Kevin's Korner

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People often criticize sports writers for using sayings like "do-or-die," "must game," "crucial contest" or the like. Perhaps these phrases are trite at times but when it comes to Southwest Conference football, they fit the bill to the tee.

In this league the second loss is death as no team in the SWC's previous 58 years has claimed the title with two black marks on their loop slate. So what do you call a game where each team already has a conference loss? It's just plain fact the winner gets one more week of life and the loser is through.

Since the Aggies lost their conference opener to Texas Tech they are in this "do-or-die" category every week for the rest of the season. This is the third consecutive week the Ags' opponent will also have one loss. Each time A&M has arose to the occasion, thus sending TCU and Baylor back to the drawing board with the famous last words "wait until next year" echoing in the locker room.

Theoretically, there are five teams still in the chase for a title, I might add, that is quickly becoming known as the "University of Texas Cup." The Longhorns have now won five championships in a row with a dead aim on a sixth.

After this weekend there will probably be three teams left chasing the crown. The loser of the A&M-Arkansas game will join Baylor, TCU and Rice in the also ran category. Texas is in a good position to eliminate SMU and Tech could bite the dust if Rice can pull a big upset. Of course if SMU could waylay Texas, the Southwest Conference would become a six team race. Don't get your hopes up!

The bookies say this is an easy week to predict the SWC's games as all but the Aggies-Razorback game has a two-touchdown favorite. The Ags are favored by one point against the Hogs.

SMU's shot at the Longhorns is the big game of the day and big enough to draw a national television audience. The game is part of a doubleheader which features LSU-Mississippi in the nightcap.

Both teams are 4-2 but Texas is 3-0 in conference play and the Mustange are 1-1. Texas Tech beat the Ponies 31-14 last week while Texas was nailing Rice 55-13.

This contest will be a battle of the wishbone as SMU has opted for the offense designed by Emory Bellard during his tenure at Texas. The Mustangs lead the conference in total offense and rushing offense but against Texas you can leave your press clippings at home.

The last two games between these teams have been down-to-the-wire affairs. Texas won last year 17-9 and nudged the Ponies 22-18 on two disputed touchdowns in 1971. Texas currently has a six game win streak against SMU.

The Cotton Bowl is the sight of the 11:50 a. m. kickoff and Texas is favored by 13 points. **TEXAS 38; SMU 10.**

Texas Tech will host Rice Saturday at 2 p. m. in Lubbock's Jones Stadium.

Tech has now proven itself without doubt as they knocked off a nationally ranked team for the third time in four weeks with a 31-14 victory over 17th ranked SMU.

Rice is still in a confused state as the Edwin Collins affair is not resolved. Collins was dismissed from the team last week and has been refused reinstatement. Tech is favored by 24 points. **TEXAS TECH 40; RICE 13.**

Houston's Cougars need to bounce back after an upset loss to Auburn which saw the Veer-T offense of UH get shutout for the first time. The Coogs are still big in the bowl picture as they could easily finish 10-1.

Winless Florida St. provides the opposition for the 7:30 kickoff in the Astrodome. UH is favored by 24 points in their annual homecoming affair. **HOUSTON 38; FLORIDA ST. 7.**

Baylor hosts TCU in their homecoming affair at 7:30 p. m. Saturday in Waco. The Bears fell to the Aggies last week after staging a comeback. TCU lost to Tennessee 39-7.

Horned Frog coach Billy Tohill is rumored on the way out as the Frogs are 2-4. Both teams have lost two conference games. **BAYLOR 31; TCU 17.**

House Member Urges Olympic Investigation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Bob Mathias, R.-Calif., a two-time Olympic gold medal winner, said Thursday there needs to be an intensive investigation of the U. S. Olympic Committee and amateur athletics.

Mathias also told a news conference he understands the White House "is seriously considering the formation of a presidential commission" to make the investigation.

He said the commission would study the organization of the U. S. Olympic Committee and make recommendations concerning the development of amateur athletes for competition.

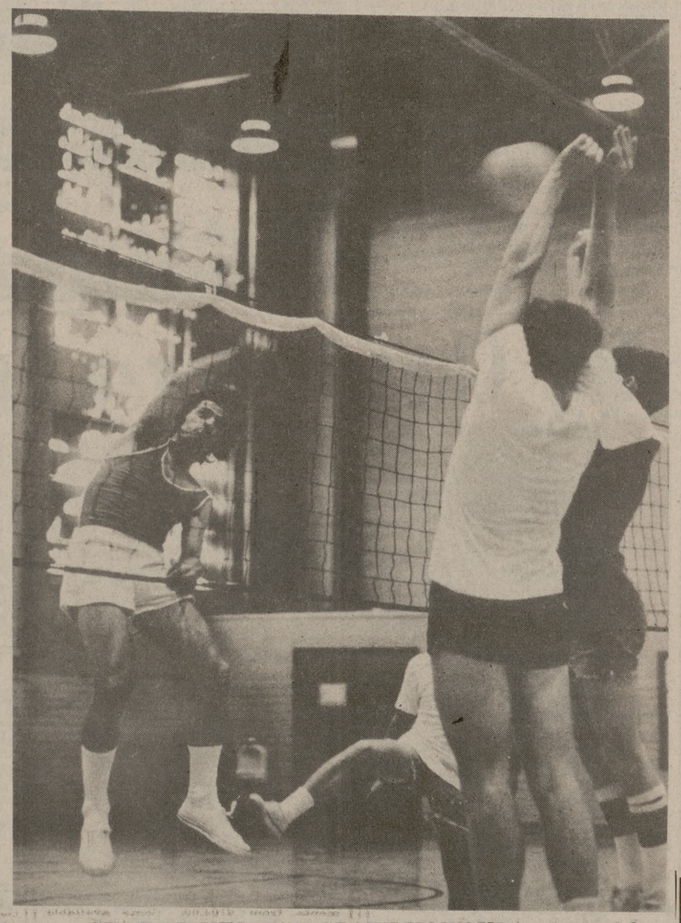
Mathias, who won the decathalon in the 1948 and 1952 Olympics, made his comments in announcing his introduction of a bill to create what he called a "Bill of Rights" for amateur athletes in the United States.

The measure would also compel arbitration of disputes involving amateur athletes who want to qualify or participate in international competition.

Disputes between national sports organizations, such as the on-going battle between the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Amateur Athletic Union, would be resolved under the legislation, according to Mathias.

He said the American Arbitration Asociation, an independent arbiter of disputes for 43 years, had agreed to handle any disagreements which would come under the legislation.

Mathias said his measure, which had the support of all organizations but the NCAA, differs from other legislation seeking to clear up the chaos of amateur athletics because "there is no new federal bureaucratic agency created.



STAT SPIKER JAN SZAWLKOWSKI is stopped by E2 blocker in last nights all-university volleyball championship. Stat won. Also last night in intramural action the Bashers took the mixed team volleyball crown by beating Walton X. (Photo by Kathy Curtis)

Bears' Jeffrey Student Rep On Council

When Baylor Head Coach Grant Teaff and quarterback Neal Jeffrey discuss strategy on the sidelines Saturday during Baylor's homecoming game with TCU Teaff just might do the listening.

Jeffrey, a junior letterman from Overland Park, Kans., became one of Teaff's bosses Wednesday when he was named the student representative on the Baylor Athletic Council.

"If we come out throwing more Saturday, you'll know who is running things, grinned Teaff.

"Seriously, I think this is a great honor and a highly deserved one for Neal," Teaff said. "He is one of our most respected leaders, both on the football field and in the classroom."

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