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# Five teams now striking

## Lions, Giants join bandwagon

**Associated Press**  
The National Football League players' strike grew to five teams Wednesday with the addition of the Detroit Lions and the New York Giants, threatening to disrupt the start of a season only four days away. In an effort to turn the deteriorating situation around, negotiations on a labor contract resumed Wednesday night.

Team owners, speaking through a six-man committee, announced earlier Wednesday their firm intention that "there will be games played in the NFL this weekend."

The Lions and Giants joined the New York Jets, Washington Redskins and New England Patriots in announcing their decision to strike, but the division in the players' union grew as a total of nine teams had voted not to strike.

The first of 14 weekends of regular-season games are scheduled Sunday.

Meanwhile, W. J. Usery, head of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, left Washington late Wednesday and flew to New York,

where he and aides went into immediate negotiations with the NFL Management Council.

At the same time, union head Ed Garvey flew to New York although he did not go to the management council offices immediately. Negotiations between the league and the union, with Usery shuttling back and forth, were expected to continue late into the night.

The fact that negotiations resumed meant progress was possible.

Both union and management representatives confirmed they had been in constant contact with Usery the past several days. Union head Ed Garvey said he believed a contract agreement was closer than it has ever been; other knowledgeable sources said Garvey was being too optimistic.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, Cleveland Browns, New Orleans Saints, Denver Broncos, Atlanta Falcons and Buffalo Bills joined four previous teams - Dallas, Houston, Miami and Minnesota - in voting not to strike.

The Steelers said they would not strike even if the other 25 clubs did. But they also said they would not support the union leadership unless it keeps the Rozelle Rule as a major negotiation item. The team's vote count was not disclosed.

Three of this weekend's 13 opening games were in obvious jeopardy because the three teams on strike don't play each other. That was the major issue facing the six owners - the Giants' Wellington Mara, Cleveland's Art Modell, Miami's Joe Robbie, Chicago's George Halas Jr., Buffalo's Ralph Wilson and Atlanta's Rankin Smith - who form the Management Council's executive committee. They have the power to cancel any or all games.

Not in recent times - ones when the league has become embroiled in all sorts of legal and labor disputes - has the NFL been so torn by hardening attitudes.

The players are angry and disgruntled.

The owners are indignant, more or less unified, and feel they have a

sacred trust to uphold the integrity of the game.

And the fans - remember them? - are confused, unhappy and tired of having their sports pages taken up with endless tales of strikes, lockouts and collective bargaining when they should be reading about flashy rookies and shrewd game plans.

The Patriots lit the spark in this latest dispute when they went on strike and skipped last Sunday's exhibition game with the New York Jets in an attempt to force a new contract. New England officials responded by locking the players out of training camp. The fire spread Tuesday with the Jets and Redskins joining the Pats on strike.

What was not certain was to what extent some of the striking clubs were actually striking. The Redskins, for instance, showed up today for team meetings. However, it was not known if they would practice and no Redskin had said the club was off strike. When the Jets went on strike Tuesday, they also met in small groups but refused to practice.

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# Intramurals grow with support

By MARK KING  
Battalion Staff Writer

Texas A&M is known to have one of the strongest intramural programs around. This is mainly because of the participation of the students and because of the interest the administration has shown for the continuation and growth of the program. These statements were outlined by Dennis Corrington, director of intramurals at Texas A&M.

Credit for A&M's strong IM organization has to go to Corrington, Jim Jeter, and their staff. Corrington and Jeter are the heads of this year's intramural program, and it's their responsibility to keep ev-

erything in working order, as far as the overall IM picture is concerned. The IM department is a part of the Health and Physical Education Department under the direction of Dr. Carl W. Landiss.

Last year Jeter worked basically with the men's division of intramurals and in the training of officials for various sports. However, this year the IM department promoted Jeter to Associate Director of the organization. John Meyer, from Iowa State, was hired to take charge of team sports and officials, and Susan Schlieder changed positions and now heads the individual and dual sports.

Intramurals at A&M began in 1925, and came about as a result of students wanting to participate in organized athletics without having to go to the intercollegiate level.

"People here were not just interested in being spectators, they wanted to get out and be a part of the program," Corrington said. He also added that the administration has been very responsive to the students needs concerning money for equipment, facilities, and organization. In the past four years the amount of money given the IM department from student service fees has increased from \$35,000 in 1972, to \$70,000 in 1974, to \$120,000 this

year. One of the reasons for the \$50,000 jump this year was because the amount of money given the Athletic Dept. from Student Services was cut from \$200,000 in 1974, to \$120,000 this year.

