

Ags host Old Maroons Rugby: Past vs. Present

"If football fans, hopefully happily hurrying home, have nothing planned after the game, we welcome you to come to the main drill field where the current National Champion Aggie rugby side will play a first annual 'Past vs. Present' game with the newly formed Old Maroons," said Dr. Gerard O'Donovan, rugby faculty representative.

The Old Maroons will probably sport such touted exes as Aaron Cahoon, the founder and team captain, (who was unavailable for comment at press time), Randy 'Mr. Smooth' Harju and George Alden. The best fifteen players available from former Aggie sides that once sported an 88-4 record are expected back for

the matchup and reunion. John Rayton, player-coach and captain was quoted by O'Donovan as saying, "One hopes to be up for all games and clearly so, for though we have shown improvement we are neither fit nor up." Club presy Billy Goodrich said, "This can become an annual affair and I am up for it."

"There have been some bright spots in the forwards," said O'Donovan, "but our scrums and lineouts have been scraggy. We are aiming for the National Championships which we plan to host here at Aggieland."

Among the returning graduates this weekend will be 'super' scrum-half Cahoon, Mark Anthony and Larry Gallego who must be

seen to be believed. I have seen him (Gallego) kick 70-yard penalty goald (field goals) with ease.

"Bruce Mills, in whom two pro-football teams have shown interest, kicks and punts left-footed," said O'Donovan.

tries from his own endzone and found touch on or inside the 20-yard line using a borrowed American football! He is strong as a bull, his average get-away time is 2.4 seconds and hangtime: 5.2. His average distance is 60 yards. Of late, he likes to play on the wing but he will be at fullback for the Old Maroons tomorrow. We all hope to see 'Mr. Smooth' (Randy Harju) get his passing game going and that those who have provided us with so much excitement in the past like George Al-

den, will be able to make the game. George probably still is the best hooker in the U.S.A., said O'Donovan.

O'Donovan finished with a welcome and a quote, "The present young Aggie squad are numerous and itching to have a go, a clean, well-behaved go, at the Old Maroons and we welcome everyone. A party will follow for both teams in a manner befitting the camaraderie that is Rugby. As Don Rutherford, the English International player and writer par excellence says, 'If you do not enjoy it, do not play.' Welcome home, Old Maroons."

The game will start at 3:30 p.m. with renowned referee Tony King officiating. There is no charge.

Half of teams vote no go on contract

By BRUCE LOWITT
Associated Press

National Football League players overwhelmingly rejected the owners' latest contract offer Thursday, although the Cincinnati Bengals bucked the trend and voted to approve it.

The vote against the contract was not a vote to strike. That must be

done by a separate ballot. None of the voting clubs has said it has any plans to hold a strike vote. All the clubs are expected to play their upcoming Sunday or Monday night games.

Voting against the contract Thursday were 13 teams — half the league. They were the New England Patriots, San Francisco 49ers, Washington Redskins, Oakland Raiders, Kansas City Chiefs, New Orleans Saints, Chicago Bears, Miami Dolphins, Cleveland Browns, Philadelphia Eagles, Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers and Atlanta Falcons. Cincinnati's vote was 26-13 to accept the contract.

New England voted 47-0 against it, including four players on the injured reserve list. San Francisco, Washington, Oakland, Kansas City and New Orleans voted 43-0 against the offer, Chicago's vote was 41-0, Miami's was 30-5, Cleveland's was 30-11, Philadelphia's was 24-18 and Detroit's was 27-15. Not counting unreleased Green Bay and Atlanta balloting, the total player vote was 470-75 against the contract.

The teams joined the Buffalo Bills and Houston Oilers, who had each voted 43-0 Wednesday to reject the offer, thus getting a jump on the rest of the 24 clubs in opposing the four-year proposal presented by the NFL Management Council to the players association last Monday in Chicago.

Green Bay and Atlanta declined to reveal vote counts but player rep Clarence Williams said the Packers' vote was "95 to 99 per cent" against it and player rep John Zook said the Falcons "voted nearly unanimously to reject the contract."

