

No consistency without Willie

'Sips turn a pale green

By PAUL ARNETT
BATT SPORTS EDITOR

The line of scrimmage has finally been taken away from the Texas Longhorns. Offensive line coach Willie Zapalac has packed his bags and found a home in pro football, leaving Darrell Royal wishing for consistency in his Wishbone attack.

Two weekends of college football have been written in the annals of history. The opening weekend was full of upsets of the major powers, but most settled down this past weekend and once again traversed the road of success . . . ah, but down in Austin Daddy D is still searching for what the other teams have found.

Texas has had anything but unlimited success against their two opening opponents. The Horns were edged by Boston College 14-13, and survived a scare in Memorial Stadium 17-14 against North Texas State.

Now granted, Texas has had slow

starts before. They always seem to find themselves, and end up winning the conference. But this year is different.

Thus far Texas has shown no consistency in their offensive attack. On one set of downs they will show their old form by driving 80 yards on 12 plays for the touchdown, and on the next series fumble the ball on the first handoff. Against North Texas State Texas had no first downs in the second quarter, yet finished the evening with 19. Earl Campbell had 28 yards on eight carries in the first half, yet ended his evening with 208 yards on 32 carries.

These facts lead up to one simple answer, lack of consistency on the offensive line. For the past 11 years Texas has had that consistency in one Willie Zapalac. The former Aggie fullback coached one of the greatest offensive lines in college football history in 1969. They led the Wishbone attack and were the

individuals that made it great. Without them, and the coach that taught them, Texas' Wishbone would have been broken.

Zapalac came to Texas in 1964 from Oklahoma State. His coaching duties at Texas were co-head of the Longhorn offense, and offensive line coach. With the introduction of the Wishbone, Zapalac developed blocking patterns to fit the complicated offense. He worked with it from the ground floor and helped develop Texas' national championship of 1969.

Zapalac has now moved on to the pros, leaving behind a very worried Darrell Royal. His team has not looked outstanding in their first two games. Boston College has a good ball club, but North Texas State can be described only as fair at best. Besides the problem of consistency, Royal has had quarterbacking problems, injury problems and morale

problems. But when these are cleared up, his offensive line problem will still be around.

Texas has next week off, before journeying to Houston to play Rice. Royal has two weeks to work with his offense, and had better hope his defense comes to play. Rice's quarterback, Tommy Kramer, completed 28 passes for 319 yards against Utah.

Amongst all this turmoil, Royal has one consolation this year and that is his schedule. Last year Royal would be playing Tech next weekend followed by Oklahoma and Arkansas. With the way his team has played this year, he would be lucky if his team came away with one victory. As it turns out the tough games are weeks away and that is the only prayer that has been answered for Coach Royal and his Longhorns.



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Oh no you don't
Linebacker Robert Jackson was on his way to touchdown land, but finds quarterback Bill Swanson unwilling to accommodate. It was Jackson's first interception of the year, and the Ags second of the game.

Battle of the sexes

By CARI THURSTON
Co-Rec Sports: guys and girls competing together. It involves all dual sports and team sports. Susan Schleider, an assistant director of intramurals, said it is the fastest growing area of intramural sports.

Co-Rec uses modified rules, but it gives a player more chance to compete because a participant may

enter one men's or one women's division and play on a Co-Rec team, also.

Co-Rec flag football teams will begin play next week. Teams will consist of six players, at least three of which must be female. Rule changes from regular flag football involve passing and punting. Other rule changes apply to all TAMU flag football and involve blocking.

has the same amount of rest as the defense. He said the defense also create more consistency in the divisions and will make playing easier.

Shirley Rhodes, team manager for the Casa del Sol apartment team, feels that Co-Rec flag takes as much if not more skill playing in a men's or women's division.

Under these new rules, the defense is allowed no use of hands at anytime. An offensive player is required to interlock his hands behind his back whenever contact is to be made.

John Meyer, an assistant director for intramurals, said the changes were primarily made to promote safety and to make sure the offense

"With all the special rule passes and punts, it takes a good player to know how to make his team work," she said. "The most important thing is everybody getting out and having a time."

Thirty-three teams are signed for Co-Rec football this year: the A class; 10 in the B class; five in the C class.