The IM department noted about a 45 per cent increase in participation for this fall. Corrington noted that the reason for A&M's big increase was first of all, the amount of new students on campus and secondly a big publicity campaign by the IM department this past summer and early fall. The campaign concentrated on reaching the 4000 new freshmen and Off Campus students with handbills, a slide presentation, and other general information about the IM program. The campaign ran at a cost of approximately \$1050.00. Corrington and Jeter said they expected the increase to remain consistent throughout the year.

Jeter said that improvements for existing facilities were in the immediate plans for the IM department. "We'd like to get some lights for our football fields throughout the campus. This would help in scheduling games, in that some of the games could be played at night." Jeter also expressed a desire to have access to a few more basketball courts, besides the ones already

now in use in G. Rollie White Fieldhouse and DeWare Fieldhouse.

Jim also said that a few clubs had been made in the point system for division championships. He explained that team sports would count more than they had in the past. The different divisions for students and faculty may participate in:

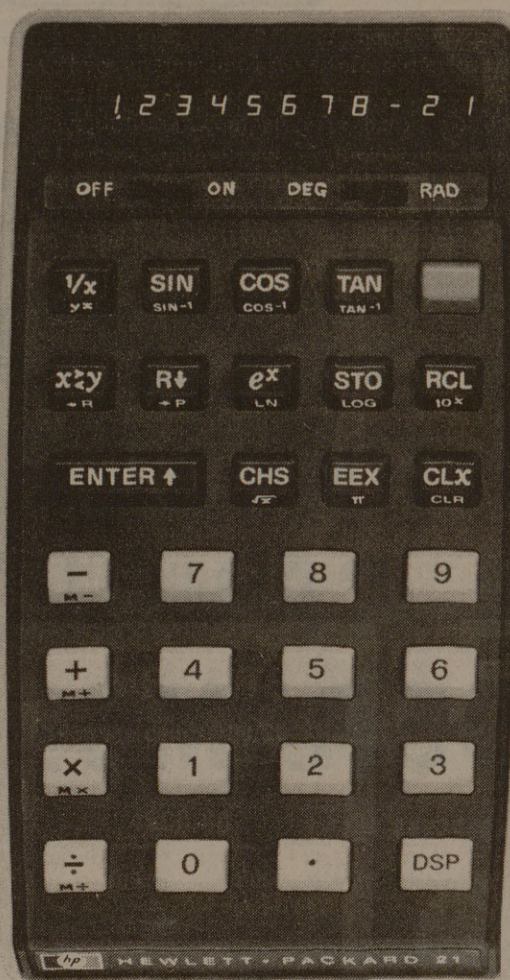
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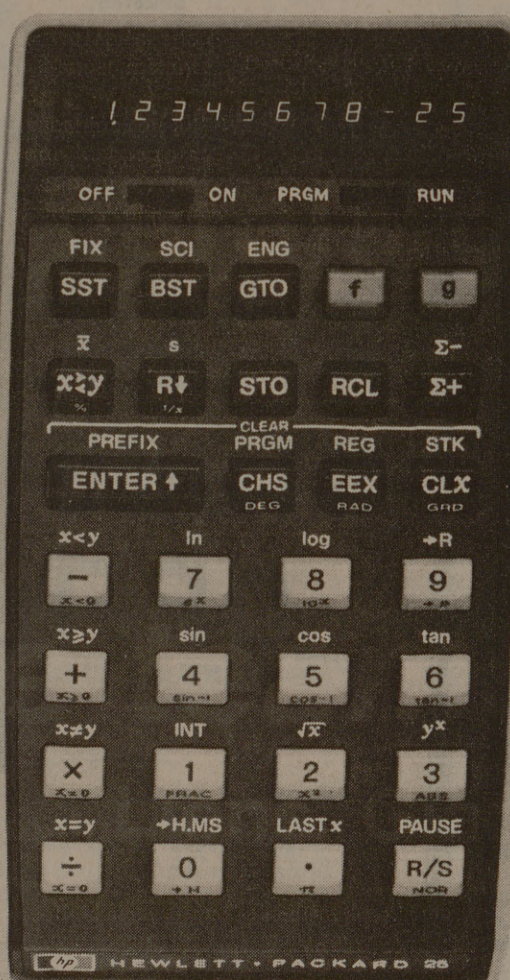
Co-Recreational - Any University Student, faculty, or staff member co-ed competition.

Some of the activities for this year are football, tennis and golf singles, handball and table tennis doubles, soccer, bowling, archery, a state meet, and a field goal kicking contest. Also outlined were the IM department's plans to add a few new activities to this year's schedule. A couple of the new activities being proposed are canoe races, and golfer's long-driving contest.

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