Texas Tech Ruled Ineligible; Against St. Edwards, Texas Aggie Cagers Get New Life

LUBBOCK (AP) - Texas Tech, leading the Southwest Conference basketball race, withdrew from championship consideration Thursday because it found one of its top players-Norman Reuther-scholastically ineligible.

Tech also will not participate in post-season playoffs for what Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the conference, termed "an honest mistake."

None of Tech's games will be forfeited and it will play out the schedule. The team from the remainder of the conference that finishes with the highest percentage will be champion and play in the NCAA.

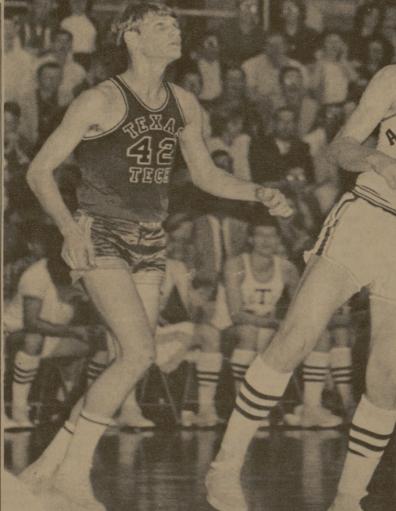
Dr. J. William Davis, chairman of the faculty athletic committee, told a called news conference at 6 p.m. that it had been belatedly discovered that Norman Reuther, Tech's star forward, had not passed the required number of accumulative hours over the past two semesters.

The news hit basketball-conscious Lubbock and the South Plains like a bombshell.

Davis told newsmen in a prepared statement that Reuther, one of Tech's top scorers and rebounders, had passed only nine hours during the fall semester and 10 last spring for an accumulative total of 19 hours, one shy of the required number.

He said, "In an effort to ascertain the eligibility of all the basketball team members, I asked for a preliminary report from the registrar's office shortly after midterm. In receiving the report," Dr. Davis said, "I inadvertently did not notice that Reuther's hours for both semesters did not meet the minimum requirements for Southwest Conference eligibility.

"Last Wednesday," he said, "Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the Southwest Conference, called me and said the discrepancy in Reuther's record has been discovered during a routine check, and asked that we investigate."



TECH'S NORMAN REUTHER . shown in action against the Aggies Feb. 9.

A&M-Baylor Dual Meet Here Saturday The A&M-Baylor dual track uled at this time but had been guard slots he will choose among meet has been re-scheduled for postponed earlier in the week be-

Saturday afternoon at Kyle Field. The field events begin at 2:30 p.m. and the running events start

The meet was originally sched- proved.

cause of the icy weather. A&M Paul Olivier.

By LANI PRESSWOOD

Southwest Conference race into a and Roy Salazar. The last three four-team dogfight. A&M, Texas, singles matches will be played Byrne, Climmie, Harriman, and Rebional winners will add Replayed Byrne, Climmie, Harriman, and Rebional winners will add Replayed Replayed Byrne, Climmie, Harriman, and Rebional winners will add Replayed Repl SMU, and Baylor all have a chance either by Dean Dyer, Bob Neal or McMillen. at the crown. The Mustangs have Bill O'bryant. an 8-3 record, Texas and Baylor Rojas and Aldrich will team up are both 7-4, and A&M owns a 6-5 for the first doubles match, Sass-

For the Cadets to win, they must while Salazar and O'bryant will take all three of their remaining play the third. contests. Besides Texas, Tech and SMU are also on the schedule. If were a little favored, but that the the Ags captured all three, if contest would be a close one. The Texas beat Baylor, and if Baylor A&M-Corpus Christi match origistopped SMU, the championship nally scheduled for March 5 has would wind up in a four-way tie. Saturday night's action will bear heavily on the eventual outcome

of the race. Baylor and SMU will be battling in Dallas while the Aggies and Steers are warring in Gregory Gym.

Shelby Metcalf's Aggies are riding a three-game winning streak as they roll into Austin. Twice in the last three contests the Ags have cracked the century mark in

In those clashes the Cadets have displayed a run-and-shoot offense and a full-court zone press on defense much of the time.

The Aggies will likely counter with SWC scoring leader John Beasley at center, Ken Norman and Bill Gasway at forwards, and Paul Timmins and Dick Rector at the guard posts.

Bradley will probably start big men Larry Franks, John Paul Fultz, and Mickey White. At the

track mentor Charley Thomas and A capacity crowd is expected for Baylor coach Clyde Hart agreed the 8 p.m. tipoff. The A&M Fish over the telephone to re-schedule close out their season in a prelim the event after conditions improved. against the Texas Yearlings at 5:45.

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The removal of Texas Tech from title consideration has thrown the Southwest Conference race into a large of the six singles and three doubles matches during the first one scheduled, pitting A&M's Luis Rojas against his brother Julio. Following the Rojas match for the Aggies will be the first one scheduled, pitting A&M's Luis Rojas against his brother Julio. Following the Rojas match for the Aggies will be Wood, Kaster, Bethel, Holder, White, Pettit, Burgower, and Patterson. Patterson may not start due to sickness.

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man and Dyer will be in the second

Coach Smith said the Aggies been re-scheduled for March 1.

Coach Adamson said the outlook

The Aggie tennis and swimming for the A&M-UT dual swim meet teams both travel to Austin for this weekend's competition.

for the A&M-UT dual swim meet looks like a tough battle for the this weekend's competition.

Scheduled Saturday in G. White Coliseum.

Cadets. He said UT has had a Wills Point meets Fairfield. The termis team will challenge fine year with a strong team. The curtain-raiser, a Class A St. Edward's Saturday while the Aggies have had their troubles West Sabine and Lorena be aquamen are taking on the Uni- with injuries, sickness, and scho- the other Class A skirms

ersity of Texas squad.

There will be six singles and Starting for the fish at 2 p.m.

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