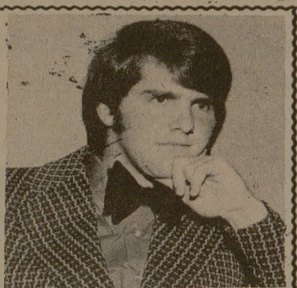


Kevin's Korner



By KEVIN COFFEY, Sports Editor

We've finally accumulated enough questions from sports buffs to make a column of reasonable length. We'll try and answer all your inquiries, just send them to the BATT.

Q—How much does coach Bellard make and how does it compare with the salaries of other coaches in the conference? How about his assistants and the other coaches? R. C., Plantation Oaks.

Coach Bellard's salary (and all University employees for that matter) is available to the public. Just ask in the library. For the record, Bellard makes \$32,261. This is just his salary from the school and does not include anything he may make from his television show.

As for other conference coaches, the Associated Press reported that Darrell Royal made \$40,000 for his 17th season at Texas. Bill Yeoman hauled in \$35,000 for his efforts at the University of Houston. Salaries of coaches at church-supported schools are not open to public scrutiny as state funds are not applied for this purpose.

Bellard's ten assistants' salaries range from Melvin Robertson's \$23,265 to Donnie Wigginton's and Robert Stanley's \$13,442.

Royal has 10 fulltime assistants, ranging in pay from Bill Campbell's \$25,000 to the departed Jim Helms' \$11,000.

Yeoman's eight assistants range in pay from \$12,600 to \$19,500. Aggie basketball coach Shelby Metcalf makes \$17,061. Texas' Leon Black earns \$17,500 while Guy Lewis at Houston makes \$24,000.

A&M baseball coach Tom Chandler is paid \$14,104. Cliff Gustafson of Texas makes \$14,000 and UH's Lovett Hill makes \$16,340.

Q—I've heard Shelby Metcalf referred to as "The Sage of the Brazos" and the "SWC's Leading Fisherman." How did he pickup these titles? A. D. S., Dunn Hall

Among Metcalf's off the court talents, fishing for catfish and story telling rise to the top. It is often said that when the Aggie Mentor is recruiting a country boy for the Maroon and White, a short fishing trip to the Brazos is always in order.

Q—Did any of the Aggies drafted by the NFL make the grade? How many former A&M players are still playing pro ball? M. D. Moses

Only Brad Dusek of the 1973 crop remained in the pro ranks. He was traded from New England to Washington and is playing defense. He is currently on campus finishing up a few hours for his degree.

Charley Krueger finished the season with San Francisco, as did brother Rolf. Other exes with pro football are: Tommy Maxwell, Oakland; Mike Clark, Dallas; Steve O'Neal, New Orleans; Larry Stegent, St. Louis; Bill Hobbs, Philadelphia; Mo Moorman, the Kansas City Chiefs; Ross Bruppacher, Chicago and Dave Elmendorf, Los Angeles.

John Beasley is still playing basketball in the ABA for the Utah Stars.

Doug Rau is playing baseball for Los Angeles and Dave Johnson is hitting homers for Atlanta.

Randy Matson is entering his second year with the new pro track circuit.

Knowles reaching personal plateaus

Although the Ags lost Tuesday night in Lubbock, the contest was one of personal achievement for Randy Knowles.

The 6-6 senior from Geneva, Ohio, became the eighth player in A&M history to score 1,000 points. Against Rice, Knowles should become the fifth Aggie to pull down 600 rebounds in a career. With the season right at the halfway mark, Knowles should move high into the all-time list of scorers and rebounders. All this despite a slow start this season.

"I don't think I worked as hard as I should have in preseason practice and I know I wasn't in as good shape as last year. But I think I'm getting there now," Knowles said. The Aggie co-captain, who has had a history of playing much better in Southwest Conference competition, did it again last week in the SWC opener against preseason favorite SMU.

After suffering through a one-

for-six first half, Knowles exploded for five straight baskets from the 20-30 foot range to break open a tight game and lead the Aggies to a 90-75 win. Knowles had 15 points in the second half. Against Tech, Knowles hit 20 of his 24 points in the final stanza.

"Randy is an emotional player," coach Shelby Metcalf said after the SMU game. "When he gets his adrenalin flowing like it was tonight, things start to happen."

Knowles was second team All-SWC last year and is a top candidate for All-SWC honors this season, but he has only one goal. "I want A&M to win the Southwest Conference championship. My first two years we've been close (9-5) both years. I think we have the team to do it this year. This team is real close, and my teammates really pulled for me when I was in a slump. It's going to take a lot of work against some good teams."

The Aggies play four of their next five games on the road, but with a rejuvenated Randy Knowles, they should make a battle of the SWC race.

Ali, Frazier engage in pre-fight anti-

Skirmish interrupts national television show

By WILL GRIMSLEY
AP Special Correspondent

NEW YORK (AP)—Muhammad Ali called Joe Frazier "ignorant" and set off a tense, five-minute skirmish between the two former heavyweight champions Wednesday that interrupted the taping of a national television show.

