

SWC rosters reveal animals in abundance

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While women in collegiate athletics continues in the news, it should be pointed out that the Southwest Conference football rosters prove the sport is open to all. On the 1975 rosters, you'll find a Bull (Arkansas), a Parrott (Baylor), a Peacock (Houston), a Bass (TCU), a Drake (Houston), a Trout (Rice), Beavers (SMU) and Roaches (A&M).

Nor is race, creed or color excluded. Baylor's Black is white, and there are Whites at A&M and Arkansas. Houston's Redd is black and there are Greens, Browns and Grays. Baylor's Grayless, of course, can't be categorized.

There's a Rose (Rice), a Bean (A&M), Lemons (A&M) and a Burger (A&M). For dessert, how about Cherry (Houston) Maltz (A&M)?

There are Cousins (Arkansas) and Brothers (Baylor). No sisters, but there are a Bishop (TCU), a Monk (A&M), a Pope (Tech) and Parsons (at SMU, where else?) playing or coaching in the SWC in '75.

While some French (Houston) and English (Houston) Jette (Texas) setters prefer Monaco (Tech) to the SWC, Boston (Rice) headed West (A&M) without benefit of a New (A&M) Ford (Texas) Carr (A&M) as his Price (Houston) for signing the

Register (A&M). Not even a Minor (Texas) infraction there.

Despite Fears (Baylor) expressed in some Fields (A&M) that football is over-emphasized, SWC grid rosters include a Ball (Rice) and Batts (Texas). Unfortunately, Clover signed to play outside the SWC. However, the SWC has welcomed Ropers (Arkansas), Lopers (Rice), Skinners (Arkansas), Jumpers (Baylor), Riders (Texas) and Rollers (Texas). There's a Wood (TCU), and Irons (Tech) and a Hooker (TCU).

Milestones should fall like hailstones this autumn. Texas A&M needs five wins to register its 400th varsity football victory, while SMU has won 299 games and Rice 298. Texas' Darrell Royal, already holder of the most SWC victories, will claim his 100th SWC decision with the Longhorns' first conference triumph this fall.

Going to the extremes, Joe Bob Bizzell of Texas is the SWC's smallest footballer in 1975 at 5-7 and 142 pounds. A&M's Billy Lemons, 131 pounds heavier than Bizzell at 273, is the heaviest. Tallest, one foot and one inch over Bizzell's head, is SMU's Steve Brown at 6-8. But look out for the Cougars next year — Houston junior tackle David Brooks is 280.

Although the SWC set total attendance and per-game average attendance all-time records in 1974, only two stadium records fell — the 50,200 who saw Texas A&M at Baylor and the 54,622 delighted Razorback fans who sat in on the Little Rock massacre of Southern Cal.

A quartet of SWC schools will be seeking to improve upon national marks established over the past five seasons. During that time, Tech has had the nation's third best pass defense (99.0) while A&M has been eighth best (108.5) Houston has managed the seventh best defense against the run per game (130.6). Offensively, Texas is sixth in scoring offense, second in rushing offense and ninth in total offense. Houston is sixth in rushing and fourth in total offense.

Freshman soccer style kicker Alvaro Arenas, a native of Colombia, impressed Rice football coach Al Conover Tuesday as the Owls continued their fall drills in shorts prior to putting on pads Thursday.

Arenas, a slim 5-7 148-pounder being groomed to replace Alan Pringle, booted several kicks between the uprights from 55 yards out and also was consistent at closer ranges.


Jim Kelley, a letterman linebacker from Smyer, also participated in the workout and officials said he appeared recovered from a knee injury that forced him to miss spring training.

The Owls will begin two-a-day workouts Thursday and Conover has slated the first full scrimmage for Saturday night.

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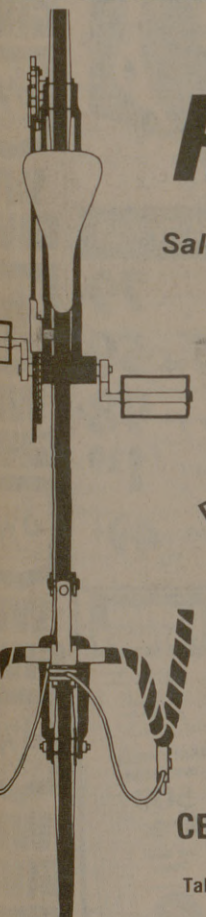
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1972 Indy 500 winner dies after brain surgery

GRAZ, Austria — Race driver Mark Donohue, in a coma since suffering brain injuries Sunday in a crash during practice for the Austrian Grand Prix, died late Tuesday of complications after surgery, The Associated Press learned.

Donohue, 38, the 1972 Indianapolis 500 winner, died at approximately midnight local time, 7 p.m. EDT, of complications that arose from the three-hour operation to remove a blood clot from his brain.

Donohue was hit on the side of his helmet with debris as his car crashed through four rows of catch fences and some billboards along the racecourse.

At first it was thought he had suffered no other injuries than a mild concussion in the crash. After being checked over at the track hospital, he complained of a worsening headache.

He was rushed to Landes Krankenhaus hospital in Graz after he went into mild convulsions.

Donohue's death was announced by a spokesman for his car owner, Roger Penske, a close personal friend and a long-time associate. Penske, along with Donohue's wife Edna and father Mark Sr., were at Donohue's bedside here.

Donohue, who had driven exclusively for Penske since 1966, was one of the sport's most versatile and successful performers. He had won 57 major professional races, including NAS-

CAR Grand National events, Sports Car Club of America races and three U.S. Auto Club events.

One of the sport's \$1 million career winners, Donohue retired Feb. 15, 1974 after winning the International Race of Champions at Daytona. However, he agreed to drive Penske's new Formula 1 entry in 1975 and 1976. Penske had originally contracted the late Peter Revson to drive the car.

Donohue, a Brown University engineering graduate, won the Trans-Am and Can-Am series championships, the 24 Hours of Daytona, the U.S. Road Racing Championship and was SCCA Driver of the Year in 1965.


Just two weeks ago Donohue had set the world's closed-course speed record of 221.160 miles an hour in his old CanAm car.

U.S. grounds fighter bombers

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has grounded 240 F111 fighter bombers to inspect them for possible engine defects. The grounding was ordered after fire broke out in an F111 as it was preparing to take off at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. No one was hurt in the incident. A check of the Nellis F111 turned up cracks in turbine blades.

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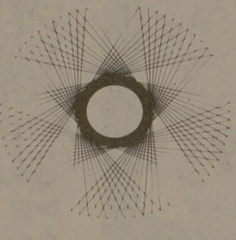
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