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2. Ohio St. (3)	2-0-0
3. Pitt (7)	2-0-0
4. Oklahoma (3)	2-0-0
5. UCLA	2-0-0
6. Nebraska	1-0-1
7. Georgia	2-0-0
8. Maryland	2-0-0
9. Texas A&M	2-0-0
10. Kansas	3-0-0
11. Penn St.	1-1-0
12. Arkansas	2-0-0
13. Alabama	1-1-0
14. Illinois	2-0-0
15. Louisiana St.	1-0-1
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38 per cent, 15 per cent increases Football, Tennis Entries Exceed Previous Years

Well, the IM Flag Football season finally got under way yesterday and it looks as though it will be the best season yet. Each year more and more people participate in IM's, and this year is no exception. With 308 teams this year, we have a 38 per cent increase over last year's 222 teams. This means that 4912 people will be participating in flag football over the next three months.

In the A Class, there are 3312 participants, and that Class has the most teams with 207. In this Class, the Military Division has 17 teams, the Fish have 38, Civilian have 16, Women have 12, Co-

Recs have 18, and the Independents have a record 82 teams. This is the Class that is the most competitive and the one in which the teams try for the All-University Championship.

There are 1248 entrants in the B Class, making up 78 teams, including 17 Military, 10 Civilian, 4 Women, 35 Independent, and 16 Co-Rec teams. This Class is a semi-competitive league with teams playing each other for the Class Championship.

The third and final Class is the C Class which is strictly for fun and not as competitive as the others. It is made up of 352

players divided into 22 teams. In the C Class, there are 8 Women's teams, 7 Independents, and 5 Co-Rec teams.

Flag Football will once again be played in a Round Robin fashion with a single elimination playoff. Games will be played daily, Monday through Thursday, from 5-7 p.m. and on Sundays from 2-6 p.m. These contests will take place on the Duncan and Complex Fields, as well as on the Astruturf practice field behind Kyle Stadium. There are 712 regular season games scheduled, so there will be plenty of opportunity for all interested people to come on out and enjoy some good football action.

We have also had a large increase in the number of entrants in Tennis Singles this year. There are 938 participants this year as opposed to 816 last year, which is a 15 per cent increase. In Class A there are 499 entries with the breakdown as follows: Men's Independent, 106; Women's Independent, 18; Men's Dorm, 80; Women's Dorm, 16; Fish, 127; and Military, 151 players.

There are 343 people entered in Class B, with 105 in Men's Independent, 35 in Women's Independent, 97 in Men's Dorm, 34 in Women's Dorm, and 72 in the Military Division.

The C Class is comprised of 96 participants including 31 in the Men's Dorm, 2 in the Women's Dorm, 16 in Men's Independent, 5 in Women's Independent, and 43 in Military.

Tennis singles will be played on the courts located near the married students' housing behind Kyle Field. Schedules for matches can be seen at the IM Office at DeWare and all students are invited to come and watch these aspiring tennis players compete.



New rules for Flag Football this year include the requirement that all offensive linemen keep their hands behind their backs (as shown). This new rule is designed to help prevent injuries.

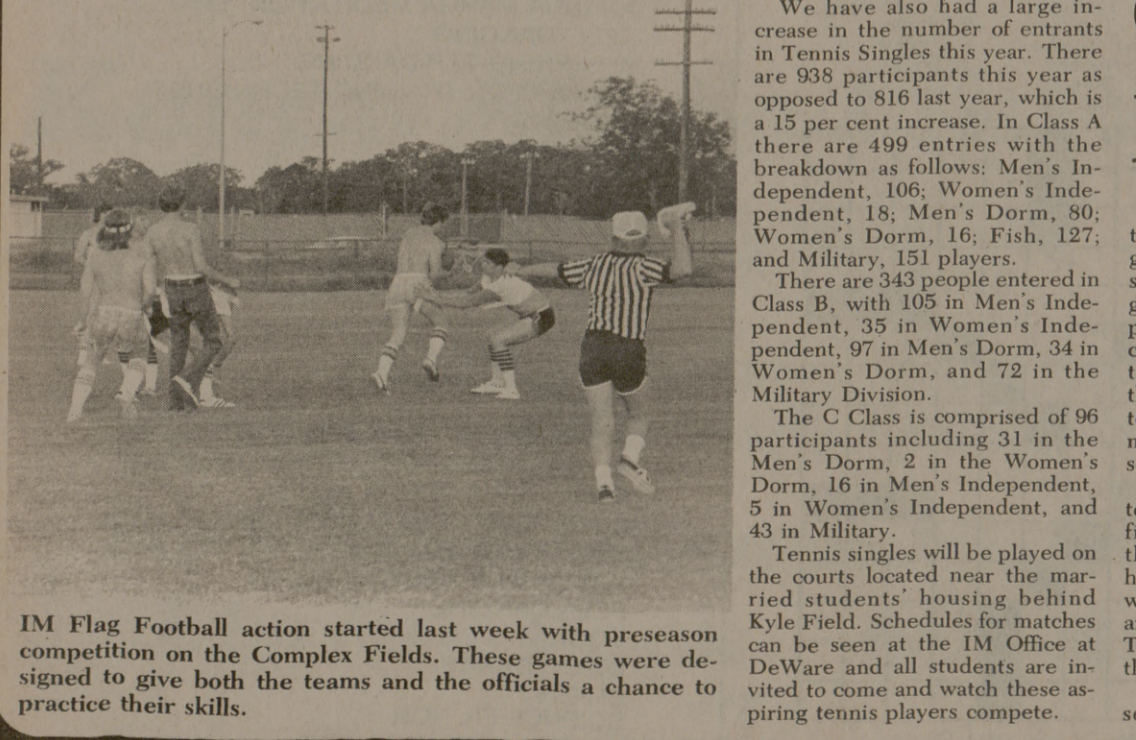
Tournament entries to close September 28