Nobody was hurt. Frazier left the premises, apparently upset and spitting mad. Ali kept his cool and the show went on.

The fight game is renowned for wild publicity stunts, but this did not appear to be one. If it was, it almost got out of hand.

The two hulking black men, who meet next Monday night at Madison Square Garden in a 12-round sequel to their 1971 "Fight of the Century," were pulled apart after wrestling and tugging and falling to the floor from a 12-inch high platform. No punch was thrown.

"I'll see you Monday night," the impish, loquacious Ali yelled at Frazier as the latter stormed out of the TV studio, protected by a cordon of friends.

"Be on time," snapped Frazier. The two fighters were invited

to view the film of their historic 15-round championship bout March 8, 1971, won by Frazier on decision, and make comments for showing on the American Broadcasting Company's "Wide World of Sports" next Saturday.

Howard Cosell was the moderator. The show moved along moderately well for the first nine rounds—the two fighters swapping friendly insults that have been a feature of pre-fight promotion—and suddenly erupted into unscheduled commotion during the 10th round.

At that time, the two fighters began badgering each other about which took the most punishment.

"You went to the hospital," Joe said to Ali.

"I went to the hospital for ten minutes and you went to the hospital for a month," Ali chided. "Just for a rest," countered Frazier. "In and out."

"That shows how dumb you are," snorted Muhammed. There was another heated exchange and the hospital question

came up again. When Frazier began talking again about taking a rest, Ali responded, "That shows how ignorant . . ."

Frazier leaped to his feet, a menacing figure in a brown leisure suit, open at the neck and red shoes with platform heels.

In a flash, Frazier reached down to pull Ali out of his chair. Ali grabbed a headlock on Joe. The two tumbled to the floor, falling onto concrete from the 12-inch wooden stage.

Cosell sat, gaping. He seemed stunned. But, in the tradition of show business, he recovered after a few moments.

"This seems to be the real thing," Cosell told his TV audience, which won't see the incident until Saturday. "Ali is probably clowning. But Joe is not

clowning. He is serious.

Eddie Futch, Frazier's trainer, grabbed him. Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, who is always in Ali's corner, and one of the directors, Gene Kilroy, grabbed Ali.

The fighters were pried apart. The show continued through the last five rounds with Cosell and Ali occupying two chairs, the third chair vacant.

The coat-off, fist-threatening bit has been done dozens of times between these two men, but never before had it reached the point where they actually came to grips.

This is what bothered the entourage of the fight principals. The professionals were horrified at the idea of a real show being staged spontaneously before a non-paying audience.

The managers and the pair paled at the thought of a possible broken hand, the million-dollar prize, the million-dollar travaganza.

To the onlookers—a few men and the TV crew—stunning at first. None of the loused old fight writers wanted to feel they had been had.

Fortunately for the press, no blows were struck. The excitement they could have felt if Frazier and Ali are men of different life styles. They each other immensely.

As for the scuffle that might score it a draw, no blows were struck. He remained cool. Frazier's temper fuse. It's still a question which of the two will be from the incident Monday.

Tankers visit UH campus

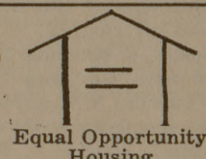
Texas A&M's swimming team goes to Houston Saturday for a dual meet with the University of Houston in the UH pool at 2 p. m.

"This should be a very exciting match," coach Dennis Fosdick said. "Both teams are about equal and should be the top contenders for third place in the Southwest Conference."

The Aggies are 4-2 in dual meets this season with wins over UT Arlington, Texas Tech and San Jose State.

"We are really swimming well for as hard as we're working," Fosdick said. "We're swimming between 10-12,000 yards a day."

Competing for the Aggies in the meet will be Steve Prentice, Scott Jones, Bill Cunningham, Doug Meaden, Nash Dowdle, Jim Yates, Don Reesor, Steve Moore, Mike Vanderhurst, Larry Schueckler, Doug Adamson, Steve Kuhn, David Donnell, Don Wedermann, Duncan Cooper, Tom Faulkenberry, and Bob Franknecht.



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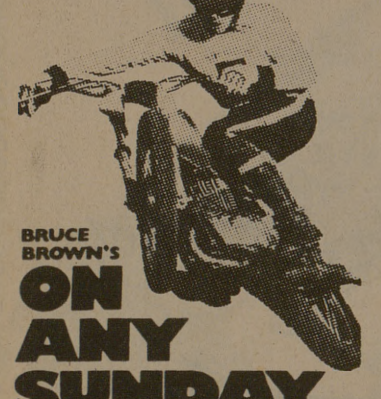
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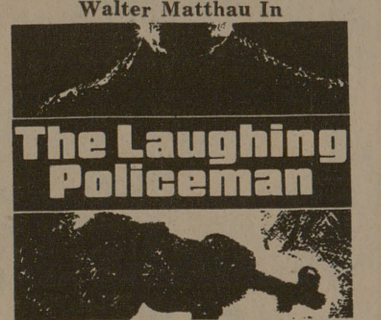
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