

# SWC Allows Each Member 22 Frosh Football Signees

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The Southwest Conference has a plan under which each member is allowed to sign 22 boys to letters of intent to become freshmen in football. This means they will not be able to go to another conference school without loss of eligibility as both a freshman or sophomore.

The idea was to cut down on the recruiting strife to make it possible for a coach to sign a boy and then know that there was no danger of an opponent taking him. The coaches also said this was better for the boy, since it removed the strain he would be subjected to if he had to have all the scouts visiting him repeatedly.

A LIMIT was set by the conference fathers because they didn't want any school to have an advantage. If it was unlimited, it was argued, the big schools might sign all the top boys, therefore, a limit meant the proper distribution of the better athletes.

The coaches, who never have enough players in their opinion (they didn't think so even in the two-platoon days), weren't satisfied. They decided the figure was

too low and that it handicapped them in their recruiting. They decided to sign any number they wanted to to letters of intent but file only 22. The others would be covered by a gentleman's agreement among the coaches stipulating that they would honor each other's unfilled letters. The coaches were, in effect, changing the rule worked out by the conference fathers.

The agreement was a hastily arranged affair and no specific rules were worked out. Boys who were not on file but wanted to

change to other schools were not covered. The coaches figured to get around that by a system of releases. In other words, if a boy wanted to change to another school, the coach of that other school would get a release on the boy from the original school. Of course, if the original school didn't want to release the boy he couldn't change, under the gentleman's agreement. Actually it would seem in a case like this the boy should be the one to decide since he wasn't legally bound under the letter of intent rule.

## A&M Cross-Country Team To Open Season Saturday

The Aggies, defending Southwest Conference champions, opens the 1962 cross-country season in a dual meet with the University of Houston and Lamar Tech at Houston Saturday.

The meet marks the debut of Ray Putnam, who is serving his first season as head coach of the A&M cross-country team and assistant to track Coach Charles Thomas.

E. L. Ener and Ilhan Bilgutay are expected to lead the Cadet runners with Putnam seeking depth from his sophomore and junior ranks.

Ener won the SWC three-mile race last season in a record time of 14:11.8 and Bilgutay finished third in the same event in 14:31.9.

Other team members are Bill Doreen, Randy Smith, John Fulkerson and Jerry Anderson, all

juniors; and Herbie Campbell, Jim Sebastian, Earl Myers and Bob Gilbreath, sophomores.

The Aggies have an eight meet schedule including the annual SWC Meet which will be here November 19.

The schedule:  
Sept. 29: Houston and Lamar Tech at Houston.

Oct. 5: Houston at College Station.

Oct. 13: Howard Payne and ACC at College Station.

Oct. 19: A&M Invitational at College Station.

Oct. 27: Texas at College Station.

Nov. 3: Texas Invitational at Austin.

Nov. 10: Brownwood Invitational at Brownwood.

Nov. 19: SWC Meet at College Station.



Cadet Aerial

Aggie quarterback John Erickson lofts a pass over the heads of LSU defending linemen in Saturday night's season-opening clash in Baton Rouge. The Farmer passing game worked fairly well in the 21-0 defeat—they completed 10 of 19 for 206 yards. Rushing Erickson are Chinese Bandits Milton Trosclair (60) and Mike Morgan (86).

## INTRAMURALS

This year's intramural program will begin Oct. 1, according to Charles E. McCandless, intramural director.

### Fish Gridders Begin Practice

Head Coach Hank Foldberg's "revitalization" program took definite shape a week ago as freshmen football drills began on Kyle Field.

Coaches Dick Johnson and Jack O'Brien will be in charge of the frosh as they prepare for their opener Oct. 3 in Ft. Worth against the TCU Wogs.

1962 Fish Schedule

Oct. 3	TCU	Ft. Worth
Oct. 18	Baylor	Waco
Oct. 25	Houston	Kyle Field
Nov. 8	Rice	Kyle Field
Nov. 21	Texas	Kyle Field

The first event will be swimming, open to all classes. McCandless urged athletic officers to get their units over to the pool and practice. As a rule the outfits have been waiting until the day of the race to discover who can and cannot swim. The results have been surprising.

Two other items of importance: Each unit will be issued a football and scrimmage practice for freshman flag football will be held Oct. 1-4.

Oct. 8 is the day scheduled for the start of basketball, handball and ping pong for upperclassman. On the same day freshman will begin flag football, horseshoe pitching and bowling.

This year the intramural program will have four senior managers. They are Jim Guiberteau, John Vunwalt, Mike Shively and Paul Smith. Again this year the program will be under the direction of Charles E. McCandless.

## Liston Takes Title With 1st Round KO

CHICAGO (AP) — Sonny Liston, an immense hulk of a man with an unsavory past, became the new heavyweight boxing champion of the world Tuesday night by knocking out Floyd Patterson with a stunning left hook to the jaw in 2:06 of the first round.

The flash ending came as a surprise to the stunned crowd at Comiskey Park because it was the first real solid punch of the fight.

Not since Rocky Marciano stopped Jersey Joe Walcott in the first round in a Chicago defense in 1953 had a heavyweight title fight ended with a first-round knockout.

This was the third fastest of the nine first-round KO's scored in this division's title history and only two seconds more than Joe Louis required to drop Max Baer in their historic rematch in 1938.

The fastest knockout in heavyweight title history was the 1:28 by Tommy Burns over Jim Roche in Dublin, March 17, 1908.

Liston, carrying a weight advantage of 25 pounds, had dominated the early moments of the

bout before he pulled the trigger on the left hook.

Patterson ran into the flash hook from this hungry, manly man from Philadelphia by way of Pine Bluff, Ark., and St. Louis. Down went the 27-year-old defending champ, wearing a look of complete surprise.

Patterson went down on his side, turning slowly. He started to pull his way off the deck, but referee Frank Sikora tolled count.

Floyd still was trying to get up when Sikora signaled the knockout.

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