

Dissatisfied with contract

Baltimore lineman challenges Rozelle rule

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Pro football lineman John McKay Williams testified Tuesday that the Baltimore Colts were demanding ridiculous terms when he asked to be traded.

Testifying in U.S. District Court in a challenge to the National Football League's Rozelle Rule, Williams said his agent, Bob Wolff, told him the Colts sought two first-round draft choices in any trade involving him.

Williams, now an offensive

guard-tackle with the Los Angeles Rams, is one of 16 current or former NFL players suing the league, Commissioner Pete Rozelle and club owners.

The plaintiffs contend the rule violates the Sherman Antitrust Act and empowers club owners to unfairly hold players in "bondage."

The commissioner has authority to dictate compensation to a club losing a player when two teams cannot agree to terms.

Williams, who played with the

University of Minnesota, signed a three-year pact with Baltimore as a first-round draft choice in 1968.

Williams said the contract called for \$24,000, \$26,000 and \$28,000 plus a signing bonus of \$50,000.

The 6-foot-3, 255-pound lineman said Colts official Don Klosterman proposed a new pact of "something like" \$31,000, \$33,000 and \$35,000 with no bonus for the 1971-73 seasons.

But Williams declined. "I felt I was worth more, and that was un-

acceptable to me," he said.

Williams could not work out a contract with Baltimore owner Carroll Rosenbloom and played out his option year in 1971 at a 10 percent cut from his 1970 pay.

Williams said Wolff did most of the negotiating for him in 1971 and 1972 but reported frustrations in trying to arrange a new agreement with the Colts or a trade when Williams became a free agent.

The New England Patriots were

willing to pay \$45,000 each year of a two-year contract, plus an \$11,000 bonus, Williams said, but he quoted Wolff as saying:

"The Colts were asking for ridiculous compensation and the Patriots couldn't come up with it." Williams said he understood the compensation to be two first-round draft picks.

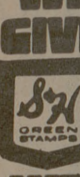
Rosenbloom left the Colts and acquired the Los Angeles Rams in

1972. Klosterman joined him there, and within weeks Williams went to the Rams for a first-round draft choice.

Williams testified that Klosterman asked him at Los Angeles, "Why do you think we didn't sign you at Baltimore? We wanted you here."

Williams said he signed for 1972-74 at \$38,000, \$40,000 and \$42,000 with a \$10,000 bonus.

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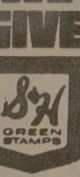
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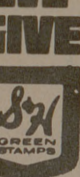
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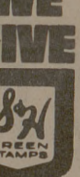
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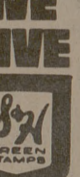
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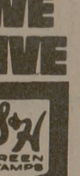
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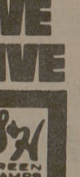
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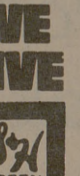
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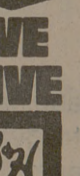
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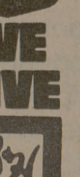
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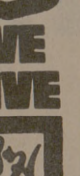
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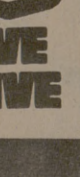
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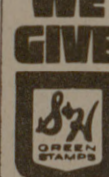
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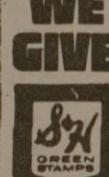
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HP takes LSC track title in rain

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Howard Payne won the rain-plagued Lone Star Conference Track and Field Meet here Tuesday.

The Yellow Jackets from Brownwood also won the conference title, but the tennis title will not be decided until Friday in Waco as torrent stopped play in the late afternoon.

Howard Payne won six events, including upset victories in the 44 relay and 220, and scored 145 points. Defending champion Angelo State finished second with 116 points and Abilene Christian was third with 76.

No records were set as the meet was run between intermittent rain and had been shifted from a local cinder track to an all-weather facility in nearby New Braunfels.

The Yellow Jackets spun a 41.04 the 440 relay beating favored Angelo and Texas A&I. Albert Lomotey upset K.O. Okyr at Angelo in the 220 in with a 21.4.

Tom Klaerner and Mike Pomaney were doubles winners in HPU. Klaerner won the shot put and discus with tosses of 57-10 1/2 and 152-7. Pomaney won the long jump at 24.2 and the triple jump with a 47-6 leap.

Tim Little led HPU to the gold title. The Yellow Jackets finished third in the "36-hole" tournament here and won the conference crown with a 198-hole score of 3253. The team title is decided in four tournaments.

Little was the medalist with a 56 score in three tournaments. The high individual round is eliminated in determining the medalist.

La. Tech, Lamar play for loop title

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP) — The commissioner of the Southland Conference decreed today a best three of five game playoff between Louisiana Tech and Lamar Tech, which wound up conference baseball tied at 10-5.

Commissioner Dick Oliver said the first two games, a doubleheader, will be played May 10 in Ruston, La., hometown for Tech, which is the defending champion.

Then a doubleheader is scheduled in Beaumont on the next Friday, May 16. If a fifth game is necessary, it will be in Beaumont May 17.

The Southland champion moved on to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's District 6 baseball tournament in Arlington, Tex., May 23-25.

Last year, Tech went to the district finals, losing to Texas.

The district champion goes to the College Baseball World Series, to be held in Omaha in June.

Southland Conference play wound up last weekend, with Tech snatching two out of three from Southwestern Louisiana, and Lamar two out of three from McNeese.

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