

Coaches' disapproval

Coaches' board views playoff system

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DALLAS — Darrell Royal of the American Coaches Association, said he personally favors a national championship

among a select number of bowl winners but doesn't think a fully representative playoff system will ever come about.
"I don't believe we'll ever have an out-and-out playoff system," Royal

said. "Personally, I'd be for a two-team or a four-team playoff after the bowl games but I don't consider that a true championship tournament."
The plans Royal mentioned are on the legislative agenda for the four-

day meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which begins Wednesday. But there were indications that the proposal for a national championship might have to be put off for a year because of a

legislative technicality.
The AFCA, meeting in conjunction with the NCAA, has not taken an official stand on a Division I playoff, but Royal said the majority of coaches were not in favor of a cham-

pionship series in December.
A December playoff, he said, would interfere with the final examination schedule of most schools and also would harm the bowl games.
"The present package from the bowl games is around \$12 million and that's a pretty healthy package," he said.

The NCAA begins two conventions in one Wednesday afternoon. First, some 800 delegates will hold the association's third special convention to consider 79 proposals left over from last August's special session on economy. Then they will consider 224 pieces of legislation at the 70th annual convention — plus scores of amendments to amendments.

Among the controversial topics, in addition to the football playoffs, are establishment of a so-called "Super Division" for big time football schools, sharing of football television receipts among all NCAA members, awarding athletic scholarships only on a need basis and limitations on squad size and coaching staffs.

Stopping in New York en route to Miami for Sunday's Super Bowl, O. J. paused long enough to discuss one of the National Football League's hottest questions: Will he retire before next season to pursue a promising movie career?
"I plan to talk to Mr. Wilson (Ralph Wilson, owner of the Bills) next week," Simpson said. "My contract runs through 1977 but I have to

O. J. ponders future as player, film star

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NEW YORK — As O. J. Simpson ponders his future in or out of professional football, his mind is inescapably drawn to two well-known figures of his trade, Jim Brown and Joe Namath.

"I always admired Jim Brown as a runner," the Buffalo Bills' record-setting ball-carrier said Tuesday, "but the thing I most admired about him was that he quit on top."

"It is easy for a ball player to say, 'One more year, one more year,' but that can be tragic. People look at Jim Brown and remember how great he was. That's what I want to happen to me."

talk to Mr. Wilson about my security. We always have had a very good relationship.
"I would like to play another year or two of football, but I want to quit on top. Also, I want to get paid what I am worth."

"Joe Namath has set the standard in football from the time he signed that first \$400,000 bonus contract. He makes \$450,000 a year. That is six figures more than I make."

Ags start track season in trip to Oklahoma

It's look and see time for the Texas A&M track coaches as the Aggies open the indoor portion of their schedule in Oklahoma City this Friday.

Charlie Thomas and Ted Nelson will take across the Red River a relatively young squad, one that will have its share of problems to overcome. Top-flight hurdler Shifton Baker, a second-place finisher in the Southwest Conference last year, will miss Friday's action because of an injured knee. The injury is not reported to be serious.

The Ags will also be missing sprinter Ray Brooks who is out with an illness. Distance man Bruce Smith, who was figured on to carry much of the load in that area, is lost because of low grades.

Because of the travel-squad limit handed down by the NCAA, A&M will take only 21 athletes to the meet. Besides the Aggies, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Kansas State, Baylor, Arkansas and TCU will toe the line in Oklahoma City's Civic Center. The facility is geared for ten laps to equal a mile.

This is the first of five indoor contests for A&M and will serve as an indicator for the coaching staff to evaluate the amount of work needed because of the holiday layoff. In short, it will serve as a skirmish before the battle in March for the SWC Indoor championship.

The team will leave Thursday morning for the Friday competition and return on Saturday.

illustrating the youthful talent possessed by Fosdick this year, another freshman, this one Chris Shipp from Michigan, posted the third-best time in the butterfly in the school's history. This is despite the fact that Shipp is primarily a freestyler.

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Another freshman, Eric Rasmuson from Sweden, made the finals in each of his events, although he just got off a plane from his home country. Fosdick also singled out Jim Yates and his butterflyers, Steve Moore and Oran Marksbury as performing well.

The men took third behind hosting University of Houston and LSU. The women were second to none, copping first place honors in their division.

"We're swimming well for this time of year," said Coach Fosdick. "I'm real happy with them."

"Brad Swendig (a freshman) did an outstanding job," Fosdick added. "(Bob) Leland is swimming well for us also."

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