill sponsored by Kefauver and Sen. Clair Engle, D-Calif., to establish an office of boxing commissioner within the Department of Justice.

The hearings began Wednesday and will continue through Friday.

National Foes Invade SWC

Southwest Conference football teams will take on opponents this fall literally from all corners of the United States. The 24-game non-conference includes meetings with Washington State University (Texas), Southern California (SMU), UCLA (TCU), Florida (Rice) and Boston College (Texas Tech).

Only two institutions—Louisiana State and the Air Force Academy—appear on the SWC non-conference slate more than once. Rice

opens with LSU in Houston (Sept. 23) and A&M travels to Baton Rouge a week later to meet the Tigers.

The Air Force Falcons invade Texas twice. They play SMU in Dallas (Oct. 7) and Baylor in Waco (Nov. 18).

The Southeast Conference furnishes five non-conference foes (Ole Miss, Georgia Tech and Mississippi State in addition to LSU and Florida) while the Far West

offers four (California, USC, UCLA and Washington State).

Conference teams will play 21 night games this fall, eight of them counting in the battle for the league championship.

Every school opens its season on Sept. 23, and five of the teams will be playing home games. Inaugural games within the state of Texas include A&M vs. Houston at College Station, Baylor vs. Wake Forest at Waco, Rice vs. Louisiana State at Houston, SMU vs. Mary-

land at Dallas and TCU vs. Texas at Fort Worth.

Texas and A&M, meeting earlier this year than usual, finish their schedules no earlier than five of the other schools. The traditional Thanksgiving skirmish is booked for November at College Station.

Arkansas is the only institution concluding its regular season in November, meeting Texas Tech at Little Rock on Nov. 11.



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'500' Drivers Meet To Collect \$400,000 Purse

By The Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS—The 33 drivers in Tuesday's golden anniversary 500-mile auto race, some in bandages but all present, met Wednesday night to divide \$400,000.

More than a quarter of the loot, depending on how many special accessory prizes he could claim, was earmarked for race winner A. J. Foyt of Houston and his car co-owners, Bob Bowes, Indianapolis manufacturer, and George Bignotti, Burlingame, Calif., master mechanic and designer.

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