

SPORTS

NFL picks Hall of Famers

Staubach, Namath, Simpson top inductees

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CANTON, Ohio — National Football League Commissioner Pete Rozelle, quarterbacks Joe Namath and Roger Staubach, running back O.J. Simpson and old-timer Frank Gatski have been named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Pete Elliott, the shrine's executive director, announced Tuesday.

The five will be inducted into the Hall of Fame Aug. 3, prior to the NFL's first 1985 exhibition game between the Houston Oilers and New York Giants. Their selections increase the shrine's membership to 128.

The enshrinees were chosen from an original list of 15 finalists which had been cut to seven last week. Failing to make it were running back Paul Hornung and quarterback Fran Tarkenton from the final seven.

Simpson and Staubach were elected in their first year of eligibility, five seasons after their retirements in 1979. Old-timers must have left the sport prior to 1960.

Rozelle, 58, has served as NFL commissioner for the past 25 years after his tenure as general manager of the Los Angeles Rams. He is the third NFL commissioner to be named to the Hall of Fame, joining 1963 charter members Joe Carr and Bert Bell. Rozelle, a native of South Gate,

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Calif., negotiated the first league-wide television contract in 1962, handled the 1963 gambling scandal, directed an interleague war with the old American Football League that led to the current merged alignment and developed the Super Bowl.

Namath, 41, the first New York Jets player to be selected, is best remembered for his bold victory prediction and performance when the Jets beat the Baltimore Colts 16-7 in Super Bowl III in 1969. The University of Alabama product, signed to a \$400,000 contract with the Jets in 1965, became the first quarterback to throw for 4,000 yards in one season in 1967.

"He's the greatest athlete I ever coached," the late Bear Bryant, Alabama's coach, once said of Namath, a native of Beaver Falls, Pa.

In his 13 pro seasons, Namath, the 1965 AFL Rookie of the

Year, had 1,886 completions for 27,663 yards and 173 touchdowns despite nagging knee injuries.

Staubach, 42, will join Bob Lilly as the only Dallas Cowboys' players in the Hall of Fame. Staubach, the 1963 Heisman Trophy winner at Navy, began his NFL career after four years of service, including time in Vietnam.

In a nine-year period, Staubach played in six National Football Conference title games, leading the Cowboys to four victories and triumphs in Super Bowls VI and XII. His career pass rating of 83.4 was the highest in NFL history when he quit in 1979.

"This is something you dream about," Staubach said. "It's fantastic."

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The 37-year-old Simpson, the 1968 Heisman Trophy winner at the University of Southern California, became the first NFL running back to gain 2,000 yards rushing in one season in 1973, when he accounted for 2,003 yards with the Buffalo Bills.

In 11 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers and Bills, Simpson accounted for 11,236 yards rushing and a combined 14,368 yards.

A&M vs. Texas Tech: a SWC hoop delight

By BRANDON BERRY
Sports Writer

When the Texas A&M men's basketball team hosts Texas Tech at 7:30 tonight, a game within a game can be witnessed for the price of a single ticket.

The 61st meeting of the two teams (Tech holds a 31-29 series advantage) is also a game of important numbers.

The Red Raiders are 4-1 in the Southwest Conference and tied for second place with Houston. The Aggies are 3-2 in the conference, after beating TCU and Texas on the road, and in sole possession of fourth place.

The game is thus statistically important.

The Aggies have not won a home conference game this season. They have lost 70-67 to Arkansas and 73-60 to the No. 2 SMU Mustangs in the usually friendly confines of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The game is thus emotionally important.

And finally, Texas A&M Head Basketball Coach Shelby Metcalf said the game was vitally important to the Ags chances of contending with a tough upcoming schedule.

"There's no doubt we put ourselves in a hole by losing those two home games," Metcalf said. "But realistically, every game is important from here on out. We're catching Tech and Houston at the wrong times. They both have a lot of mo-

mentum and they're both on winning streaks.

"Tech is good and they're probably playing the best they've played all year right now. This is the toughest home game we'll have all year."

Tech solidified their status as a major title contender in a 64-48 wipeout of the Arkansas Razorbacks earlier this season in Lubbock. A road loss to Houston stands as the only blemish on a conference record already padded with easy wins over Rice, Texas and Baylor.

"They're very intelligent," Metcalf said. "They start four seniors and they come off the bench with all juniors and seniors."

One of Tech's seniors is point guard Bubba Jennings, a four-year starter and the Red Raiders' leading scorer. Jennings' 18.4 points per game, mostly scored from long range, are well accentuated by senior forward Quentin Anderson's inside game. Vince Taylor, the other starting forward, is considered one of the best defensive players in the conference.

Metcalf said the only way to counter Tech's overall experience and depth is with aggressiveness.

"We're just gonna get down in the trenches and battle it out," he said. "If we play well, I think it should be a pretty close game."

