

Longhorns Top Batt All-SWC Roster

By RICHARD CAMPBELL
The Southwest Conference champion Texas Longhorns dominated the Battalion's 1969 All-SWC baseball roster placing Burt Hooten, James Street, David Chalk, and Pat Brown on the honor squad.

Also named were three apiece

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from A&M and Tech, two from runnerup Texas Christian and one from Rice. Pitcher Dave Benesh, outfielder Bob Long, and utility infielder Boyd Hadaway were the Aggies named to the squad.

Tech placed the leading hitter in SWC play, second baseman Jerry Haggard; pitcher, Gary Washington; and shortstop, Jim

Montgomery, all seniors. TCU had the All-SWC catcher in Bill Ferguson and outfielder Dick Gage. The lone Rice player was first baseman Dick Fuqua.

Hooten was the most effective hurler in the conference this season ending with a 4-0 mark. He also struck out 58 opposing batters in only 43 innings and posted

a 1.47 earned run average. Street joined Hooten on the first team to give the Longhorns the most potent pitching duo in the league. Street was the winningest hurler with a 5-1 record, and he struck out 48 men in 41 innings.

Washington was the top thrower for Tech with a 4-1 mark in conference play. He also pitched

three straight shut-outs in conference action. Benesh was a double threat for A&M with his throwing and batting. He finished with a 4-1 mark and a 1.70 ERA and was only one of two pitchers during the year to defeat Texas in conference play. He also hammered three straight home runs in a two-game span.

Fuqua, a junior was the leading hitter for the Owls with a .372 mark. He barely edged out big Gene Salmon of Texas for the first sacker slot. Haggard was the 1969 SWC batting leader with a .400 mark and nailed down the second base spot easily. He was joined by teammate Montgomery, who finished the year with a .311 average. The third baseman was Jeff Newman of TCU, a junior who batted .333 in conference play. He led the SWC in both homers with five and runs batted in with 17.

Gage, a senior, batted .373 and captured the left field position easily. Long, also a senior, hit .373 including a five-for-six day against Texas, and was a unanimous choice for center field. Chalk, a freshman, hit .368 with four home runs, all in the same day against Rice and three in one game.

The utility infielder for the squad is Boyd Hadaway of A&M who batted .304 and beat out Texas' Lou Bagwell. The utility outfielder is Pat Brown of Texas who batted .302 and led the league in stolen bases with six.

Batt's ALL-SWC

1B—Dick Fuqua	Rice	Junior	.372
2B—Jerry Haggard	Tech	Senior	.400
3B—Jim Montgomery	Tech	Senior	.311
UIF—Boyd Hadaway	A&M	Junior	.304
OF—Dick Gage	TCU	Senior	.373
OF—Bob Long	A&M	Senior	.373
OF—David Chalk	Texas	Freshman	.368
UOF—Pat Brown	Texas	Senior	.302
C—Bill Ferguson	TCU	Senior	.328
P—Burt Hooten	Texas	Freshman	4-0
P—James Street	Texas	Junior	5-1
P—Gary Washington	Tech	Senior	4-1
P—Dave Benesh	A&M	Junior	4-1

Wylie Signs With Oklahoma

HENDERSON (P) — Henderson's Joe Wylie ended a six-month recruiting dogfight for his services Tuesday by signing a pre-enrollment application to play football at the University of Oklahoma.

Wylie, 6-foot-1 and 180-pounds, was one of the most highly sought schoolboy football stars ever to come out of East Texas. He also is a tremendous hurdler.

On hand for the signing was Chuck Fairbanks, the head coach at Oklahoma.

Wylie, an all-state and all-American player, had narrowed the field down to Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas.

Word leaked out Monday that he was going to sign with Oklahoma, and it made the boy's father, Al Wylie, a Henderson banker, unhappy. The elder Wylie had promised Texas coach Darrell Royal and Arkansas coach Frank Broyles they would be told the younger Wylie's decision before it became public.

Young Wylie, who scored 34 touchdowns and rushed for 2,032 yards his senior year, said he became so confused by the chaos Monday that he went to the football stadium and just jogged around the track to get away from it all.

Jerry Pettibone, the assistant OU coach who practically lived in Henderson during the recruiting campaign, was also at the Wylie home for the signing.

Pettibone, who visited Wylie 21 times, said Wylie had never worked with weights in his life. He said that under a rigorous weight program Wylie should grow to 210 pounds his sophomore year in college.

"I envision him as perhaps another Doak Walker," Pettibone said.

Wylie said "the sum total of everything added up in Oklahoma's favor. I just felt like Oklahoma was the place for me to go."

