

Intramural Deadline

Billiards, Racquetball, Handball

By MARY RUSSO

Today is the deadline for intramural team bowling, open handball, open racquetball and open pocket billiards. The open classification means anyone who is affiliated with the University in any capacity: students, faculty or staff can play.

Tennis and volleyball were recently added to the active roster for play. Although it's too early for any standings, the teams that have volleyed have shown some skill and these competitions could prove to be very close in the final analysis.

Schedules of team play are posted in the Intramural Office. According to the student referees the teams that have a cheering squad usually play a better game than those teams who don't.

In football the Class A corps upperclassmen are playing as can be expected. The majority have teams that have played together before and many have receiver-quarterback combinations with little rushing taking place. These games are usually decided on penetration which is an indication that all the teams are, within a given league, evenly matched.

In studying last year's team play League A looks like a power-matched group. Most of these teams made it to quarter finals for corps play. There are now four teams with identical records, 2-2. These are Sq.2 and 8, and F2 and L2.

Intramural Results

Scores from September 24,

VOLLEYBALL

Class A: Sq. 12 netted B2; F1 netted K2; M1 netted L2; L1 netted Sq. 8; Sq. 6 netted Sq. 3; Class B: D2 netted A1; B2 netted F1; N1 netted Sq. 1; Sq. 6 netted Sq. 12; Sq. 9 netted Sq. 11. Class C: Moses netted Crocker; White netted Dunn; Puryear netted Horard; Law netted Milner; Walton netted Moore

TENNIS

Class B: L1 raked Sq. 4; Sq. 3 raked B1; Sq. 16 raked Sq. 5; A1 raked Sq. 11; F1 raked D2; Sq. 7 raked Sq. 10

HANDBALL

Class A: I1 gloved N1; Sq.3 gloved Sq.2; D1 gloved L1; Class C: White gloved Puryear; D-Gary gloved Crocker; Law gloved Leggett.

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A runaway choice for League B champ is H2. With every other team with a 2-1 or 0-3 record they have three wins to their credit.

Leagues C, D, and E have only played two games but there are some leaders. F1, Sq.9, B1 and Sq.5 have two wins each. Leagues F and G have played two games, but all their teams have one win and one loss.

Class B football is a fish's game and this is really obvious in their play. They have little organization and even less teamwork. Practice makes perfect, and maybe the athletic officers should be looking out for their underclassmen buddies.

There are several players in

Class C who have been disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct. Otherwise, the residence halls have shown some virtue. Law Hall in League A is running away from their competitors with a three win record and some fancy play that showed team work and originality.

League B shows Moore and Crocker deadlocked with two wins and League C, where only two games have been played, shows Walton holds the lead with two wins.

Class X, off campus residence units or clubs, started play last week. Too few games have been played to really point to any champions here.

Kevin's Korner



By KEVIN COFFEY
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How important is attitude to a football team? "Attitude is 95 per cent of the game," says A&M defensive end Don Long. "You got to have the right attitude to keep plugging away when you're down."

Sophomore Carl Roaches also recognizes the importance of attitude and what it means to the 1973 edition of Texas A&M football.

"Attitude has a lot to do with the team. If you don't have the right kind of attitude you might not throw a good block for someone you don't like. We don't have that problem around here," Roaches said, "everyone gets along fine." Long, a junior, is a holdover from the old days at A&M. He played his freshman year under the reign of Gene Stallings.

"When I was a freshman," Long said, "we were looked down on by the other players. You couldn't even go in the varsity dressing room. Now we are a closely knit bunch of guys and the freshman can talk to everybody. After my freshman season, I don't think I ever felt comfortable with the guys that treated me bad."

Roaches even finds a difference between Emory Belard's first season as head coach and this year.

"The freshman really get to know everybody else this season," Roaches said. "There were a lot of guys that were married last season and the only time I ever saw them was at workouts and we were to busy to get to know them as people. It's better if you know each athlete as a person and a football player. It makes everybody happier when you're friends off the field as well as on."

Last year there were 33 married players on the team, compared to eight now.

"None of the captains lived in the dorm last year," said Long, "Now you can walk down the hall and see this year's and talk about your problems or just rap about football. It makes for a better atmosphere."

Thinking about winning is an important part of having a good attitude. The '73 team just doesn't think they can lose.

"I don't think we will lose any more," said Roaches, "at least I am not thinking about another loss. We got the athletes and the coaches to beat anybody that comes before us. The loss to LSU hurt and we played them hard. We are going to play that hard against everybody, just like they were as good as LSU and I don't think we'll drop another one."

Long shares Roaches optimism. "We'll get to the Cotton Bowl but it will be a long fight. If we learn by our mistakes, there is no way they can keep us from the championship. I learned more in the LSU game than I did in the four games I started last year. We will just get better and better each game."

Quarterback Mike Jay says the Aggies improve every week.

"We are a better football team this week than we were last week," Jay said in the locker room after the LSU game, "and we will be a better team next week than we are this week. I am anticipating my receivers and they are anticipating me. Mark my word, we are going to be a fine football team by the time its all over with."

Long warns that Saturday's game against Boston College may be a turning point.

"We got beat by Army and stayed down most of last year and Boston is by far a better team," Long said. "They will battle Penn State for the mythical Eastern championship so they will be tough. We need this one to carry us to the Cotton Bowl."

Backs Averaging More Per Carry

DALLAS—The top backs are running less and enjoying it more in the Southwest Conference this season—only two are averaging more than 100 yards per game, but 11 of the 13 leaders are averaging five or more yards per carry.

SMU's Alvin Maxson, the SWC rushing leader in 1971 and ranked third last year, is rushing at an 8.1-clip, while leader Roosevelt Leaks of Texas is at 5.1 yards per try and runner-up Wayne Morris of SMU is at 7.4.

Other outstanding averages include 9.0 by Texas' Joey Abousie, 8.7 by Skip Walker of Texas A&M, 7.1 by Kent Marshall of

TCU, 6.7 by Keith Bobo of SMU and 5.8 by Alvin Bowers of A&M.

And among those who just don't get their hands on the ball enough to rank with the leaders, SMU's Brian Duncan is averaging 11.3 yards per carry, Baylor's Billy Wilson is at 8.0 and Texas' Lonnie Bennett is at 6.8.

Consequently, SMU teams are posting outstanding offensive figures. SMU leads in total offense with 477.5 yards per game as six of the eight teams playing to the championship are gaining better than 300 yards per game. And five of the eight are rushing for more than 200 yards an outing, led by SMU's 402.0.

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