

WAC adds 2 schools

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DENVER — Western Athletic Conference officials Monday voted to add the University of Hawaii and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas to the league to compensate for the departures of Arizona and Arizona State.

WAC officials also ended their agreement to have the conference championship play in the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., because the Arizona schools have decided to join the Pacific Eight Conference.

The conference endorsed plans to play a major bowl game in San Diego, Calif., called the Carnation Bowl.

San Diego State University has accepted membership in the WAC effective July 1, 1978.

The council said Hawaii would join the conference July 1, 1979, and the Nevada-Las Vegas on July 1, 1980, provided the schools could meet certain conditions.

WAC officials said Nevada-Las Vegas would have to attain Division I football status, insure the availability of adequate football and basketball facilities and assure compliance with NCAA and WAC rules and policies.

Conditions placed upon Hawaii by the Presidents' Council were resolution of team travel costs, and assurance of compliance with NCAA and WAC rules and policies.

The Fiesta Bowl agreement was reached in a meeting between the WAC Presidents' Council and representatives of the Fiesta Bowl Board of Directors. They agreed to end their contractual agreement effective June 30, 1978 — the date for realignment of the conference.

The team winning the WAC

football championship has been the host team in the Fiesta Bowl each year at Tempe.

"With Arizona and Arizona State leaving the conference next year, the presidents realized that to continue the agreement would seriously endanger the success of the bowl," said WAC commissioner Stan Bates.

"The Presidents are aware the Fiesta, like all post-season games, must appeal to local fans by being able to consider in-state institutions as likely candidates for an invitation to the game."

Fiesta Bowl president Jim Meyer said the Fiesta Bowl will choose two highly ranked teams to play in the Fiesta Bowl beginning with the 1978 game.

He said WAC schools will schedule Hawaii and UNLV in football beginning with the 1978 season to expedite Division I status for UNLV.

The WAC Presidents' Council also said the applications of Utah State University and New Mexico State University remain active. Ten universities had formally applied for conference membership.

Fibak blasts Davis Cup

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A bitter Wotjek Fibak, in town this week for the WCT-World Doubles Championship while his native Poland is facing France in a Davis Cup match, Monday blasted the French and the Davis Cup for forcing him to choose between his country and the WCT.

Fibak was told by the Polish Lawn Federation Saturday he could bypass the Davis Cup match to defend his title at the May 4-8 World Doubles. Fibak, who won the tournament with Karl Meiler last year, joins Tom Okker as the top-seeded team this year.

Poland, as the host nation, has until May 8 to set a date and site for its Davis Cup match with France. After May 8, however, the French have a veto power on any change of time or venue. France turned down a request by Poland to push the date

of the match back so that Fibak could play.

"The French behaved so unfairly, so unsportsmanlike," Fibak said. "It's a disgrace that France did not want to change the date because the next match is in two months. We, Poland have postponed matches many times. One time, Sweden would have had to play us without Bjorn Borg, so we moved the date back — we didn't want to beat Sweden without Borg."

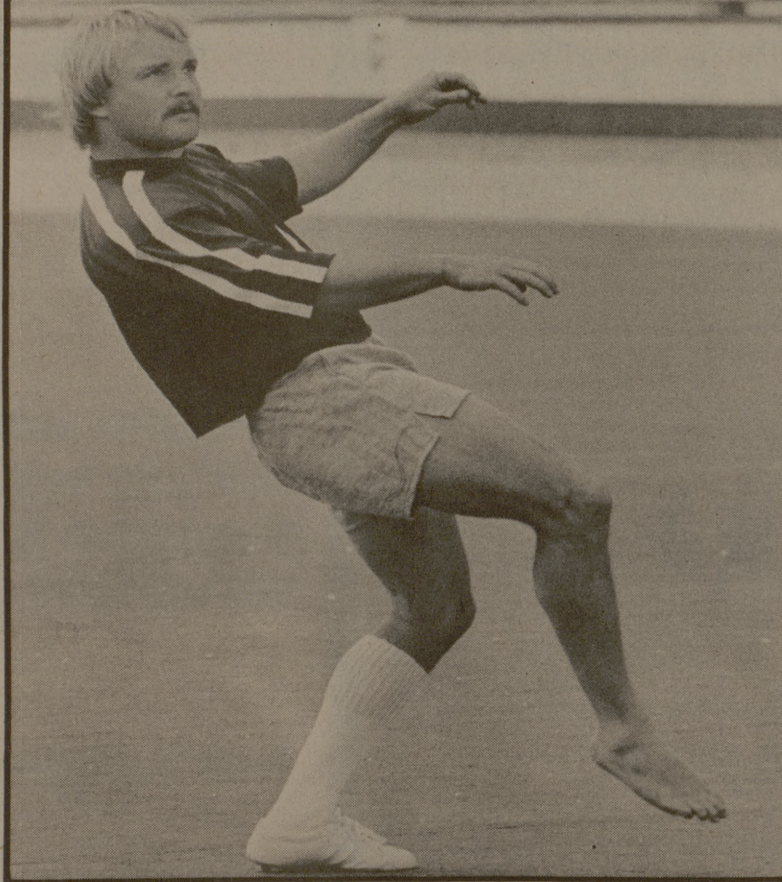
"We tried to change the date in January, but the international federation is so weak. It only proves the Davis Cup is nothing. Worldwide, it's going down and down."

