

Simonini's Post-Season Honors Mount Read Battalion Classifieds

A&M's Roaches, Thomas, D. Walker New All-SWC Faces

Following his selection as the Associated Press' Defensive Player of the Year, A&M linebacker Ed Simonini was identically honored by two more post-season football polls this weekend.

In the United Press International's and the Dallas Morning News' polls Simonini was named top SWC defender while center Ricky Seeker, guard Bruce Welch and running back Skip Walker repeated with appearances on the second team.

Split end Carl Roaches and cornerback Pat Thomas made the News' all-SWC second team while quarterback David Walker made his post-season honor debut by being named the Freshman Player of the Year by the UPI.

Skip Walker expressed surprise in making the teams. "I thought Big Al (Bowers) would make it before me," he said. "They must have picked the teams right after we played SMU because I had a good game against them. I didn't think I had enough total carries for the season to be considered for the teams."

Cornerback Tim Gray, picked to the AP all-SWC second team last week, was also surprised in mak-

ing the team. "I thought for sure Thomas would make it before me," he said. "I think he had a better year."

Skip Walker ran for 618 yards on 98 carries for a 6.3 average. He also finished third in the conference in tandem offense, adding 233 yards on 10 pass receptions. Thomas led the Aggies in interceptions with three including a memorable steal with a 50-yard touchdown runback against Wichita State in the season opener. 17-year-old David Walker took over the reins at quarterback in the sixth game of the season and was impressive with the amount of poise he showed as a freshman.

Roaches caught 21 passes for 401 yards to place himself eighth in the SWC standings but his average of 19.1 yards per catch was best among the league leaders and his single game total of 156 yards against LSU was tops in the conference. Seeker was considered all season to be the best conference center behind Texas all-American Bill Wyman while Welch steadily improved into one of the league's top guards.

Of the eight Aggies receiving post-season honors, Gary and

Seeker are juniors, Simonini, Welch, Skip Walker, Thomas and Roaches are sophomores, and David Walker is the lone freshman.

Texas' Roosevelt Leaks unsurprisingly paced the all-conference selections being a unanimous choice at runningback and taking the Offensive Player of the Year awards in all three polls.

In addition to Leaks, Texas' Wyman, tackle Bob Simmons, defensive tackle Doug English, and safety Tom Arnold were selected to all three teams. Other SWC players picked to all three first squads include Baylor's split receiver Charles Dancer; Texas Tech's quarterback Joe Barnes, tackle Tom Ferguson, tight end Andre Tillman, defensive tackle Ecomet Burley, guard Dennis Allen and defensive backs Kenneth Wallace and Danny Willis; Arkansas' halfback Dickey Morton and linebacker Danny Rhodes, and Rice's defensive back Bruce Henley.

Tech rookie running back Larry Isaac was named Freshman of the Year by the AP and News polls while Burley grabbed the News' Sophomore of the Year honors.

The AP gave Tech's Jim Carlen

the Coach of the Year award while the News picked Rice's Al Conover as the top conference mentor. The UPI did not pick a top coach.

Leaks and Wyman have made practically every all-America

team to date while Tillman was just named to the AP's national unit.

Leaks is considered a strong candidate for the Heisman Trophy, which will be announced today.

Wichita State Shockers Boot Head Coach Bob Seaman, Staff

On the basis of a recommendation from Wichita State University Athletic Director Ted C. Bredehoff, the Shocker Intercollegiate Athletic Association Board of Directors has voted unanimously not to renew the contract of Head Shocker football coach Bob Seaman and his staff. In announcing the decision, Bredehoff stated that, "Though we feel Bob Seaman's contribution to Shocker football has been a significant one, we have decided not to renew his contract for the coming season. We will commence immediately to search for a replacement," Seaman and his staff are under contract until December 31 of this year.

"We realize, of course, that a change at this crucial time of the year, when recruiting is heavy, dictates the choice of a successor as soon as possible" Bredehoff

said. "While we are well aware of that fact, we will take as much time as is necessary to insure the right choice."

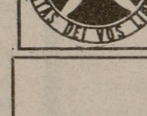
Seaman, in his fifth year at Wichita State, has a 13-26-0 record as a head coach. He joined the Shocker staff as an assistant in February of 1969 and took the reigns following the October, 1970 air crash that claimed the life of then-head coach, Ben Wilson. After finishing the '70 season with an 0-9 record, the '71 Shockers rebounded to 3-8. Seaman's second full year at the helm resulted in the first winning season for the Shockers in nine years, a 6-5 slate in '72. His squad slipped to 4-7 in '73, however.

Seaman, a former high school "Coach of the Year" in Ohio, was granted a three year contract in 1970, following the completion of the "Second Season" that year.

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Rice Under Investigation For Recruiting Violations

DALLAS (AP)—An investigation into Rice University's 1971 football program will be on the agenda when Southwest Conference faculty representatives, athletic directors and coaches gather here Thursday for a three-day meeting.

An announcement on Rice's fate in the matter is expected Saturday, Dec. 8.

Cliff Speegle, the executive secretary of the SWC, said the Rice investigation wasn't expected to be completed until early this week.

"It went into the hopper late so we don't expect a report from Holloway Associates until early in the week," Speegle said. Holloway Associates Inc. is a private investigation firm in Dallas hired by the conference.

Rice faces possible probationary action should facts be proved in Giles Tippetts' book, "Saturday's Children."

The book told of payoffs to Rice football players and transportation violations.

If the findings in the book are

true, the matter will go before the SWC faculty committee for action.

Speegle has said "It's serious enough to put anyone on probation as far as National Collegiate Athletic Association regulations are concerned should the book prove correct."

Other items to be discussed include the participation of women in varsity sports such as tennis, golf, and swimming and a thorough exploration of the SWC track program.

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