

CAA tightens collegiate budgets

Alabama quarterback John Wells will be suiting out this Saturday as Virginia Tech replaces the Keith Baker, but more than 50 Alabama's teammates will be absent from the field, sidelined by the Southeastern Conference's 55 player suspension rule.

among the crowd as Bellard said they had been given tickets to a game they came to play. Another new rule effecting the game this year is an NCAA ban on sending coaches to scout their opponents. The rule, initiated in January to cut expenses, doesn't hinder the Aggies because they have been relying on films for scouting purposes for several years. The Aggies will view the film of Virginia Tech's first game prior to Saturday's contest. In conference play the Aggies exchange four films, three of the opponent's choice and the most current film, with SWC member teams. This week Aggie starters have spent between three and five hours studying Virginia Tech's 23-6 victory over Wake Forest via borrowed films. —Kathy Young

A&M Consol faces Midway on Friday

The A&M Consolidated Tigers returned to the basic fundamentals of football in preparation for their Friday night against Midway College. After last week's 18-7 loss to La Head Coach Bob Caskey said the team needed extra work on their blocking and tackling skills. The last week we just simply didn't block well enough to score. Midway will pose a stiff challenge to the Tigers this week. Caskey said scouting reports show that Midway is a powerful running team with plenty of depth. "A very solid club that makes few mistakes," he added. Starting for the Tigers Friday on offense will be Kyle Cunn-

ingham at quarterback, Brad Smith and Tollie Thompson at running backs, and Calvin Heard at fullback. Tim Lyda and Paul Gardner will start at end, Mark Dixon and Scott Van Cleave at tackle, and Kenny Davidson and Steve Boatwright at guard. The center will be Mark Pantel. Defensively the Tigers will start Davidson and Dixon at the tackle position. Dixon and Dean Spannagel will be the guards. The linebackers will be Bobby Garner, Lyda and Gardner. Colin Ward, Smith, Heard, and Cunningham will be the defensive backs. The game will start at Midway at 8 o'clock. —Kelly Davidson

Palmer passes plateau of twenty victories

Associated Press BALTIMORE — Posting a 20th victory just doesn't mean as much to a pitcher who has reached the plateau in six of his last seven wins. "It's a milestone, I guess," Baltimore Jim Palmer said after pitching a seven-hitter over the Cleveland Indians Wednesday night. "But you have 19 by the end of August. You kind of feel you're going to win 20." People judge you on 20 wins," he said while teammates drank champagne he supplied for the occasion, "but what's the difference between 19 or 20? It's like a batter hitting .299 instead of .300. Actually, there's not much difference between winning 15 or winning 20. It depends on how many you go out there, the breaks

you get, and how the team plays. You need luck and consistency." The 30-year-old right-hander, the American League's Cy Young Award winner in two of the past three years, said both he and the Orioles had been a might inconsistent when his record was just 6-7 through mid-June. "Since then," he said, "I've pitched as well as I could have, except I've lost about a foot off my fast ball since pulling a back muscle on July 31." Palmer, who has lost 12 this year, gave up a first inning run when John Lowenstein tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Larvell Blanks. Just two Cleveland runners reached second base after that and one, Lowenstein, was picked off by Palmer.

Lunkers 'N Lies

By JIMMY GUILLOT

Dove season is rapidly approaching for Brazos County, as the South Zone season will run from Sept. 25 through Nov. 7 this year. This column will include an area dove hunting report in a week or two to give hunters a look at the situation in the Brazos Valley. One reminder now, though. Don't forget to renew your hunting license before going shotgunning this year. The \$5.25 is well worth it when you consider the potential fines involved. You might also refresh your memory after the summer layoff by looking over the Texas hunting regulations. Changes do occur in our laws from year to year. You can get a copy of the regulations at the Texas Parks and Wildlife office on Old College Road.

lake reports run for this week: Toledo Bend—Top-water lures working well on schooling bass, but more fish are being caught at night on plastic worms. Some fish are congregating around moss beads in as little as 3 to 4 feet of water, but most are still sticking in 8 to 12 foot depths. Livingston—Chrome crank baits worked around front of the Jungle are producing most of the fish. Bass are occasionally seeking deeper water around the river channel, and worms are picking up fish here. More fish are being caught during mid-day than in early morning hours. The white bass are schooling around the back side of the Jungle, but whites are running small. Sam Rayburn—Extensive schooling activity. Fish are being caught in 10-12 feet of water. Best lures are worms, Hot Spots in the clear and chrome colors and topwater baits when the bass are schooling. Somerville—Black bass are moving to shallow water, crank baits around the moss beds are reported to be the best bet. The white bass are still schooling in the Welch Park area. Bank fishermen are making good catches on the catfish.