"The Davis Cup shouldn't schedule matches against the big events. There are about 10 of them — like Wimbledon, Forest Hills, the WCT singles and doubles — all the other weeks you can schedule matches. The scheduling doesn't make any sense."

Fibak said he was happy to be in Kansas City, but would have been just as happy if his federation had told him to stay home to play No. 1 singles against France.

"The federation left the decision to me, and I gave it back to them," Fibak said. "They took surveys in the country and 90 per cent of the people said I should go to Kansas City. The federation felt it would be better for Poland if I came here. They felt it would be fair to Okker and fair to me. We worked four months to get the top seed."

"Half my heart is here and half is back home in Poland. If I win the title here, I won't be happy unless Poland beats France."



Tony Franklin kicks for Aggie research study

The nation's top three collegiate kickers gathered at Kyle Field to help George Colfer on his dissertation on kickers and kicking. Colfer, a member of the Texas A&M physical education department, watched Tony Franklin of Texas A&M, Russell Erxleben of Texas University, and Ove Johansson of Abilene Christian kick field goals. The purpose of the Colfer study is to compare the variables involved in three field goal kicking styles.

Battalion photos by Howard Eilers

David Erler wins first marathon

It started out as a possible 200-entry affair. But by the final 5:30 p.m. signup date Friday, the first Texas A&M marathon had grown to 437 people who were ready to run either all or a portion of the 26-mile course.

Texas A&M's David Erler won the marathon in two hours, 32 min-

utes and 35 seconds. Erler recently won the Galveston marathon.

Hunter Roberts, a student in advanced aerobics at A&M, was second in the full marathon, completing the course in two hours and 51 minutes. Dennis Ralieggh, another aerobics student, took third in two hours and 56 minutes.

About 60 women ran in the marathon, however Cindy Cockroft, a sophomore A&M physical education major, was the only woman to finish the full marathon. She finished in three hours, 45 minutes and 28 seconds.

The marathon was sponsored by the Texas A&M Chapter of Phi Epsilon Kappa along with the Brazos Valley Joggers and the A&M Aerobics Club.

The idea of the marathon came out of the formation of Texas A&M's first marathon class as a credited

physical education course. The marathon was to be used as a final examination for the class, Dr. George Jessup, head of the marathon and class instructor said.

The course for the half (13 miles) and quarter (six miles) marathon was set up around the A&M golf course and along several roads within the campus boundary. Runners who participated in the full marathon (26 miles) were required to run out to Easterwood Airport.

Everyone who participated in the marathon received a t-shirt depicting

ing the marathon and was treated to a barbecue immediately after the run.

Approximately 25 out-of-town entrants showed up for the marathon. They came from as far away as Dallas and San Antonio.

Half marathon winners were Bud Housley, 1:16.56; Rusty Fusler, 1:17.04; and Glen Housley, 1:17.04.

Women's half marathon winners were Jennifer Housley, 1:56.55; Leslie Godchaux, 2:01.08; and Bonnie Hunt, 2:09.30.

Quarter marathon winners were Kyle Bane, 35.40; Ross Oliver, 37.00; and Tom Walters, 37.42.

Women's quarter marathon winners were Jennifer Rust, 50.41; Maribeth Hargrove, 54.06; and Molly Allen, 54.50.

Children were also allowed in the marathon.

Kirk Bane, a Bryan resident, the 14- and under division children's half marathon. He completed the course in one hour, 23 minutes and 23 seconds.

David Reyna, an 8-year-old today by the quarter marathon for olds and under. His time was 40 minutes and 40 seconds.

David Larson was second in the 14- and under division with a time of 55 minutes and 13 seconds.

Tampa Buccaneers open draft picks

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NEW YORK — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers were expected to select Southern California running back Ricky Bell today, but that was about the only certainty as the National Football League began its annual college player draft.

Drafting was to begin at 9 a.m. CDT.

Bucs' Coach John McKay, who coached Bell at USC two years ago, has insisted for months that the 6-foot-2, 215-pounder would be the perfect running mate for Anthony Davis, another former USC

star signed by Tampa Bay last fall, after playing in the World Football and Canadian Leagues.

But Seattle, with second choice, had to decide whether to follow its master plan of building a monster defensive unit or make the popular choice and take halfback Tony Dorsett, the Heisman Trophy winner from Pittsburgh.

Several clubs believe Dorsett is the ingredient missing for a Super Bowl berth and have made offers.

Should Seattle stick with its defensive plan, then Dorsett might get his wish to play in New York.



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