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## Pro insight

By **ROBERT CESSNA**  
Staff Sports Writer

Question—What do Gale Sayers, Brian Piccolo, Tucker Fredrickson, Lance Rentzel, Jim Hudson, Dick Butkus and Joe Namath have in common besides the fact they are or were football players?

Answer—The answer is two-fold. If you said that all of the above were drafted in 1965 you got the first part right. The 1965 draft was one of the best drafts the NFL has had in years. But the vintage year of these collegiate athletes started to turn very sour as their pro careers began to take form.

Knee injuries, cancer and personal problems all hindered or shortened the careers of these individuals. Sayer, Piccolo and Butkus were all drafted in the first round by the Chicago Bears. Sayers in his short time in the NFL became one of the top runners in the league. A knee injury cut short his career and at the end of the 1972 season he retired.

Piccolo's story is sad indeed. All throughout his collegiate career he played in the shadow of Tucker Fredrickson. When Piccolo arrived in Chicago he again found himself being number two, this time behind Sayers. Piccolo's career came to a tragic end when he died of cancer at the young age of 26.

Dick Butkus was one of the best middle linebackers in the history of the NFL. He never had the opportunity to play for a champion and at the end of the 1973 season two bad knees forced him to hang 'em up.

Tucker Fredrickson came out of Auburn as the No. 1 draft choice of the New York Giants. He was to have been the best running back to come along in quite awhile. His career never did get off the ground as knee surgery had to be performed time and time again. Fredrickson retired a journeyman never reaching his potential.

Jim Hudson and Joe Namath first met in the 1965 Orange Bowl when

Hudson quarterbacked Texas to a 21-17 win over Namath and Alabama. Hudson and Namath were both drafted by the New York Jets. Namath at quarterback and Hudson in the defensive secondary led the Jets to their Super Bowl victory. Hudson became so bothered by his knees that he had to retire a few years after the Super Bowl win.

Namath has been constantly bothered by bad knees and other injuries. He is currently playing out his option with the Jets who have gone nowhere since their 1969 Super Bowl win. Namath has been reduced to a has been in many minds.

Last we have Lance Rentzel who has had personal problems. His first NFL stop was Minnesota where he was first charged with indecent exposure. The Vikings decided to trade him to Dallas. With the Cowboys he became one of the most feared wide receivers in the game. His second indecent exposure caused him to miss the Super Bowl against the Baltimore Colts. A game the Cowboys lost. Rentzel was traded to the Los Angeles Rams. He is now an alternating wide receiver.

Joe Namath is rumored to be going to the Rams at the end of the season. For the children of the damned to have a happy ending, wouldn't it be nice for Namath to go to L.A. and lead them to the super bowl with his favorite receiver being . . . you guessed it Lance Rentzel.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of sports submit them to the Batt station box in the Reed McDonald Services Building, room 216. We will try to come up with the answers.

## Dome game is sold out

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers, riding a four-game National Football League winning streak, announced Thursday their game this Sunday in the Astrodome against Dallas was a sellout and would be televised in Houston.

It was the first regular season sellout for the Oilers since 1972. The Oilers have also sold about 3,000 of the 5,000 standing room only spaces at the dome.

## Southwest championship

# Women poloists take 2nd

By **MARY RUSSO**  
Staff Sports Writer

The women water poloists suffered little from their inexperience as they took second last weekend in the first Southwest Water Polo Championship for women.

Held at A&M, the women proved that thinking can compensate for experience, most of the time. The Ags beat LaMarque and Lafayette, but lost to the Wil'cats from Clear Creek.

In the Clear Creek game, the defense from both A&M and the Wil'cats were fast-moving, but the

A&M women couldn't get in any shots off. The game score: Wil'cats 3, A&M 2.

Generally, the women played good water polo, much better than Dennis Fosdick, Aquadics Coach, expected. As a principle pusher of the sport in Texas, Fosdick expects women to take the polo ball and go far.

"Although only four teams played this year, there were people up to watch and they were impressed by the play," Fosdick said.

About the Ags, Fosdick said, "They played well. Lack of experience hurt them in the game so they lost. They show a lot of potential."

The coach, Mike McLellan, a four-year varsity swimmer, credited

the women with mental alertness. He credited the Wil'cats with finesse (better ball handling and connections), but "the Ags women were improving throughout the game."

McLellan will return with his tire squad intact next fall, looking forward to more intercollegiate competition.



Female water polo team in Southwest tourney this past weekend. (Photo by Kim Moore)

## Rookies fail to show up

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Running back Kermit Johnson and offensive tackle Booker Brown, two highly publicized Southern California Sun rookies who were showcase signings of the World Football League, failed to show up for a playoff game with the Hawaiians Thursday night.

The team gave no reason for their absence, but said that Coach Tom Fears had suspended Johnson and Brown indefinitely.

The Sun players voted to play the game despite being owed their last paychecks — due last Friday. The previous pay was eight days late.

There was no word from the absent players.

