

Delegates' vote favors NCAA control of broadcast contracts

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HOUSTON — The University of Texas saw its amendment giving major colleges control over their own broadcasting rights soundly defeated at the annual NCAA convention, but a school official vowed the fight to obtain individual television rights was not over.

"We will not drop it," UT faculty representative Tom Morgan said following Tuesday's defeat of Texas' Amendment No. 36 by a large voting block of small colleges at the 76th annual National Col-

legiate Athletic Association convention.

The Texas amendment would have established each school's right to television money from its own football games.

"At least at the moment we won't drop it," Morgan said. "I haven't talked to the administration, but my feeling is we will move ahead."

Morgan surprised the NCAA Monday by serving it with a court order blocking voting on the three television amendments — 45, 46 and 47. His school felt that passage

of those amendments would make it tougher for individual schools to establish television property rights.

NCAA lawyers took quick action and had the order overturned later in the day.

On the key television rights amendments — Nos. 45, 46 and 47 — there were only a handful of dissenting votes Tuesday. The amendments generally keep broadcasting contract control under the authority of the NCAA.

Last-minute amendments excluding pay and subscription television from the NCAA's control were overwhelmingly rejected.

Television Committee member Cedric Dempsey, athletic director of the University of Houston, said the television amendments which passed defined the NCAA's powers in that area.

The amendments that were passed clarified the concepts under which the television committee had been working for some

time," said Dempsey. "The amendments allow us to develop those concepts without fear of problems of authority."

The entire association conceded some power to the major football schools by giving them voting rights over television contracts for the first time.

The 900-member NCAA historically has been controlled by schools without intercollegiate football or with small programs. The major football schools argue that since they generate the revenue from televising football, they should also dictate policy in that area.

A secessionist group of 61 major schools formed the College Football Association, which last summer negotiated a television contract with NBC in competition with NCAA pacts with ABC and CBS.

However, CFA members last month refused final approval of the NBC deal.



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A&M baseball coach Chandler receives Lefty Gomez Award

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB
Sports Editor
Texas A&M baseball coach Tom Chandler has received the Lefty Gomez Award, given to him at the annual convention of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches.

Chandler, who next month enters his 24th season with the Aggies, was honored at last week's convention in Houston for his outstanding achievements in college baseball. The Texas A&M coach next month enters his 24th season with the Aggies, with whom he has compiled a record of 562-268-9.

Chandler said he was pleased to receive such an important award.

"The award goes to a coach for his distinguished, meritorious achievements in collegiate baseball... (a coach) who, through the years, has done the most in spreading the word of baseball."

"I was extremely happy to receive the award," Chandler said. "When you receive an award like this, you have to have the support of a lot of people. We've got great students, great faculty and I think I've surrounded myself with a bunch of great players. I'm actually receiving this award on the part of all of Texas A&M."

Chandler's accomplishments

include several Southwest Conference championships while coaching the Aggies, and his coaching of the United States team which took part in the 1978 World Tournament Games. Chandler, as well as Texas A&M baseball standouts Mark Thurmond, Mark Ross and Kyle Hawthorne, led the U.S. team to a silver medal in the competition.

Also awarded at the convention were Herbert L. Kokernot Jr. and C.J. "Tex" Thornton, for their support of college baseball. Kokernot is a former member of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, while Thornton founded the Texas A&M Lettermen's Association.

Chandler said: "Each year, the AACBC pays this honor to the men who got their start in collegiate baseball and later went on to distinguish themselves in their field of business. Both of these men have accomplished big things since college graduation."

Thornton, an All-SWC pick while playing for the Aggies, is the former director of the Bluebonnet Bowl Committee. Both have actively supported amateur baseball, with Kokernot having been a sponsor of the semi-pro Alpine Cowboys.

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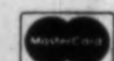
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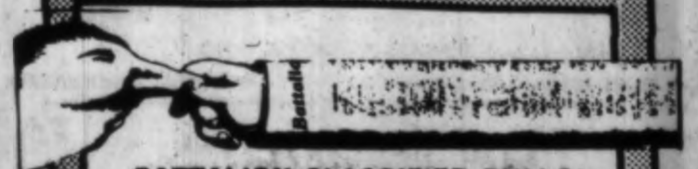
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