



FROM THE Sidelines

By JIM BUTLER

Trying to justify the University of Houston's recent plea to join the inner circle of the Southwest Conference, Cougar Athletic Director Harry Fouke nixed the idea that a nine-team league was too big.

"The Big Ten is larger. So is the Southeastern Conference. As far as inter-sectional games are concerned, we would play any of the Southwest Conference schools and be a better opponent than at least one of the teams they would play in inter-sectional competition," Fouke told the Houston Post.

Either on purpose or intentionally, the Cougar AD didn't think about the Aggies before making his statement. Or Baylor. Or SMU. Or TCU. Or Rice.

Baylor and A&M already schedule UH along with Kentucky and Oregon State for BU and Ohio State and LSU for A&M.

How much better opponent is Houston than these? And a larger conference would definitely not mean a better conference. Take the situation of the two collegiate organizations cited by Fouke—Big Ten and SEC.

No school in either of these conferences plays all the other schools. Thus two teams often tie for the title without playing one another. The result: confusion.

But it just doesn't seem right for a Texas state supported university with the second highest enrollment not to be one of the gang. But where there's a will...

The solution is simple—trade! Exchange Houston for a current member.

Arkansas would be the first logical choice, being outside the state and much closer to the three surrounding conferences—Big Eight, SEC and Missouri Valley.

The next logical choice would be the University of Texas. Since they feel they are completely out of everyone else's league, they might as well be.

Aggie Netters Score Shutout Off NT Eagles

The A&M tennis team produced a skunk here Wednesday, and the team that received the bad gas was North Texas University by way of a 6-0 defeat with the Aggies taking every set.

It was a clean sweep for the Maroon netters, both in singles and doubles matches.

Luis Rojas defeated Roland Ingram, 6-3, 6-3; Richard Barker topped Charles Chrane, 6-2, 6-0; Raul Contreras beat Roland Radar, 6-3, 6-4; and Ricky Williams took Joe Ragsby, 6-0, 6-2.

Rojas and Contreras teamed in the doubles to take Chrane and Ingram, 6-1, 8-6, while Barker and Williams defeated Radar and Ragsby, 9-7, 8-6.

Freshman tennis play Wednesday saw Haskell Wright of A&M defeat Jerry Morris of Navarro Junior College, 7-5, 9-7, but Chun-ky Curlee lost to Navarro's Bill Grubbs, 6-4, 6-4.

Las Vegas Joins New Grid League

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—Las Vegas, Nev. has become the fifth member of the recently-organized North American Football League, which will begin play in September if a sixth club can be located as late as June 15.



Filling New Position

Senior Bill Hancock has been moved from the third base spot he filled for two years to the crouching antics of catcher. The red-haired lefty is handling the new job well and swinging a big bat for the Aggies.

Fish Track Debut Slated Saturday

It's opening day at Kyle Field Saturday as the Fish track team makes its debut in a triangle meet against the University of Texas Shortorns and the Rice Owlets. The meet will be run off simultaneously with the A&M varsity-LSU-Rice meet.

Leading the freshmen into competition will be Texas shot put champion Randy Matson, high jumper Mike Schrider, sprinter James White, sprinter-field man

Buddy Woodall and miler Geoffrey Earl.

These, along with several other former state schoolboy champions form "the best all-around freshman team I've ever had here," Coach Charlie Thomas said.

Action will start at 1 p.m., with the field events, featuring Matson and Jack Pyburn in the shot put. Matson and Pyburn, the 1963 Louisiana discus champ, will also be in the discus along with Randy Juge.

The Fish will have depth in the high jump with 6-7 leaper Schrider and two 6-0 jumpers, Junge and Stephen Holtz. The mile run will also see Aggies stacked with the likes of Earl, Texas 4A champion in 1963, Danny Clifton, Class B state champ, and Johnnie Cosper, Don Smith and Bob Smith.

A&M's 440-yard relay will be of Don Price, Buster Mason, Woodall and White. In the 100 and 220-yard dashes will be White, Price and Mason. White was the Class 4A winner in both the 100 and 220 last season.

Competing in the 440-yard dash for the Aggie Fish will be Larry McGough, Darrell Wilk and David Jeffrey. The Maroon mile relay unit will be Arie Britt, White, Woodall and McGough.

Taking charge of the hurdles, both 120-yard and 440-yard, will be Robert Ginsback. Earl Edwards will enter the pole vault with Joe Moseley while Woodall, Holtz and Moseley will be in the broad jump.

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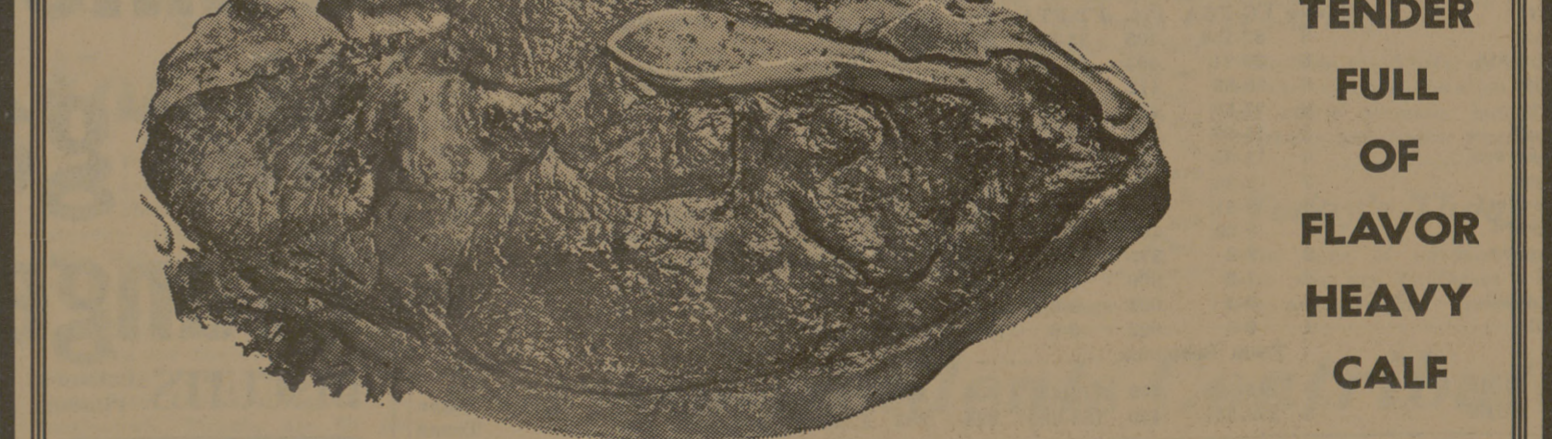
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