

Miami, Tulane head list of considerations for SWC addition

DALLAS (AP) — The Southwest Conference is pushing ahead with expansion negotiations and holding talks with football independents Miami and Tulane, which top a short list of possible prospects.

SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby headed to New Orleans Friday to meet with Tulane athletic director Chet Gladchuk.

Conference officials say Jacoby will continue conversations begun last month with Miami athletic director Sam Jankovich about his school's interest.

The SWC has been scrambling to stabilize itself since Arkansas announced in August its departure for the Southeastern Conference in 1991-92.

Miami is considered the more attractive prospect to the SWC, but it also appears the more difficult to attract. Its football attendance has improved dramatically in recent years and its television appeal is among the strongest in the nation.

Tulane could at least deliver a large New Orleans television market and serve as a travel stop between Miami and the SWC's Texas members.

SWC officials have expressed concern that Tulane, a private school, might be too similar to the conference's private-school members, which have had difficulty drawing fans to games. Four of the schools in the SWC — Baylor, Rice, Southern Methodist University and Texas

Christian University — are private. Miami has talked with the SEC and Atlantic Coast Conference, but has been a second pick to Florida State in each case. Florida State announced Friday its decision to join the ACC.

Miami also has talked to the SWC, Big East and Metro Conference and was involved in discussions to form an Eastern Seaboard League.

Tulane's options could be limited to the SWC if the Metro — now minus Florida State — fails to come up with a football plan.

Gladchuk said Tulane's goal is to become affiliated with a conference that sponsors football.

"The Metro Conference is a conference for years that has aspired to

be a football-playing conference, and it has been a very difficult task," Gladchuk said. "Now, with one of the more significant football institutions (Florida State) pulling away, it may be even more difficult."

Gladchuk said Tulane "presents an outstanding opportunity for the Southwest Conference to branch out."

Jacoby said Miami is "appealing for a number of reasons, but has refused to discuss the merit of individual schools."

The subject of SWC expansion is expected to be discussed Wednesday and Thursday when conference athletic directors meet in Dallas. An expansion decision would be made by league presidents, who meet in October.

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Photo By Tim Byrd

Check out the Women's Soccer Club Team in action Sunday on East Campus.

SPORT CLUB ACTION THIS WEEK

Date	Club	Time	Location
Sat., Sept. 22	Men's Soccer	2-4 p.m.	TBA
Sat., Sept. 22	Fencing	TBA	Deware
Sun., Sept. 23	Women's Soccer	2-4 p.m.	East Campus
Sun., Sept. 23	Fencing	TBA	Deware

WOMEN'S VARSITY LEVEL II SOCCER

Varsity Level II is a unique program jointly administered by the Department of Recreational Sports and the Department of Athletics which sanctions specific sports for NCAA competition. The purpose of this program is to provide an outlet for advanced competition which complements the established programs of Varsity athletics and Texas A&M Sport Clubs but does not receive the fringe benefits normally associated with a fully supported Varsity team.

Since Varsity II is virtually the only program of its type in the nation, a number of people may be interested in hearing how Texas A&M created an opportunity for students to compete in non-traditional NCAA sports. The coach and student representatives of the team will be assigned to speak to any interested groups or individuals. If you wish to schedule a presentation or need additional information about Women's Soccer or Rifle, please contact: Paula Opal • Department of Recreational Sports • 159 Read Building • Texas A&M University • College Station, Texas 77843-4250. Phone: (409) 845-7826.

HOME SCHEDULE

Date	Team	Location	Time
Sept. 25	TCU	College Station	4:00 PM
Oct. 18	Incarnate Word College	College Station	4:00 PM
Nov. 3	Hardin Simmons	College Station	3:00 PM

The team is also playing throughout the year in New Mexico, St. Louis, Washington, DC, Little Rock, Fayetteville, Tulsa and Dallas. Come by the Rec Sports Office in 159 Read for a complete schedule.