The Aggies will go into tonight's contest again without knowing the status of guard Don Marbury, A&M's second-leading scorer. Mar-

bury is recovering from a knee injury suffered in the SMU game and hasn't practiced on a regular basis.

However, Marbury wasn't able to practice before the Texas game, either. And all he did against the Horns was play the entire second half, score 19 points and spearhead a defensive charge that led the Aggies to an important road victory, 66-61.

"There's no doubt that he's been important to us," Metcalf said, "but he hasn't been able to practice with the team at all. We'll just play it by ear."

"Mike (Clifford) and Winston (Crite) are going to start, and Kenny (Brown) and Jimmie Gilbert are going to start. The other starter will be either Todd (Holloway), Donnie (Marbury) or maybe Gary Lewis.

"Gary had a real good ball game against Texas. He gives us some good depth off the bench. But there's good chemistry all over this team. If we can get all the guys healthy and keep them all happy, there's no reason why this team should stay home at the end of the season."

In addition to the entertainment provided by the game (and the game within the game), at halftime a group sponsored by Bud Light called the "Daredevils of Dunk" will perform their acrobatic routine of double flips off the backboard and spectacular slam dunks.

Hickey's Ags must battle No. 14 Tech

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS
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From No. 2 to No. 14. No, the Texas A&M women's basketball team is not climbing in the polls. They are having to play two of the best teams in the nation back-to-back.

Saturday, the Aggies put up a gallant battle against the No. 2 Texas Longhorns before succumbing, 80-52.

Tonight at 5:15 in G. Rollie White Coliseum, the Aggies will get a

chance to match wits with the No. 14 Texas Tech Red Raiders (13-3, 4-1 in SWC).

Aggie Head Coach Lynn Hickey knows her team is facing another tough game. The Aggies, with top rebounder Michell Tatum back in form after an injury, outrebounded the taller Longhorns, but may not be able to duplicate that feat against the taller Red Raiders.

"They are in the Top 20 even though they lost a hot-shot shooter," Hickey said. "They did really well re-

cruting wise. They have two players who are 6-foot-2 and have a lot more speed than they had last year."

Hickey said the Red Raiders play a variety of zone defenses and run a full court press most of the game.

"We're going to start a 3-2 zone defense to try and counteract their size," Hickey said. "I just hope we have as much fight as we had Saturday night (against Texas)."

Against Texas Tech, Hickey said she hopes the Aggies (8-7, 1-4 in

SWC) play as hard as they did against Texas.

"It's hard to keep getting up every game," Hickey said. "We gave them Sunday off because they haven't had a day off in three weeks. Monday was a so-so practice. They just played so hard in the Texas game."

"Our major goal is to upset one of these two teams (Tech tonight or Houston on Saturday) at home," Hickey said.

Texas A&M Sportsday

Women's Basketball

Ags (8-7, 1-4 in SWC) vs. Texas Tech (13-3, 4-1 in SWC)
G. Rollie White Coliseum — 5:15 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Ags (11-5, 3-2 in SWC) vs. Texas Tech (11-4, 4-1 in SWC)
G. Rollie White Coliseum — 7:30 p.m.

Ticket Sales

Tickets to the 1985 Southwest Conference Post-Season Basketball Tournament, scheduled for March 8-10 at Reunion Arena in Dallas, are on sale at the Texas A&M ticket office in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tickets are \$50 for the entire seven-game tourney. No single game tickets will be sold.



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- Puryear Hall N-1
- Schuhmacher Hall P-2
- Underwood Hall I-1
- Walton Hall B-2
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- Delta Tau Delta D-2

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- Alpha Phi Omega
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Lambda Sigma
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Tau Kappa
- Texas A&M Jaycees
- Cap & Gown
- Alpha Kappa Psi
- Society of Aggie Scholars
- Circle K
- Catholic Student Organization
- Hillel Club
- Living Lord Christian Fellowship
- Lutheran Student Movement
- United Campus Ministries
- Voice of Prophecy Club
- Laredo Hometown Club
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- Plano Hometown Club
- Student Senate
- Student Council for Exceptional Children
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- National Society of Black Engineers
- OPAS
- MSC Political Forum

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- V-1
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- B Battery
- A Company
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- OCA
- Alpha Nu Sigma
- Soil Conservation Society of America
- Floriculture-Ornamental Horticulture Club
- Texas A&M Nutrition Club
- Collegiate 4H
- Farm House Fraternity
- ASAE
- One Wheelers
- Hospitality
- IEEE
- Biomedical Science Association
- Geophysics Society
- AICHE
- Associated General Contractors
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- TSEA
- Texas Public Employees Association
- Class of '86
- American Association of Agricultural Engineers
- CA Program (Student Development)
- Eta Dappa Nu Association
- Institution of Industrial Engineers

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