The boy said he had an Uncle in Oklahoma City, but said that had little influence on where he went to school.

"Things have been so chaotic

at time, I just didn't know what was going on," Wylie said. "But it's all over now."

Fairbanks said "I think Joe is one of the most exceptional high school football players we have been able to recruit. He's a boy with great elusiveness, excellent speed and quickness. He's a gifted all-around athlete. I can see him as a runner and a potential receiver."

"Many have asked me to compare him with senior tailback Steve Owens. Well, Steve is a big powerful back. Joe is not this kind of back. He's a home run hitter. Joe is more of a long distance threat."

Boston To Retire After Sunday Meet

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (P) — One more meet and Ralph Boston, long one of the nation's track luminaries, is calling it quits.

Boston, who turned 30 last Friday, said Tuesday he will compete in the Dr. Martin Luther King International Freedom games in Villanova, Pa., Sunday and then hang up his spiked shoes. After that, he said, he will embark on a career as a sports commentator.

Boston has been a track competitor for 15 years and has won Olympic gold, silver and bronze medals in the long jump.

"I really hate to quit after the length of time I've been at it," Boston said. "But jumping just doesn't hold the attraction that it once did. That's the main reason. "I wish I had more time to train for this last one," he added. "I'd like to quit a winner but it's hard to beat Bob Beamon without being in top condition."

Beamon's spectacular leap of 29 feet, 2 1/4 inches in the Olympics in Mexico City last October shattered Boston's world record of 27-5.

Boston, who finished third behind Beamon in the Olympics, said he had no personal score to settle with Beamon.

"I've beaten him a couple of times this year, but this time I just want to win for the sake of winning," he said.

Faust, Ragland, Wade Top Aggies

Pete Faust and Jon Ragland provided the only first places for the Aggies Saturday in the tennis competition and Bill Wade finished second in golf play to highlight the Southwest Conference Spring Meet for A&M in Waco.

Faust and Ragland downed top-rated Rusty Powell and Mike Beene of Texas Tech 4-6, 9-11, 6-3, 8-6, and 6-4 in the doubles title match.

Wade toured the Ridgewood Country Club Thursday and Friday in 289 to tie Dean Overturf of Texas for second.

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Captain Action Returns Home For Rich Preakness Running

BALTIMORE (P) — Captain Action, a Maryland-bred who finished out of the money in three of four starts on the state's half-mile circuit, returns home Saturday for a shot at the \$150,000-added Preakness.

The likes of the Kentucky Derby winner Majestic Prince, Arts and Letters and Top Knight may have scared off some faint-hearted opposition but not Jimmy Conway, trainer of Captain Action.

"I have respect for Majestic Prince, and Arts and Letters ran a good race in the Derby," Conway said Tuesday, "but I'll take my chances with the rest, although I'm not discounting them. Maybe on good form or racing luck we can give it a shot."

Although Captain Action has won only four of 14 starts and has a career money winning total of just \$36,057, Conway doesn't view his Preakness start as a surprise.

"This is not a sudden thing," Conway said. "Captain Action ran decently through the winter and got stronger in the cool spring weather. He seems to be improving with every race."

The 3-year-old son of Rash Prince won his last two starts at 1 1/2 miles—an allowance at Aqueduct April 8 and by eight lengths in the Survivor Stakes at Pimlico April 26. Kenny Knapp, who rode him for the first time in the Survivor, will be aboard in the Preakness.

"He handled the track especially well in the Survivor and won easily in good time," Conway

said. "He's done well in training since, so we decided to take our chances in the Preakness."

Captain Action has scored two of his four victories at Pimlico, where he is unbeaten.

"Majestic is not a super horse," Conway said. "But he's done everything he's been asked to do."

Captain Action is due at Pimlico Wednesday and Conway plans a final blowout on Friday of about a quarter-mile.

Jay Ray, the California Derby winner, was scheduled to arrive late Tuesday, Al Hattab and Greengrass Greene on Thursday, and Glad's Flame early Saturday.

Majestic Prince, Arts and Letters and Top Knight, the only Preakness starters on the grounds, were galloped Tuesday.

Post time Saturday is 5:40 p.m., EDT. The race will be nationally televised.

Viking Pair Called For Active Duty

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (P) — John Beasley and Gayle Knief of the Minnesota Vikings have been called to active duty with the National Guard and probably won't be available to the National Football League team until about mid-September.

The Vikings office said Tuesday the two will be attached to the 194th Armored Division at Fort Knox, Ky. It is expected both will miss the 1969 training camp and preseason exhibition games.



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