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sports

By David Boggan

As the sports world turns

The following are comments about some unrelated but interesting developments in the wide world of sports:

First, on the subject of Southwest Conference basketball officials, in particular, Paul Galvan. Galvan, a short, dark-haired referee, is probably best remembered by Aggie fans as the man who was in the way when coach Shelby Metcalf threw a chair onto the floor of Moody Coliseum during an SMU-A&M game in 1976.

"I was just trying to get his attention," was Metcalf's comment at the time.

Last week, Galvan announced that he was retiring from his job as SWC referee. Although his close encounter with the chair in Dallas probably had no influence on his decision, comments from University of Texas coach Abe Lemons about Galvan certainly didn't improve any relationships between the official and SWC coaches.

Galvan "lost his guts" according to the Longhorn coach, in Texas' 92-90 loss to Houston in the SWC tournament championship game.

Unfortunately, Galvan was unavailable for comment. It is also unfortunate that the conference is losing one of its best officials in a time when good SWC officials are a commodity.

Of course, there are those who would say that being the best basketball official in the conference is not saying much. But Galvan's record speaks for itself. He has refereed two NCAA tournament finals and he has officiated in the playoffs this year.

Next comes a note from the office of NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle informing football fans that there will be a few rule changes when the big men take the field next fall.

One of these new rules might make Dallas Cowboy offensive lineman Ralph Neely re-consider

his plans for retirement. Offensive linemen will be allowed to fend off defenders with extended arms and open hands under the new rule. This previously drew a ref's whistle and a 10-yard holding penalty, and old Ralph has been known to draw his share of these infractions during the course of a season.

Of course, the grabbing that goes along with this penalty is still illegal, but supposedly not having to worry about the position of the linemen's arms will make it easier for officials to call holding penalties.

Other new rules in the NFL include one that will prevent re-

ceivers from being bumped by defenders except for once within five yards of the line of scrimmage, and one that will bring an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for "baiting or taunting" opponents.

What this last rule means is not exactly clear, since "needling" an opponent only brings a warning. But it is designed to end some of the mouthing that goes on between opposing players during games. Maybe they could impose this penalty on Howard Cosell.

Finally, the sports world has recently produced a new phenomenon—the Spinks jinx.

An ex-marine from the Spinks getto gets his big break in life to see it dwindle before his eyes matter of a month.

Not only has Leon Spinks had heavyweight title taken from him by the World Boxing Council, but Olympic gold medal winner, due in court for failing to pay rent and for traffic violations.

And isn't it funny that Gene Foreman and Joe Frazier came out of retirement when less-experienced Spinks held top spot and not Muhammad Ali?

Such is life in the wide world of sports.

Free agent in the NFL

By MARK PATTERSON
Battalion Sports Staff

Football in the spring brings to mind two-a-day workouts and afternoon-long practices in the hot sun.

But for a select group of ball players, springtime carries a different meaning. It's time for the professional football draft.

The number of men chosen from the college ranks will be far less than those chosen in previous years due to the new agreement reached between the team owners and the players association. In the contract adopted last season, the player's association agreed to cut down this year's draft from 17 rounds to 12 rounds.

With the number of players cut from 476 to 336, the marginal college players who aren't chosen in the 12 rounds of the draft will join the 28 teams as free agents.

One such candidate has been working out in the off-season in College Station awaiting his chance to prove himself with one of the professional teams.

Several pro teams have contacted Tony Barns, a 6'4" 225 pound receiver from Drake University about the possibility of becoming a free agent in the NFL.

"I've been in contact with several pro teams who seem to think I have the ability to play football for them," said Barns. "But the main problem I'm facing is that I want to play football in the South. I'd love to play with the Cowboys, Houston, Atlanta, New Orleans, Miami or anybody who plays in a warm climate. I'm sick of cold weather."

Barns traveled to Texas this spring to begin his preparation for his pro try-out because there was still a foot of snow on the ground at Drake.

Barns has some impressive credentials behind him for the pros to look at. In his five years of playing at Drake (he was red-shirted his third year because of a knee injury) he was the third leading receiver in the conference, playing split end, tight end and flanker as well. He has speed to go along with his size.

"The L.A. Rams came and talked to me and said that I was good

enough to go in the top 10 rounds," Barns said. "When they told me I never thought seriously about playing pro ball, but they got motivated."

"Then all the other teams began talking to me and building my confidence. It's common practice for the teams to send out letters wanting to know if you're interested in playing for them. I started answering 'hell yes' and all of them know I was really interested in playing. I just hope I'm as serious as I am."

Some teams seem to be Da Pittsburg and Buffalo are the interested, but none of the teams in the warm climate that Barns is hoping to land in. His preference

"I'd just love to play for the Cowboys and they know it," Barns said. "I was in the 40 (4.7) and what they saw. The scouts told me that if I was ever in Dallas they would see the Cowboy's office."

"Well I did and I had a lot of offers. I got my foot in the door. They told me that they sign me to a free agent contract. \$2,000 bonus and pay me \$100 a week while I was at camp. I tried to get out. But I was motivated because the Cowboys sign about 50 free agents a year. I usually keep about two. But he told me they were interested."

"It worked for Drew Pearson from Tulsa (another MVC school) never know."

"I'm just totally optimistic about this year's draft. I know whether you're one of a handful of draft choices or one of the agents, you still only have a few chances of making the team. It's a matter of taking advantage of the situation when it comes up. I've got an injury to one of the veterans in front of you at camp. You need your shot."

"If I don't make it this year, out next year. If I'm cut, I know I can play Canadian football just have to give pro ball a shot."

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