

Terrell, Bullock lead SWC stats

Two sophomore centers, Ira Terrell of Southern Methodist and Texas Tech's Rick Bullock, continued to lead the Southwest Conference scoring race in basketball statistics released by the league office.

Terrell's Mustangs are in last place in SWC standings with an 0-3 record but the 6-9 postman leads all players in the conference with a 22.5 scoring average in 15 games.

Bullock, the bulwark of the Red Raider offense, trails Terrell by 19 points with his 21.2 mean.

Two other SWC players, center Dean Tolson of Arkansas and forward Charlie McKinney of Baylor, are averaging better than 20 points per game. Tolson's average is 20.9 while McKinney is hitting for a 20.6 average for the Bears.

Bullock leads the league in field goal percentage, hitting 58.7 percent of his shots.

McKinney paces all rebounders with a 14.5 carom per game average and Ricky Medlock of Arkansas leads the league with an 88.5 free throw shooting percentage.

UCLA waits as No. 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Coach John Wooden stressed two main things Thursday in preparation for UCLA's return game against Notre Dame Saturday night, even though All-America Bill Walton is stronger than he was last week.

"We are working on our offense against a man-to-man pressing defense and on our rebounding," said Wooden, who denied that the over-all work is tougher than usual in preparing for Notre Dame.

"Although I believe both categories will improve if Walton is back to being all right, we must still give attention to improve them," Wooden said.

Walton, the 6-11 Player of the

Year in college basketball the past two seasons, suffered a back injury against Washington State on Jan. 7. He didn't return to action until last Saturday at Notre Dame, a game in which the Irish ripped off 12 consecutive points in the final 3 1/2 minutes to overcome a 70-59 deficit for a 71-70 victory, breaking the Bruins' record 88-game winning streak.

Although he scored 24 points, Walton wasn't at top strength and was unable to perform at peak effort in that game, grabbing only nine rebounds. But he has appeared stronger in practice this week.

Before Saturday night's game

at Pauley Pavilion, where UCLA has won 58 straight, the Bruins will play host to Santa Clara Friday night. Notre Dame had a game at home against St. Francis, Pa., Thursday night.

The Irish also played at Kansas Tuesday night, edging the Jayhawks 76-74.

Odds makers have installed UCLA as a strong favorite to beat Notre Dame and regain their No. 1 ranking from the Irish.

Kevin's Korner



By KEVIN COFFEY, Sports Editor

Crowd control at basketball games was the major complaint of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee at its annual meeting in Dallas. Just about every school griped at every session because ice was thrown on the court, referees were cussed-out and

complained because "A&M plays too physically."

Basketball was not the only complaint, just the major one. Several of the incidents during 1973 included Baylor's pelting of Mario Breaux with hot dogs in Waco, SMU coach Bob Pruitt attacking Bob Gobin in Dallas, Rice exhibiting signs with less than publishable phrases and

was cut with flying ice in Lubbock.

All these incidents occurred when A&M was the visiting team. Aggie fans were not without fault.

Texas complained because we cheered when Roosevelt Leaks hurt on Turkey Day. Rice said we "overreacted" to their halftime performance. Tech said we painted their campus maroon white, SMU said we have "rowdy fans." And then there is always the matter of the Rice victory tree.

When it got to voting, TCU said they didn't deserve a sportsmanship award. Arkansas, 1972's winner, felt they should get it again. SMU seemed totally out because football coach Dave Sorenson admitted to illegally paying football players. A&M and Rice seemed doubtful at best.

Texas got A&M's vote in the first round. Tech and Baylor got enough votes to make it to an elimination round and the Aggies switched to the eventual winner, Tech. A&M didn't get a single vote.

In short, Texas A&M has a reputation of being sorry losers. Some of the more notable unsportsmanlike activities in the SWC have involved A&M. We've had a few fights with Baylor that received extensive play in the state's newspapers and this year's Rice incident was widely publicized.

Time for a change

The university has taken some positive steps towards eliminating this trouble and image. Student leaders from visiting schools were invited to "sportsmanship luncheons" during football season. The Association of Former Students is seeking ways to make the Aggie image more progressive. All of these steps are taken in the right direction but the real burden of shedding this image falls on the students of this institution.

Saturday night, one of the largest A&M basketball crowds of all time is expected for the Rice game. There will be media representatives from around the state. Our student body will be on trial. Many people are expecting some sort of vindication from A&M because of the "Mob's" halftime performance. Extra police will be stationed in the Rollie White Coliseum to keep the peace.

I hope that these extra precautions will prove totally unnecessary. Texas Tech proved they didn't solve the problem of crowd control at basketball games last Tuesday as the court was pelted with ice during the game. Aggies are also known for their ingenuity. Let's solve the problem and get off to a good start in 1974.

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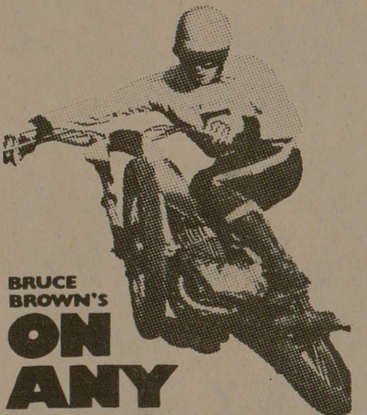
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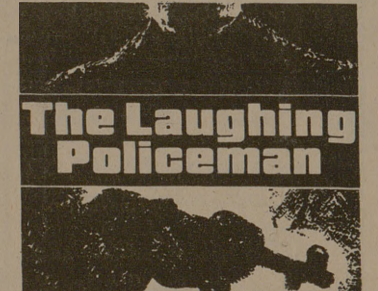
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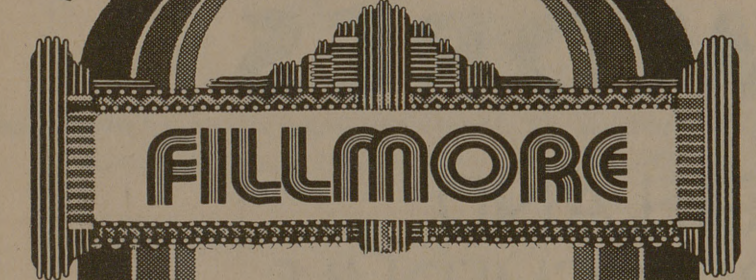
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