The management council, the owners' bargaining arm, called its latest contract "our best shot." The union passed the proposal to the players without a recommendation and sources close to the NFLPA say the union leadership's view of the offer was almost wholly negative.

The Bills' vote was announced Wednesday by Reggie McKenzie as 42-1 against. But Mike Montler, subbing for McKenzie in Chicago, said the actual count was 43-0.

Several teams said they would not vote until Friday or would vote on Thursday night but wouldn't release the results until Friday.

Quarterback Ken Anderson, Cincinnati's player representative, announced his team's vote and said the Bengals' players would begin paying their dues "so their votes would count." But there was no other comment from the Bengals who, during the recent labor troubles, opposed the strike and were the first to collectively cross the picket line during last year's walkout.

Detroit player rep Jim Yarbrough, expressing what seemed to be a leaguewide sentiment against another strike, said: "We haven't

even discussed that. There was too much trial and tribulation last week."

The Patriots struck on Saturday, Sept. 13, refusing to play their final exhibition game on Sept. 14 against the New York Jets. Within a few days, the Jets, Redskins, Lions and New York Giants joined the walk-out. The brief strike ended when the owners promised to come up with a new contract offer, the one which was put forth in Chicago.

Now, with the contract surely defeated, the question remains: will there be any more negotiating?

The rejection of the offer leaves the players and owners virtually where they were when the last contract expired on Feb. 1, 1974, namely far apart on the so-called "freedom issues."

And without a contract, the players have three options: return to the bargaining table once again, continue to play without a contract, or stage their third strike in 14 months.

The owners' current contract offer reportedly was considered acceptable by the union from an economic point of view.

But it is the "freedom issues" like the Rozelle Rule, impartial grievance arbitration, representation on the retirement board, squad size, an agency shop and bargaining changes in the NFL constitution and by-laws which have dead-locked the players and owners for nearly 20 months.

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Game of the Week
Slip Slides Victorious in CoRec Season Opener
By JAN SWINNEA
Co-rec sports are becoming increasingly more popular and flag football is no exception. In 1974 there were only 10 teams, this year 21 teams have entered.
Co-rec action got underway with the Slip Slides, last year's championship team, edging Plantation Oaks 19-12.
Plantation Oaks was obviously more prepared for the first encounter of the season, but couldn't seem to get everything going right. The Slip Slides scored on their first possession of the ball when Willie Robson threw a long pass to Ronnie Loomis for the first touchdown.
Plantation's first chance for a score turned into a touchdown for the Slip Slides when Loomis intercepted a pass and ran untouched to the goal line.
Plantation's first score was also on a pass caught by Randy Lecompte.
Well into the second half Loomis scored again to give the Slip Slides a comfortable lead 19-6. Plantation was not ready to give it up though, late in the half another touchdown was made closing the lead of the Slides to 7. Efforts to score again by both teams failed and the contest ended 19-12.
In the Co-Rec opener, Lynnette Mandola of Plantation Oaks acts as quarterback on a well executed scoring drive. Her efforts were in vain, though, as the Slip Slides went on to win 19-12.

Record Participation In Singles Tennis Tourney
Tennis anyone? Students and staff of TAMU said yes as there were 816 entries in the Intramural Singles tournament. This was an increase of 249 participants over last year's entries.
The single elimination tournament began Monday, September 22, and is expected to run through October.
The entries were broken into six divisions. Winners for each division will move into another single elimination tournament to determine the All University Champion.
The number of contestants for each of the divisions are:

Military	211
Fish	151
Independent	180
Civilian	125
Recreational	76
Women	72

Watch and Enter
If classes are already beginning to make your days seem like the same old thing, add some fun to your life and enter an IM Sport!

Sport	Closing Date
Handball Doubles	September 30
Badminton (Open)	September 30
Golf Singles	October 7
Field Goal Contest (open)	October 7
Swimming	October 14

Refs' Corner
There will be an officials meeting Thursday, October 2, 1975, room 267, G. Rollie White, 7:30 p.m. Football officials must attend!

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