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Irish, NBC team up, **ABC** left in the cold

bucked the College Football Association and became the first college to sell its home football games to a major network when it agreed Monday to a five-year contract with NBC that begins in 1991

ABC thought they had acquired rights to Notre Dame home games when they agreed to exclusive contracts with the CFA, which consists of 64 schools. But the deal by the Fighting Irish, a member of the CFA, created the possibility that other colleges might defect from the CFA's package.

ABC announced on Jan. 17 that it had purchased rights to the CFA for \$210 million over five years. ESPN announced on Oct. 4, 1989, that it had bought the group's cable rights for \$110 million over five years.

"It would be premature to specu-late on how the CFA membership may be affected," said David Ogrean, the CFA's assistant executive director for television. "The Sports.

NEW YORK (AP) --- Notre Dame CFA television committee will review the situation and consult with the membership. Both ABC and ESPN, with whom the CFA has agreements commencing in 1991, have expressed interest in continuing their relationship with the CFA." During a news conference Mon-

day to announce the deal, Notre Dame said it had not given the CFA any guarantees that it would be part of the association's new television

package. "In the process of negotiating new contracts, Notre Dame's position was that we would not indicate what our position was until we had a chance to review that contract," Notre Dame athletic director Dick Rosenthal said. NBC said it was legally free to conclude a deal with the Fighting Irish since the school had not committed to the CFA's package.

"We did not interfere with an existing relationship," said Dick Ebersol, the president of NBC

World football becomes reality with TV contract

NEW YORK (AP) - The NFL's new international venture, a year in the planning stage, is about to move a step closer to reality with a two-year contract from ABC that could bring it

close to \$30 million. The agreement, which sources said will pay the league \$12-15 million a year, will be announced Tuesday with perhaps more to come, both overseas and in the

The league, now dubbed the World League of American Football after two name changes, will start play in the spring of 1991 with 12 franchises — six in the United States, four in Europe and one each in Mexico and Canada.

New York is the only American city set, with the international sites expected to be London, Frankfurt, Milan, Barcelona, Montreal and Mexico City.

It is totally distinct from the International League of American Football, which will debut in Europe this spring with American coaches but a cast of players composed largely of Europeans who have been playing in already organized leagues.

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mon said. "They have people sitting on the bench that other people A&M led the league in bench

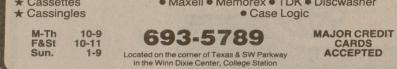
age, as Lady Aggie reserves ac-counted for 39.8 percent of A&M's The bench scoring continues to be a strength for the team this year, being responsible for 38.8 percent of the team's points. It averages 29.1

points a game. "This is the game of the year for us right now," Hickey said. "It is a

'A&M has some of the finest ath- Southern Methodist Mustangs, Satletes you could put together for a urday at 3:30 in Moody Coliseum.

The Lady Aggies are 13-7 overall and 5-4 in the SWC. A&M is sitting fifth in the league standings, while TCU is one spot up with a 9-10 over-all and 6-3 SWC record. "A &M break and the standard standa

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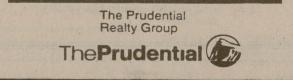
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The lack of continuity has hampered the recruiting hauls for both the Razorbacks and Cougars. Texas, despite a collection of top players, finished 4-7 and 5-6 the past two

"I'm not scared to compete with anybody," said A&M-bound cor-nerback Marcus Batts. "But UT has so many young players that already play my position...it's hard to know if you'd get a fair shot," said Batts, a Houston Lamar product who was

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Saturday's race was classic. It was all Shoemaker, as the veteran jockey fought to the end.

The fans roared as Patchy Groundfog emerged as the leader at the head of the stretch. Announcer Trevor Denman shouted, "Come on, Shoe

Denman wasn't alone. As Patchy Groundfog took the lead from pacesetting Splendor Catch, Gary Stevens, the rider of the six-year old gelding, also shouted, "Go get 'em, Shoe

It would have been a storybook ending to Bill Shoemaker's storybook career. But storybooks are just that: nothing more than fairytales. They're meant to be broken, and they often are. Bill

Shoemaker's story was no different. Just as quickly as it appeared he would be heading toward win No. 8,334, Patchy Groundfog's lead melted away

Shoemaker's horse finished one length shy of victory. Exemplary Leader took the race. Also finishing in front of Patchy Groundfog were Happy Toss and Oraibi.

It was ironic. Exemplary Leader was a longshot that paid \$26.80 for those that took a chance on it. Bill Shoemaker was that same kind of longshot. The diminutive jockey that started from nowhere in 1949 ended his career as a gentleman of the sport over 50 years later.

In his grand finale, Shoemaker,

a policy of passing on big name players unless he's confident they can help the Aggies win the championship.

"I won't sign people just to say I signed x-number of big-name players off the recruiting lists," he said. "I am not going to sign anybody I cannot win a championship with."

The strategy has allowed the Aggies to have their full complement of grants for this year's recruiting campaign.

expected no one to give him a break.

Eddie Delahoussaye, who rode Exemplary Leader to victory, said Shoemaker knew that although the other jockeys in the race were pulling for him, they didn't want to get beaten by him.

"It's a competitive business, and you go out to win," Delahoussaye said. "You don't go out to play games. Shoe's been a good person and a great jockey himself, and he knows nobody in this race was going to give him anything."

Stevens agreed.

"Anybody who knows Shoe knows he wouldn't want it that way," Stevens said. "I think he's more irritated by it than anybody else.

Exactly. That's Shoemaker's style. He didn't have much to say after the race. He's the kind to walk off into the sunset. Or ride off, anway. All Shoemaker could say after was that he didn't feel bad about it because he rode it as well as he could.

'It was just another race,' Shoemaker added.

Yes, just another race. But it won't be Shoemaker's final race. Last Wednesday, he obtained his trainer's license. Now the greatest jockey of all time will move behind the scenes, training horses into champions on the track

If he can do it, I won't be surprised. Shoemaker's one of the true champions of the sportsworld, and he always will be. Don't expect Shoe to ride off completely into the sunset

Deadline is February 9

