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Liberty

Fighting Irish agree to meet BC much to delight of bowl officials

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Notre Dame ended two days of uncertainty Monday and accepted a bid to play 19th-ranked Boston College in the silver anniversary of the Liberty Bowl Dec. 29.

"We believe we're going to have one of the most exciting football games in the country," said Tim Treadwell III, chairman of the Liberty Bowl Selection Committee.

Treadwell said Notre Dame put off accepting the invitation because of its disappointing 23-22 loss to Air Force Saturday following its loss a week ago to Penn

State, culminating in a lackluster 6-5 season.

"They felt they wanted to have a chance to sit down and think about it and let their emotions settle down," Treadwell said. "The boys, coaching staff and administration wanted time to stop and think — to get over the shock and disappointment."

The Notre Dame players voted unanimously Sunday to accept the bid because Treadwell said they "wanted to go out winners."

"We have determined that the general sentiment of the players favors accepting the opportu-

ity to play," said Gene Corrigan, director of athletics at the South Bend, Ind., school.

Asked why the Liberty Bowl held out for Notre Dame after such a mediocre season, Treadwell said, "Notre Dame is like the Dallas Cowboys. They're one of the most exciting teams in the United States. Notre Dame is Notre Dame. They are the largest draw on TV."

Notre Dame officials kept a lid on Sunday's team vote until Monday.

With Notre Dame's acceptance in the Liberty Bowl, the Irish and Mississippi are tied for having the most record of any 1983 post-season entry.

The Rebels carry a 6-5 record into the Independence Bowl against Air Force, the team that handed Notre Dame its last loss.

Boston College, 8-2, eagerly accepted its bid after romping to a big win over Holy Cross Saturday. But the Eagles had to sit back and wait while the Liberty Bowl scrambled to land an opponent for the silver anniversary game.

The Eagles have only played Notre Dame once, a 1975 contest won by the Irish, and neither team has ever played in the Liberty Bowl.

Mets' Strawberry named NL Rookie of the Year

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NEW YORK — Darryl Strawberry, a slugging outfielder who recovered from a poor start to provide a bright spot in an otherwise dismal season for the New York Mets, Monday was named the National League's Rookie of the Year by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

The 21-year-old Strawberry was named the league's top rookie on 18 ballots cast by 24 members of the BBWAA and had 106 points to beat out Atlanta Braves pitcher Craig McMurry for the award.

McMurry received the remaining six first-place votes and 49 points and was followed, in order, by Chicago Cubs outfielder Mel Hall, Cincinnati Reds outfielder Gary Redus, Houston Astros second baseman Bill Doran, Houston pitcher Frank DiPino, Los Angeles Dodgers first baseman Greg Brock, San Diego Padres pitchers Luis DeLeon and Mark Thurmond and Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Lee Tunnell.

"I'm excited, thrilled, you

Recent winners of the National League's Rookie of the Year award:

1983—Darryl Strawberry, New York Mets
1982—Steve Sax, Los Angeles
1981—Fernando Valenzuela, Los Angeles
1980—Steve Howe, Los Angeles
1979—Rick Sutcliffe, Los Angeles
1978—Bob Horner, Atlanta
1977—Andre Dawson, Montreal
1976—(tie) Pat Zachry, Cincinnati and Butch Metzger, San Diego
1975—John Montefusco, San Francisco

name the word," Strawberry said. "I thought it would be much closer. I was really worried about McMurry. Any time a rookie pitcher wins 15 games you have to think he had a great year. I was concerned about my late start but I was fortunate enough to make some good lasting impressions."

Strawberry is the third Mets' player to win Rookie of the Year honors, joining previous winners Tom Seaver (1967) and Jon Matlack (1972) in the select circle. Strawberry's selection ends a four-year domination of the award by the Dodgers.

A lanky 6-foot-6, 190-pound left-handed hitter who has been referred to as a "black Ted Williams," Strawberry hit more home runs (26) and drove in more runs (74) than any rookie in the league despite opening the season in the minor leagues.

Strawberry was the Mets' leading hitter in spring training but was sent to Tidewater of the International League to start the season in order to get more seasoning. Recalled on May 4, he started out slowly and was batting only .179 after seven weeks and striking out once every three times at bat.

It was then that batting coach Jim Frey took him aside and worked diligently at improving his natural skills. Strawberry slowly began to develop confidence in himself and with batting tear during the second half of the season that lifted his final average to a respectable .257. Forty-eight of his 108 went for extra bases.

