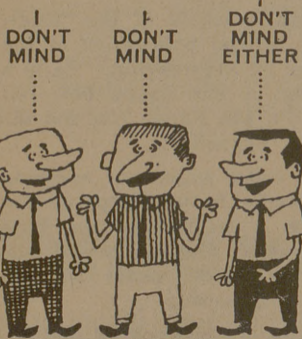


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FROM THE
Sidelines

By Gerald Garcia

The Unfair Flip

The Texas Longhorns did it again! They can have the worst team in the Southwest Conference and still manage to win the championship. This time it was in baseball.

After TCU had beaten Texas A&M Saturday, 4-0, behind the tight three-hit pitching of Tom Gramly to throw the SWC into a four-way tie between A&M, TCU, Texas and Baylor, conference officials tossed a coin to decide the conference representative in the NCAA play offs. As usual, Texas won.

But Texas is lucky. They will not have to be embarrassed in Omaha, Neb., during the NCAA playoffs because they must first meet the University of Houston in a two-out-of-three series, and with the team the Longhorns have, they will be lucky to get by Houston.

Of course this is incidental to the whole thing. What conference officials should have done was to have a playoff between the four teams to decide the representatives. But no, conference fathers gave the excuse of finals exams coming up and there would be no time for a playoff since a district series would have to be played before the Omaha tournament. No time!

The NCAA playoffs are not until June 13. Houston and Texas will play Wednesday and Thursday of this week so what is the winner going to do for two weeks before the national playoffs? A SWC playoff between the four teams which tied for the lead at a neutral site would have been much more appropriate. The winner would at least have known that he was the winner because he beat his competitors on the field, not on luck.

The coaches of the teams involved expressed disappointment in the way the conference representative was decided.

"It's ridiculous," TCU coach Frank Windegger said. "We play all season for the championship and the chance to get to the playoffs. Then it's decided by a coin flip. Ridiculous."

"I'm going to fight to have the rule changed. Even if we had won the flip, I would have wanted the rule changed. It's just not fair to the kids," Windegger concluded.

The rule which Windegger wants changed was initiated in 1954 and states that a coin flip will decide the race in case of a tie. The rule which the 1954 statute replaced stated that the team which had gone the longest number of years from the playoffs would go. If this rule was still in effect, Baylor would have been the conference representative because they have not won a major title since 1924.

Consol Swimmers Win

A&M Consolidated High School won 18 ribbons, 11 plaques and two trophies at the state 3-A championship swim meet at Burnet Saturday.

Winners for the Tigers were:

Mary Amyx, sixth in the 50-yard back stroke; Gayle Darroch; first in the 50-yard breast stroke and sixth in the 200-yard free style; June Sanders, fourth in the 50-yard breast stroke; Karon Thompson, eighth in the 50-yard free style; Kay Calahan, eighth in the 50-yard butterfly;

Mary E. Griffin, eighth in the 200-yard free style; Dale Henry, second in the 50-yard breast stroke; Peter Alexander, sixth in the 50-yard butterfly; Steve Henry, sixth in the 200-yard free style and fifth in the 200-yard individual medley; Rick TheBerge, fifth in the 50-yard free style; Frank Hertzog, twelfth in the 50-yard back stroke;

Girls' 200-yard free style relay fifth; girls' 200-yard medley relay third; boys' 200-yard free style second; and boys' 200-yard medley relay sixth.

Each team — the girls and the boys — won third place overall. Team coach is Anson Holley, a senior education major at Texas A&M, and the school sponsor is Mrs. Mary Leland.

SWC Baseball Unit Announced

By The Associated Press
Jimmy Duffey, Texas Christian's talented second baseman, was not only one of two unanimous selections but also player of the year in Southwest Conference baseball.

Tommy Gramly, Texas Christian's brilliant pitcher, was the other unanimous choice on the all-conference team.

The six coaches picked a 14-man squad and named four players each from Texas Christian and Texas A&M, three from Texas, two from Rice and one from Southern Methodist.

Baylor, the other conference member that tied for the championship with Texas, Texas Christian and Texas A&M, failed to land a man.

There was a tie at one position—Forrest Boyd of Texas and Parke Davidson of Texas Christian each got three votes for shortstop.

Billy Crain, Texas A&M first baseman; Lou Camilli, Texas A&M third baseman; Mickey Yates, Texas Christian outfielder; Ronnie Waldo, Rice outfielder, and Gary Moore, Texas pitcher and outfielder, all lacked one vote of being unanimous.

Moore was named to the utility outfield position but he also got votes for pitcher and outfielder

and certainly measured up to a real utility man.
James Scheschuk of Texas edged Joe Staples of Texas A&M for catcher.

Matson Back! Throws 69-21/2

Randy Matson, the giant of the shot put, faced his stiffest competition during the weekend and easily beat them.

Matson putted the iron ball 69 feet, 2 1/2 inches at the Coliseum Relays in Los Angeles and beat Neal Steinhauer of the University of Oregon by five feet. Steinhauer, before the relays, had a better toss than Matson.

In the discus, Matson threw the platter 195 feet, 11 inches to average an earlier loss to John Cole of Arizona State.

At the Fresno Relays the next day, Matson threw the shot 66 feet, 4 1/2 inches.

The Los Angeles toss was the best in the nation this season and only a foot away from his own world's record.

Gil Smith, Southwest Conference sprint champion, finished third in the 220 in 21.3, but it took a photo finish to decide the winner as the three top positions finished in a dead heat.

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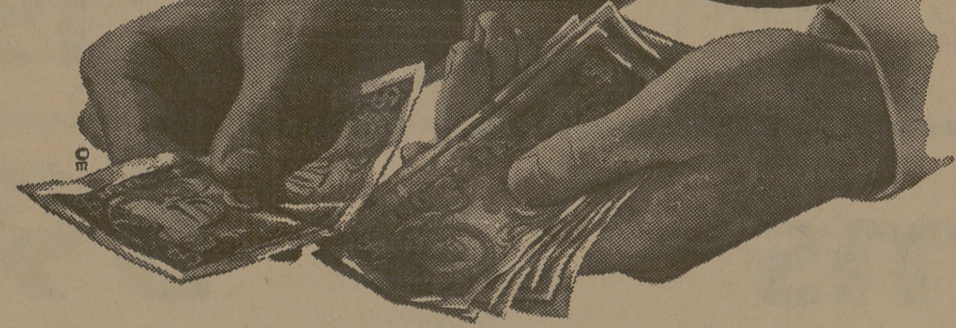
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