	Mark Weaver	Rod Speer	Steve Gray	Gerald Olivier	T.C. Gallucci	Alan Killingsworth	Guest Picker	Tony Gallucci	Will Anderson	Your Pick
SMU-Baylor	SMU	Baylor	SMU	Baylor	SMU	Baylor	SMU	Baylor	SMU	
Tech-Arkansas	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Ark	
Rice-TCU	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	
OSU-Michigan	Mich	Mich	OSU	Mich	OSU	OSU	OSU	Mich	OSU	
USC-UCLA	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	UCLA	USC	
OU-Nebraska	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	
Calif.-Stanford	Stan	Stan	Stan	Stan	Stan	Stan	Calif	Stan	Stan	
Dallas-Houston	Hous	Dallas	Hous	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Hous	Dallas	
Minnesota-L.A.	Minn	Minn	L.A.	Minn	Minn	L.A.	Minn	L.A.	Minn	
Denver-Oakland	Oak	Oak	Oak	Oak	Oak	Oak	Oak	Denver	Oak	
Last Week	8-2	8-2	6-4	6-4	7-3	6-4	6-4	9-1	7-3	
Season	66-34	66-34	65-35	64-36	64-36	63-37	63-37	62-38	61-39	
Percentage	.660	.660	.650	.640	.640	.630	.630	.620	.610	

Guest Picker this week: Lane Stephenson, assistant director of University Information  
Guest Picker next week: Herb Hollard, sports editor of The Daily Texan, UT

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# McDONALD'S INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS



## As season ends; winners become numerous in

handball, golf, badminton, archery

Game of the Week

As the semester winds down, so do the play-offs for All-University titles.

### Bronson-Gressett win doubles title

In handball, the team of student Jack Gressett and staff Jeff Bronson beat out the Corps

champions from M1. Representing the Recreation division, the C&B team could finish a rally with the right kill shot and used the combination of "smarts and speed" to overcome even the most experienced of players.

Thomas Culberson and Kley Hughes are the Corps champions after beating out the

SQ4 fish team, Tim Billingsly and Charles Knarr. G&B won the civilian championship by outmatching Law's Dennis Grafa and Pat Kelley.

Currently, another closed-room sport is in the play-off stage. Paddleball, handball with a sawed-off tennis racket, goes

on nightly in DeWare Field House.

### Mike McCabe birdies for crown

The play-off contestants were E2 golfers Mike McCabe and Paul Brasher. After three games of nine-hole match play, McCabe birdied in the last two holes to win over the fish counterpart. Brasher and McCabe had come out of an all-day competition to play in a round-robin competition.

### Kent Douglas takes racket first

Kent Douglas, an independent, finished off Randy Carr in badminton play-offs playing to the tune 15-10 and 15-2. Superior racket and birdie control brought Douglas the title.

### Sq7 overcomes "the other corps"

In the game that determined the Corps upperclassmen flag football crown, for certain, the All-Stars from the Texas Maritime Academy came to play Sq7, early Saturday morning.

Amid the mud and fog, the All-Stars valiantly battled the Phantoms for the topdog position. Their reactions just weren't quick enough to make the Sq7 offense ineffective. The final outcome was Sq7, 25; All-Stars, 6.

### Youens and Johnson shoot the bullseye

Robert Youens shooting a 242 out of 270 points won the Open Class Archery tournament held Nov. 14. Taking second was Joe Bosely and finishing third

was Mike Watson. They shot 217 and 192, respectively.

In instinctive shooting, Doug Johnson bullseyed it for the first at 199. Robert Lopez shot a second place 144 and George McKirahan finished third at 132.

## I. M. standings seen

For those interested in their standing in Intramural competition excluding victory points for table tennis, racquetball, and volleyball championship points the standings run:

Civilians		Military		
Moore	382 E2			356
Walton	374 M1			325
Puryear	367 Sq2			323
Hart	335 D1			316
White	326 Sq8			315
Fish		Women		
Sq15	326 Fowler			345
F1	310 Hughes			243
Sq4	308 Kruegar			212
D2	298 Keathley			182
E2	297 PE Majors			155



Paul Hicks, a freshman Chemical Engineering student, took first in the 2.1 cross-country run, Wednesday. A 4-year letterman in cross-country, Hicks ran a 11.09

by **BOB GIBSON**  
Stubborn D-1 used steady play to come back from a 14-11 deficit and beat D-2 16-14 in the third and deciding game of an intramural volleyball match.

D-1 also took the exciting second game 17-15 after nearly being eliminated. D-2 took the first match 15-9.

In the first game, D-2 jumped out to an 8-0 lead behind the serving of Kit Hayden and the spiking of Peter Polemis. D-1 cut the score to 5-7 but D-2 breezed to an easy win behind Donald Boyd's excellent passes and setups.

The second match was a seesaw battle as D-2 constantly forged leads but failed to hold them. D-1 won a long volley between the two teams to take an 8-7 lead which they never relinquished. Mike Chisker's spiking accounted for the final D-1 points.

D-2 came back from another 8-0 deficit in the third game behind Mike Stiles' consistent serves. Even though D-1 extended their lead to 14-11, D-2's team hustle gave them the margin of victory.

These Intramural Highlights are sponsored every Friday by McDonald's on University Dr. The page is prepared by Mary Russo & the Intramural Office, De Ware Field House, 845-2624.

## Co-Rec basketball rules told

The rules for the Co-Rec Basketball competition are out.

If there are a few women with any sort of



basketball skill who can convince a male or two to join their forces, they could come out tops in this single-eliminations round-robin tournament.

Men's goals are worth two points, while women's are worth four. Free throws by women are worth two while men's are worth one.

Personal fouls will be counted against the individual with five fouls causing ejection. After a foul is committed the ball is taken out of bounds, except when the foul is committed in the act of shooting. In this case a free shot is awarded if the shot is missed. If the shot is made, the violator is charged and the ball is taken out of bounds by the opposing team.

No team can have more than four of its players on a half court at any time. A man and a woman must remain on each half throughout the game. Violation of this ruling results in the opposition receiving the ball.

A male may not enter the free throw lane or the key area at any time. If he violates in his own court, the opposition is awarded two points. If he violates in the opposition's half, the ball goes to the opposition.

The three second violation is waived for women. Women will begin the game in a jump ball.

For anyone interested, a team managers meeting will be held Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. in room 232 of G. Rollie White. Entries close Dec. 10 and play begins Jan. 22, 1975.

Applications are available in the Intramural Office located on the "G. Rollie side" of DeWare Field House.