In addition to his prowess with the bat, Strawberry proved to be an excellent fielder and possesses one of the league's best throwing arms.

Strawberry gives much credit to his fine season to the now the manager of the Chicago Cubs.

"Jim Frey had faith in me," Strawberry said last September. "He told me before the season that I was going to put up numbers. And when things got rough, we went to work together. He's been my teacher. I stayed close to him."

Frey said it was just a matter of Strawberry working hard to improve on his skills.

Tennis team winds up fall season

by Bob Caster
Battalion Staff
The Texas A&M men's tennis team finished its fall season this weekend at the NCAA tournament in Fort Worth. The tournament began Saturday and lasted through Monday.

Three Aggies, Greg Hill, Mark Smith and Grant Connell, made it as far as the third round of the 64-player tournament in singles play before being beaten. Hill and Smith were seeded fourth and fifth in the tournament, respectively.

The fall tennis season is primarily a practice and experience season which allows the players, especially the new ones, to gain experience and allows coaches to evaluate performance. The team will now focus on the spring season when the race for the SWC tennis crown begins.

"I'm very pleased with the quality of our overall performance this fall," said Aggie coach David Kent. "Our main objective of the season was to give everyone playing experience, especially our freshmen. We

accomplished this and I think there is no question that we can play tough within the Southwest Conference."

The season allowed Kent to take a look at his personnel and reflect on the team's strengths and weaknesses.

"Looking back, I'd say the key performances came from Greg Hill. I feel that he is our best player going into the spring conference season," Kent said. "Behind Greg, Mark Smith and Grant Connell (both freshmen)

are dead-even."

The Aggies accomplished everything this fall, and that was the main problem area.

"One weakness showed up," Kent said. "It's our lack of depth through three doubles teams. Greg and Grant are a good combination but I'm still looking for the right pairings at 1 and No. 3."

The Aggies open their schedule Jan. 27 against Houston.

Aggies

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out to cap off an undefeated season.
"Texas is trying to go undefe-

ated," Sherrill said. "They want a championship. Since they beat Baylor the pressure is off of them for the Cotton Bowl — they have a lot of things going. Our players have the opportunity to do something about it, though."

One thing the Aggies are going to have to do is move the offense past the unrelenting Longhorn defense — somehow.

"Just look at the Texas defense and the points scored against them all year and you'll see they are a good football team," Sherrill said. "They should be playing on Sunday with their defense."

The Horns have one key factor that the Aggies don't have yet — depth. Two-deep, Texas is a veteran team with 21 seniors and only one freshman.

All things taken into consideration, though, none of the views, picks and predictions really don't mean a thing. The member, this is the Aggie the Horns.

"This is a big rivalry," Texas coach Fred Akers said. "Do you guard what the two teams have done prior. This is going to be two or three hour dogfight."

Rifle team sweeps honors at Aggie Invitational match

The Texas A&M rifle team swept all honors in the ninth Aggie Invitational that began Nov. 12-13 and was completed Nov. 19-20.

Fourteen teams competed in the tourney. The University of Texas was the only other Southwest Conference team present.

The Aggies competed with both their first and second

teams, which won first and second place honors, respectively.

A&M also took all of the top individual places with teammates Glenn Park and Kevin Schabaker battling it out for all of the titles.

Park was high individual in the tourney with Kevin Schabaker coming in only two

points behind him for a second.

Park and Schabaker repeated again in the various shooting positions. Schabaker took first in prone and Park won both standing and kneeling positions.

Freshman Dana Ostberg took first in the women's division.



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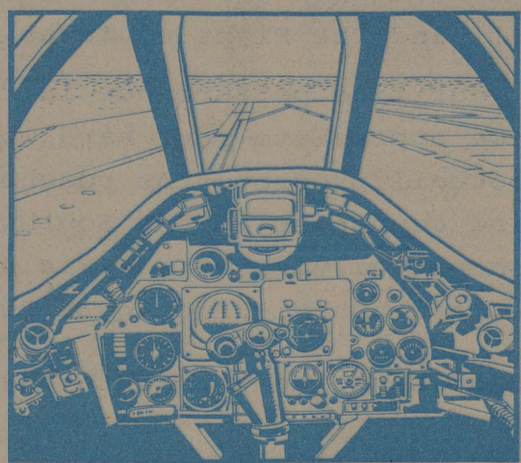
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