Entries for Handball Singles and Badminton Doubles and Singles close on Tuesday, September 28, at the IM Office. Both of these sports will be played with The Class system in effect.

The Badminton competition will be held as a tournament open to all students, faculty, and staff. Both singles and doubles will be played at the same time and it will be a single elimination tournament playing under USBA rules. The matches will consist of the

best 2 out of 3 games to 21 and will be played in G. Rollie White. There is a limited amount of equipment available for check-out at the IM Office and entrants are reminded to check by there on Thursday, September 30 to see the playing schedules.

Handball Singles action will begin on October 4 at DeWare Fieldhouse and those schedules will also be in the form of a single elimination tournament with USBA rules in effect. Play will consist of matches of the best 2 out of 3 games to 21, however, the winner need not win by two points, as is customary.



IM Flag Football action started last week with preseason competition on the Complex Fields. These games were designed to give both the teams and the officials a chance to practice their skills.

Officials: We're Not Here to Cheat You!

By JOHN MEYER
I taxed my brain all week to think of what a team could do to get the officials to cheat for them so that they could win their games. I have heard innumerable people tell how the officials had cheated them thus causing them to lose. Logically it should follow that an official could cheat for a team. One question still bothers me. Why would an official consciously aid one team?

There are a few possibilities. A team could attempt to bribe an official with money. They could threaten the official with bodily harm, to harass his grandparents, wife, and children. These things are all illegal and quite distasteful. Thus I would hope that these things would never occur.

A player's attitude may have some effect on the official. The

good referees stay aloof of a team's attitude unless it is in violation of the rules. Realistically, officials seem to catch bitches doing more illegal things because a talker draws attention. A sensible course of action then is to be nice to the officials just in case it does help.

The officials working the games are human beings trying to do the best possible jobs they can do. I always try to get across the idea that officials would not intentionally hurt anybody; that if they do something wrong it is a mistake, it is not a planned mistake. I truly believe that. I may not respect some guys who officiate; I still think that they are totally honest. Some officials have rotten personalities and they may go out and do a lazy job. Nevertheless, I respect their honesty and integrity,

because I don't think anybody will ever put on a striped shirt and go out to officiate if he wants to steal.

My best advice is to play the game as well as you can and hope that you win, at least moral victories.

I quote the NCAA rule book: "When an official imposes a penalty or makes a decision, he is simply doing his duty as he sees it. He is on the field to uphold the integrity of the game of football, and his decisions, even though he may have made a mistake in judgment, are final and conclusive and should be accepted. Even if the player thinks the decision is a mistaken one, he should take his medicine and not whine about it. If there is anything to be said, it is the business of the captain to do the talking. Other players should keep quiet and play the game."

Golfers: Note

The time and date for the Golf Singles Tournament has been set up and will be held on Sunday, October 3 at the TAMU course. Tee times will be assigned to each individual by the IM Office, and each participant must come by there on Thursday, September 23 to see their assigned tee off time. Players must be ready to start at their assigned times or they will forfeit the match. A green fee of \$2.00 will be assessed from each player for use of the course.

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