



FROM THE

Sidelines

By Jim Butler

The following will be an explanation, perhaps only a conglomeration, of the "policies" of the '62 sports staff of The Battalion.

In the first place, although we are so-called journalists, we are shamelessly pro-Aggie. This only means, however, that we want to see the Aggies win every game and every divisional championship they may win in every sport. And, according to journalism textbooks, sports-writers are the only ones allowed to show the least bit of bias in their writing—so we reserve that right.

At the same time we don't feel our duty to act solely as morale-boosters. We will, however, from time to time "sneak" in something of that nature if it is not too unchivalrous.

Secondly, we feel that it is our duty to do as much as possible to further the cause of minor sports at A&M. Our thinking here is that most of the major sports here are well-covered by most of the big city dailies, whereas athletic activities confined to the campus, which seldom receive any publicity, would be better covered here.

Being students, and members of a limited staff, we are unable to give as much coverage to these minor sports as we'd like. We

need the help of members of the various clubs and teams in accumulating information.

The minor sports to which we refer are those like handball, wrestling, skydiving, fencing, bowling and many others. We feel that these are an integral part of athletics at A&M and that they involve a large number of Aggies who deserve recognition.

With regard to intramurals our thinking is the same as that cited above about minor sports. It is an important phase of the sports program at Aggie land. There was a time in the not-too-distant past when the intramural program at A&M was the largest in the country. It still ranks among the leaders and we are proud of it. We would like to see it rank on top again, but, more important, we want to see it receive the overall student interest it used to. There are a number of men and students who devote a generous share of their time and efforts in an attempt to make intramurals a benefit to the students of A&M.

Sports at A&M—all of them—are good. They only infringe on the academic aspects of this school when the participants and supporters allow them to. Those who are skeptical might change their minds if they would participate.

INTRAMURALS

Intramural managers are reminded to list the first and last names of each contestant participating in the intramural events. As a rule, managers have been given only listing the last name. The complete name is needed for re-awarding the winners.

Five flag football games were played Tuesday. Winners were D-2 over Sqd. 9, 10-0; B-3 beat Sqd. 10, 8-0; D-2 won over Sqd. 15, 14-6; D-2 topped Sqd. 5, 8-6; and Sqd. 11 defeated F-2, 6-0.

Individual winners for D-2 were

James Parks, Rudy Gomez, Don Simmons, John Allen, Robert Hux, Charles Massay, Bill Spaw, Boyd Wilson, and Al Lederer. Winning members for Sqd. 11 were Guy Harris, Bill Reid, Larry Tenison, Bobby Williams, Don Peterson, Bill Wilson, Ron McDaniel, and Bernard Murray.

Class A basketball winners were Sqd. 10 over C-2, 32-18; E-2 beat Sqd. 14, 21-13; B-2 won over A-1, 24-12; and F-3 topped B-3, 24-23.

Handball winners, upperclassman division, were F-1 over A-2, 3-0; Sqd. 1 beat C-1, 2-1; and Sqd.

SPORTS SECTION



Head Blocks Called Unsafe By TMA

The Texas Medical Association has declared that "helmet" or "head blocking" may result in serious deformities or damage to the nervous systems of football players. This statement, along with a recommendation that the practice be discontinued in junior and senior high school football was released by the TMA Tuesday.

"Chronic damage to the brain, neck or spinal cord are the residual consequences of this practice," explained Dr. Robert G. McCorkle of Austin, chairman of a special TMA committee to study the problem. He added, "and death can result if the injury is severe enough."

County medical societies are being notified of the special committee's recommendations, and have been asked to act locally by acquainting coaches and trainers of the danger in the use of "helmet blocking." Local societies will request that this technique be discontinued.

9 topped F-2, 2-1. Team winners for Sqd. 1 were Bill Crawford, Gary Duplissey, Jerry Levy, Frank Pearce, Leo Padgett, and Pat Wilcox.

Other winners in handball, this time for Sqd. 9; Rik Brown, Kit Alverson, Hank Haliasz, Bob McCue, Bob Wilson, and William Herrman.

In the freshman horseshoe pitching, winners were Sqd. 3, who downed Sqd. 14, 2-1; Sqd. 6, victor over Sqd. 4, 3-0; C-2, who defeated E-1, 2-1; D-1, was out-scored 3-0; G-1, who took a 2-1 decision from Sqd. 8, and C-3, 2-1 winner over G-2.

SWC, Big 8, To Agree Soon

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Writer
The Southwest and Big Eight Conferences are going to work out an agreement to recognize each other's letters of intent.

The Southwest has had this little recruiting weapon for a number of years but the Big Eight is just now adopting it. Bud Wilkinson, coach of Oklahoma, once said he didn't approve of it; it smacked too much of professionalism.

UNDER THE LETTER of intent a schoolboy athlete signs up to attend one of the conference schools. He can't go to any other school in the conference without forfeiting his freshman and sophomore years of eligibility.

That didn't mean, however, that some school outside the Southwest Conference couldn't sign him. Oklahoma signed quite a few of the letter of intent athletes, which brought howls of discontent from the conference members. Some of the coaches hinted that Oklahoma liked it that way—it would just wait until the boy was locked up so far as the Southwest Conference was concerned then move in and take the athlete since there was no competition from any of the conference schools.

It would seem that Oklahoma would want to go on like that but now it develops that the Big Eight, of which Oklahoma is a member, has decided it wants the letter of intent and also an agreement with the Southwest that the two leagues will recognize each other's letter.

Obviously the Southwest is getting the better of the deal. Southwest Conference schools seldom sign athletes from the Big Eight area. This year there are only six in the entire conference that are Oklahoma boys. There are none from Kansas, Iowa, Colorado or Missouri.

OKLAHOMA, on the other hand, has 18 Texas boys on its squad.

But with the agreement Oklahoma won't be signing any of the Texas letter of intent boys, thus there will be a falloff in the number of Texans on the Oklahoma squad although Oklahoma still will be able to recruit Texas boys. The Sooners will only have to pass up the youngsters who have signed letters of intent. Now Oklahoma will have to start recruiting in Texas as soon as the date falls; it won't be able to let the Southwest schools in effect do recruiting for it.

The agreement between the two conferences will only affect them and won't apply to any other league unless it should by chance want in.



... Standout Against Gators
Ronnie Carpenter, junior tackle from Marshall, drew praise from Coach Hank Foldberg for his play in the Aggies' 42-6 defeat last Saturday. The 6-2, 220 lb. letterman has recovered from a heat stroke in fall practice to fight for a place on Foldberg's starting unit.

Professors Launch Attack On Waists During Lunch

A group of A&M faculty and staff members have launched a "double-barreled attack on the waistline." According to Carl W. Landiss of the Department of Health and Physical Education, the first workout of the Faculty High Noon Physical Fitness Class was held at noon Wednesday.

Landiss said the class will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the lunch hour and all faculty and staff members are welcome. The class is primarily for conditioning, but if interest is sufficient and the physical condition of the participants merits, there may be recreational sports offered also, he added.

The "double-barreled attack" refers to less intake of food with increased exercise, explained Landiss. Attempts will be made to improve the muscle tone of the participants.

Landiss' wife works on campus and he doesn't go home for lunch. He said that he had been taking advantage of the lunch hour to get in some exercise. Landiss said that this gave him the idea that others might like to join him. He

added that a number of men had expressed like desires to him.

The P.E. department has entered a physical fitness class for Staff and Faculty members at 5 p.m. on weekdays for about two years. This time, however, was found to be inconvenient for many who wanted to participate, said Landiss.

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