

# NFL coaches play musical chairs

Almost before the ink could dry in the record books after the last games of the 1977 regular season, the biggest head coach swapping frenzy in recent NFL history began to shape up.

To the best of my recollection, so

far it has gone something like this: Jack Pardee left his job in Chicago to take over at Washington when George Allen left the Redskins to return to Los Angeles when Chuck Knox left the Rams to lead the Buffalo Bills. Don Coryell and Hank

Stram have, for one reason or another, become dissociated from their teams, St. Louis and New Orleans, respectively. Dick Nolan and Dan Reeves have been named as possible new head coaches next season. If I've left anyone out, please

forgive me. To paraphrase the old line, you can't tell the coaches without a program.

With all the confusion in the front offices of the various NFL teams over who's coaching what club when, I think this is the perfect time

for me to get my big break in life as a head coach in professional football. A new face in the crowd. Yes, I am willing to negotiate with any franchise that is ready to talk terms.

My credentials? Well, I started watching professional football on television when I was in the fifth grade, so I am a veteran armchair quarterback of ten years.

It was also in the fifth grade that I acquired valuable knowledge in building a successful football team. I made some shrewd bubble gum card deals in those early days. I once traded a Ron McDole and a Jack Kemp for a Bob Lilly. Had I known that Kemp would later become a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would have held out for a Bart Starr as well.

Football experience? No, I never

played football in school. The coaches said there was no place on the field for someone as skinny and clumsy as me. I was so uncoordinated I couldn't even look at a pack of Juicy Fruit without stumbling. They did offer me one position on the team but I had to decline. I was allergic to laundry soap.

I have, however, logged several hours of game time on the sandlots of Central Texas. And I've been involved in a couple of games of Louisiana street football, where the rules vary according to what block you're playing on.

Previous coaching experience? Yes, I once helped my father coach the minor league baseball Panthers. I think we were 3-7 that year. We were in a tough league; insurance companies revoked the policies of our umpires. Anyway, coaching ex-

perience is coaching experience, matter what the sport.

Look at all the football personalities who have become members of the sports media. Old color announcers. The list is endless, Don Meredith, Johnny Unitas, John Brodie and Sonny Jurgens just to name a few. I wonder if network will draft Joe Namath.

Turnabout is fair play. It is for members of the sports media to become football personalities. I am willing to pioneer the way.

So, New Orleans, Chicago, Louis or any other team that is interested, if I'm not in your call, just leave a number with answering service. In the meantime, does anybody have a Gabriel they will trade for Otto and a Ben Davidson?

## Ladies lose to Coogs 68-61

By DAVID BOGGAN

Missed shots, fouls and an injury plagued the Aggie Ladies Saturday as they were defeated by the University of Houston 68-61.

"Von Bunn has injured a bone in her foot," Aggie coach Wanda Bender said in Hofheinz Pavilion before the game. "She hasn't worked out all week. The only way I will play her today is if she hurts me too much by sitting on the bench."

As it turned out, Bunn did play; however, Karen Muskiet started in place of Bunn. Noticeably slowed down by her injured foot, Bunn was not as effective as she usually is; although, she did score 12 points, as did Margaret Byrne and Pat Werner to lead the Aggies' scoring drive.

"Von was a lot slower because she has missed practice all week," Bender said after the game. "But I decided to play her because the trainer

said she could play without further injury. And the team has more confidence when they know Von is playing or is going to play."

The Aggies' main problem was an inability to score once they had worked the ball inside.

"We got the shots; we just couldn't hit them," the Aggie coach said. "We had worked on a screen and roll play all week. We used that play tonight and it worked every time but we just couldn't make the shot once we were inside."

The Aggies got into the one-and-one situation with only five minutes gone in the first half, another factor that decreased their chances of victory. Houston capitalized on the Aggies' fouls by hitting 61.5 percent from the charity stripe. Sharion Higgins was the Cougars' leading scorer with 19 points.

"Houston is a very physical

team," Bender said. "They beat us everywhere on the floor. We changed our defense to cover them better outside, but they are just tougher and stronger than us."

Ironically, Cougar coach Dot Woodfin said the same thing about the Aggies.

"A&M is a very physical team," Woodfin said. "Stephen F. Austin is not as physical as the Aggies."

The Aggie Ladies play at home Tuesday night against Lamar University. Lamar defeated the Aggies earlier in the season 66-59. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

## Golfers place third in tournament

By KEVIN PYLE

The Cougars of Houston won the Al Pryor Intercollegiate golf tournament in the Bayou City this weekend over the Longhorns of Texas and the Aggies of Texas A&M.

The tournament was played on the woody Par 72, Atascocita Country Club course.

Houston finished with a team total of 733. Texas was next with a 763 total followed by A&M with a 775.

The Aggies had the second lowest team score on Sunday with a 383. Houston finishing first with a 372 while Texas came in third at 385.

The individual title was claimed by Cougar Blaine McCallister with rounds of 72-70 for a 142 total.

Freshman Richard Cromwell led the Aggies with scores of 76-74-150. He was followed by senior Tim Carlton, who posted rounds of 78-73 for a 151.

Freshman Jay Kent was next with a 156 total based on rounds of 79 and 76. Sophomore Dave Ogrin and junior Biff Alexander were next with 159 totals followed by sophomore Jerry Martin with a 163. Only the low five total scores counted in the team scoring.

"I think most of our trouble came from a lack of concentration," coach Bob Ellis said. "That could come from the Aggies looking forward to their next tourney. This one was primarily a warm up for the Pan American Intercollegiate in Monterrey, Mex., on Feb. 9-11."

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