

# Court reinstates 48-man squads

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NEW ORLEANS — A federal appeals court struck down on Wednesday an Alabama judge's ruling that college football traveling squads may have 60 players instead of being limited to 48. The NCAA said travel squads would be cut back to 48 players after this weekend.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals order suspended a temporary injunction which had granted to Alabama Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant after a hearing before U.S. District Judge Sam C. Pointer Jr. in Tuscaloosa on Sept. 8.

The NCAA said college squads may travel with 60 players this weekend, but that the old limit of 48 would apply after that.

"Schools already have things in motion for this weekend," said the

spokesman, Warren Brown, adding that the NCAA would probably send letters to its member schools with the new instruction on Thursday.

Suspension or stay of Judge Pointer's order had been by the NCAA pending the outcome of its appeal of Judge Pointer's decision.

In granting the NCAA plea, the Circuit Court refused to accept the case as one of high importance and thus grant it a quick hearing, which would have cut several months off normal court procedure.

What that means is Bryant's original suit against the 48-man travel squad still exists. But since the 5th Circuit Court does not consider the suit of high importance, the case cannot get on the docket until at

least late this year. That means the 48-man travel squad is likely to remain in force the remainder of this season.

Told of Pointer's decision Bryant said, "Naturally, I am disappointed. I don't plan to have any further comment. We'll just do the best we can."

The NCAA imposed the 48-man rule as an economy measure last August after many of the 821 NCAA members complained of the high cost of intercollegiate athletics.

Coach Bryant then filed a class action suit against new NCAA By-law 12 and Judge Pointer granted an injunction against it. He held that limiting the traveling team to 48 players was unfair because the home team could have 60.

## I'm not the Quarterback

By DAVID WALKER  
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An open letter to Emory Bellard . . . Dear Emory,

A friend told me today that he thinks "sports writers is dumb." Now, I don't totally agree with him but I do think you've been getting some pretty unfair knocks about last week's victory over Mississippi. Just listening to everyone it seems as though the Aggies lost.

What bad memories those folks have. You and I both remember the days when everyone would be dancing in the streets over a 7-0 victory.

Something else everybody is griping about is fumbles. It seems all an Aggie back has to do is fumble and the entire world jumps off the band wagon and sports writers rip your team pretty good. I guess my friend is kind-of right.

They keep talking about last week's fumbles and how it was like last year all over again. The fumbles were quite different last Saturday. Two of them were on punts and the other three were not pitches and just dropped footballs. Emory, do you remember the last time that we played a game without a bad pitch?

But don't worry, like my friend says, Texas won the National Championship in 1969 and they out fumbled every team in the South-west Conference by at least ten fumbles.

Since it's Thursday and people are still griping about your team's fumbles, my friend and I decided to look at the records. I think you'll like what we found, as a matter of fact it would be better for your Aggies to fumble more and recover less of the other teams fumbles.

Since you've been here your teams have played 34 games. You've won 17 and lost 17. In the 19 games where your Ags lost two or less fumbles they have won only nine. But in the 15 games where your Ags have lost three or more fumbles they've won eight.

In the 28 games where the other team has lost two or less fumbles against the Aggies they've won only 12. But when the opponents lost three or more they have won five of the six games.

I guess my friend is right.

Here is a chart of A&M fumbles broken down by games since you've been here.

Number of games	Number of fumbles lost	Games A&M won
1	none	1
10	one	6
8	two	2
11	three	6
2	four	1
2	five	1

I hope that you can beat some teams bad this season so some of your fans will be happy.

I guess most of them would still be mad if you went 12-0 and all of 'em were 7-0. I don't know about you but I'd rather have a great defense that doesn't give up many points and have an offense that is good enough, than have a super offense and a "hope and pray" defense.

You know last year you beat LSU 21-14 and everyone was happy and the world was right. But that's just seven points. I wonder if they would be as happy this year if you just beat 'em 7-0?

Sincerely,  
Me.

P.S. My friend said to tell you not to pay any attention to sports writers, they don't know what they're talking about.

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Nine teams are entered in the double elimination tourney including defending champion UT Arlington and defending state champion TWU. The other teams are host A&M, Sam Houston State, Texas A&I, Stephen F. Austin, Baylor, Lamar and West Texas State.

The tournament will begin at 1 p.m. Friday with Sam Houston

playing Texas A&I and West Texas playing SFA. At 2:30 p.m., Baylor will meet UT Arlington and TWU will meet Lamar. A&M will play the winner of the Sam Houston-A&I game at 4 p.m.

Second round games will be at 5:30, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Friday. Games will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with the finals scheduled for 6 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Representing A&M will be Robin Oakley, junior from Houston; Patty McSweeney, freshman from Madisonville; Janice Williamson, sophomore from Bryan; LaRita Fickey, senior from Bryan; Becky Hartman, freshman from Luling, La.; Diane Gothard, freshman from Midland; Kim Bellamy, sophomore

from Houston; Shannon Brundrett, sophomore from Texarkana; Liz Zemanek, freshman from Bryan; Robin Anderson, freshman from Odessa; Cindy Gough, freshman from Houston; Belinda Guthrie, senior from Freeport; Diane Quitta, senior from College Station; Toni Hymel, freshman from Illinois; and Mary Mock, sophomore from Houston.

A&M is coached by Kay Don. Managers are Cindy Myrick and Kathy Kelly.

## Howe to play more

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HOUSTON — Houston Aeros President Gordie Howe, who led the Aeros to two World Hockey Association championships, announced today he would play the full 1975-76 season.

Howe, 47, the former National Hockey League great, said after last season he was retiring after playing in the Aeros first game this season in The Summit, their new home.

"I think it was unfair to ask me at the end of last season if I would retire," Howe said. "I was tired then and wanted to rest. But we put on the sweats a couple of days ago and the old fires started burning again."

Howe was named president of the Aeros following his retirement as a player. Howe said he would leave it to the Aeros' board of directors concerning that position.

"I can stay as president in name only if that's the way they want it," Howe said. "We have plenty of quality people."

## Flyers club will meet

The Texas A&M Flying Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, at 7:30 p.m., in Rudder Tower room 402, to develop plans for the local club competition scheduled for Oct. 4.

Six areas of competition are available including power on spot landings, power off spot landings, message drops, ECB flight computer utilization, cross country flights, and pre-flight checks.

Up to three club members in each area of competition will be selected to participate in the regional meet to be held in Uvalde, Texas on October 11, 1975.

Persons interested in participating in the local and regional competitions are invited to attend. For further information contact Kim Marshall 846-5158, or Jim Noel at 845-7511.



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