TAMU OUTDOORS

Registration for the following events are now being taken in the Recreational Sports Office in 159 Read Building. Participants must pay for the trip at the time they register. For more information about TAMU Outdoors trips, call Patsy Kott at 845-7826.

Kayaking Workshop: Take the weekend off and learn the fundamentals of kayaking in a two day class offered by TAMU Outdoors. The \$60 (\$65 for non A&M) fee for this workshop includes transportation, camping equipment, kayak equipment, camping permits and experienced instruction. Registration begins today and lasts until October 1; the trip is scheduled for October 6-7. Sign up early because class size is limited.

Mountain Biking: Registration begins today for a TAMU Outdoors Mountain Biking trip on the tree-shaded Greenbelt Trail located at Barton Creek in Austin. There is an \$8.00 fee, and you must provide your own mountain bike* and helmet. The trip is scheduled for Sunday, October 7 and is limited to 8 participants so hurry up and sign up today.

*Bikes are available for rental in Austin.

Cozumel in December: Join TAMU Outdoors on an end of the semester trip to Cozumel. The trip includes airfare, 5 days/4 nights lodging, Mexican hotel tax. The Dive package includes three two-tank boat dives, night dives, unlimited beach diving tanks and weight belts. Cost for the trip is \$420 for A&M and \$445 for non-A&M. The Dive package costs \$520 for A&M and \$545 for non A&M. Register soon, the trip is limited to 8 participants.

Downhill Skiing in January: Back country ski the powder of the St. Paul, which is located in the San Juan Mountains between Silverton and Ouray, Colorado. The St. Paul is a comfortable inn complete with kerosene lamps, woodburning stove and sauna. All you need to bring is yourself and a few personal items. For \$405 (\$45 for non-A&M), this adventure includes transportation, lodging, food, all equipment, instruction and guides. The trip is limited to 13 participants and is scheduled for January 5-12. Registration has already begun and lasts until November 1.

Upcoming Activities

Canoeing Kayaking Workshop Kayak Roll Clinics
Mountain Biking Rock Climbing Trip

INTRAMURAL OFFICIALS WANTED

The Texas A&M Sports Officiating Program trains approximately 400 students throughout the year. Students are paid for a week-long training in a preseason tournament field experience. Check Calendar for dates and out the year. For those student-officiating Volleyball, a meeting will be held Monday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in 267 G. Rollie White. For more information about officiating, call 845-7826.

GAME PLAN

Registration for the following activities ends Tuesday, September 25

CoRec 2 Pitch Softball \$20.00 per team Play Begins: Oct. 1	Innertube Water Basketball \$20.00 per team Play Begins: Oct. 1	Badminton Doubles No Entry Fee Brackets Posted: Sept. 25
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Registration for the following activities will be taken Monday, September 24- Tuesday, October 2

Pre-Season Volleyball \$5.00 per team Brackets Posted: Oct. 3	Cross Country Run* No Entry Fee Event Date: Oct. 7 *Registration extended until Oct. 4	Volleyball \$30.00 per team Play Begins: Oct. 8
		Tennis Singles No Entry Fee Brackets Posted: Oct. 7

Week At A Glance

Mon., September 17

- Entries open for CoRec 2 Pitch Softball, Innertube Water Basketball and Badminton Doubles. Registration for these events begins at 8:00 a.m. in 159 Read Building.

Tues., September 18

- Entries close for Triathlon and Horseshoe Doubles.

Thurs., September 20

- Triathlon Information Meeting.

Fri., September 21

- Horseshoe Doubles Brackets Posted at 1:00 p.m.

REC LOCKERS AND IDS AVAILABLE

Recreational lockers are available for rent at the Recreational Sports Office. Lockers rent for \$12.00 per semester. Rec IDs and intramural validations for faculty and staff are available in the Rec Sports Office in 159 Read. Costs are \$10.00 per year for Rec IDs and \$10.00 per semester for intramural validations. Spouse and dependent cards are also available for \$20.00. Call the Rec Sports Office at 845-7826 for more information.

REC PHOTOS AVAILABLE

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