Club sponsor Tommy Nuche said the tournament will take place on Lake Livingston and will be headquartered at Cove Marina. Entries are still open and the contest may be entered by showing up at the headquarters Saturday morning before the 6:30 a.m. starting time.

It seems that the lunker catches are somewhat slow right now, with most of the fish I've seen lately being of the smaller size. Fishermen who have good deep water structure located can still bring in some good fish, though.

Entry fee for the event is \$4 and club dues of \$10 must be paid when the tournament is entered. Although the tournament runs two days, Nuche says contestants will fish only one day, either Saturday or Sunday. Trophies will be awarded as prizes, along with a jackpot to the contestant hauling in the biggest bass.

As the weather gets cooler, the bigger fish ought to move in to the shallow structure and cover, but until then a good bet might be to try night fishing when things cool off a bit.

Area Fishing Report—The black bass are pretty much sticking to their pattern for this time of year in area lakes. Heavy schooling activity is reported in all lakes, and topwater baits are taking these fish. School bass are generally running small, though. Cool weather in some areas has moved the fish into shallower water, but worm fishermen are still having moderate success in deeper water. Where bass have moved shallow, crank baits and swimming baits have been the most successful lures. Here's how some of the individual

PATKIN CLOWNS AWAY PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Baseball clown Max Patkin says there's a renewed interest in minor league ball, especially when he puts on his pantomime act. He recently played before 4,200 fans in Norfolk, Va., during an International League game. Patkin is already lining up off-season dates and may make two Long Island appearances next January prior to the annual New York Baseball Writers show Jan. 30.

A&M water polo begins; hosts team tournament

By CAROLYN BLOSSER Battalion Staff Water polo, one of the fastest growing sports today, has begun another season at Texas A&M. This weekend, September 10 and 11, A&M will be hosting its Water Polo Novice Tournament. Competition in this rather unusual 12 team tournament will include only those players who are college freshmen or younger. High school teams, college teams, and water polo clubs from the surrounding area will be competing. The Aggies begin their play at 4 p.m. Friday against North Shore

High School, before taking on the Lafayette Raquet Club at 6 p.m. All games will be played either in Cain pool or in P.L. Downs Natatorium. The competition will wind up Saturday with games beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting through most of the afternoon. Leading the Aggie attack will be high school All-Americans Vincente Tavarez (McAllen), Dutchy Kuete-man (La Marque) and 8 Steve Spicer (Fullerton, Calif.). Spicer's high school coach once commented that, "once Steve sets a hole, you don't move him out." Spicer, incidentally, stands 6'3" and weighs 195 pounds.

Other freshman standouts for A&M are David Comstock (College Station), Mark Lenox (Dallas), Thad Putnam (Clear Lake) and Mike Newsom (Albuquerque, N.M.). Newsom is also a javelin thrower on the Ag's track team. The men's varsity water polo team will get its season underway on September 18 with a "fun" game against the A&M alumni before facing Southern Methodist University in Dallas on September 22. The women's team will open its season against Clear Creek on September 21.

Rams and Bills fail in finding Simpson a home

Associated Press It was a simple sentence, five words spoken in the appropriate solemn tone by a man whose mind was troubled.

laws. They offered to pay the bonuses for every player the Bills sign next season.

Reggie Taylor for the All-Pro runner.

"The issue is totally dead," said Lou Saban, who coaches the National Football League's Buffalo Bills. The issue was a running back named O.J. Simpson and Bills' attempts to fulfill his wishes by trading him to a West Coast team. Though the stakes got higher as Wednesday progressed, amounting virtually to a king's ransom for the spectacular Simpson, the Los Angeles Rams were unable to acquire the running back's services. They offered the Bills all 17 of their draft choices in 1977, mere hours before a judge found the draft to be a violation of the anti-trust

But even with NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle serving as the mediator between Buffalo owner Ralph Wilson and Los Angeles General Manager Don Klosterman, no agreement could be reached. The Bills insisted that All-Pro defensive end Jack Youngblood be part of their compensation for Simpson, and when the Rams refused to part with him, the issue was totally dead. "We tried again," said Klosterman, "but we weren't successful." Neither were the San Francisco 49ers, who also made a last-ditch bid before the interconference trading deadline expired at 4 p.m. According to reports, they offered defensive end Cedric Hardman, running back Wilbur Jackson and defensive back

That left the Rams with their draft choices, the 49ers with their players, and Simpson with the Bills, where he doesn't want to be. Though two years still remain on Simpson's five-year contract, he has not yet appeared at training camp or played in a preseason game. He isn't on the club's active roster. The next move, it appears, is that Wilson again will try to persuade Simpson to return to action with Buffalo. Wilson told a Los Angeles newspaper he thinks it can be done. It appears few other options are available. The Bills no longer can trade with National Conference clubs, leaving only the AFC Oakland Raiders as prospective dealers since Simpson has said he won't go to San Diego.

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