

A motion was made by Mr. Olle, seconded by Mr. Norton, that the group recommend to the faculty committee that each school be assessed \$30.00 annually to keep the football statistics for the coming year. Passed.

Mr. Bible explained the new method of numbers on the football jerseys, and the Conference football coaches agreed to conform to the new system as closely as possible.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomsen, seconded by Mr. Meyer, that Mr. Stewart appoint a committee to draw up the spring baseball schedule. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bible, that the coaches in the Conference write to the various high schools in the Waco district, suggesting that cooperation be given in regard to Baylor's home schedule Conference football games. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Cypert, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, that the timekeepers for football and basketball games selected by the schools shall not be connected officially with such schools. Carried.

President Stewart presented plaques to Messrs. Gaylord Johnson and Morley Jennings, in recognition of their long and splendid service s to the Southwest Conference.

Meeting adjourned.

Fred C. Thomsen, Secretary

Southwest Athletic Conference
Minutes of the Fall Meeting, 1941
12-13 December, 1941

First Session

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December twelfth, at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

The following representatives were present:

President, Arkansas University	J. S. Waterman
A. and M. College	C. W. Crawford
Baylor University	J. D. Bragg
Rice Institute	H. E. Bray
Southern Methodist University	J. S. McIntosh
Texas Christian University	Gayle Scott
Texas University	J. C. Dolley

The treasurer turned over the financial report to the president, who appointed J. C. Dolley and Gayle Scott as the auditing committee.

A motion was passed that the typewriter and file cabinet, properties of the conference, now in possession of Dr. Henry Trantham be sold to him for the sum of \$25.00.

The president's report was considered by sections, and rulings numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 were approved.

1. "May 27, 1941, Rice Institute submitted the case of Sidney Nachlas who entered Rice in September, 1937, and who played intercollegiate tennis in 1938-39 and 1940-41. 'In 1939-40 he did not play on the team in any matches but he did compete in the River Oaks Country Club Invitation Tournament April 15, 1940. Participation, however, was reported in the coach's Participation report for 1939-40.' It was ruled that participation in an invitation meet of a country club was not intercollegiate participation under Article XXV, Sec. 1, 1941 Book, p. 31. This assumed that other college teams, designated as such, were not contestants. See also May Minutes, 1934, p. 3, Ruling 2, to the effect that the participation of a T. C. U. player in 1932 in a game between T. C. U. and a town team in Henrietta did not cause him to lose a year of eligibility. Does the president have the power to set aside an entry in an officials conference record? Dr. Penick on March 19, 1931, and Dr. McDiarmid on May 27, 1936, ruled that such power rested with the representatives and not the president. It was ruled, therefore, that the conference at the December meeting should pass on the error in the official records. Since Mr. Nachlas desires to play tennis in the spring of 1942, during his fifth year and after only two years of intercollegiate participation, correction of the error is herewith submitted to the Conference."

Upon consideration of Ruling 5, a motion was passed that this case was not the affair of this conference.

5. "A student in Texas Tech, by the name of George Keel, wrote me late in November that he had been dropped from Rice in 1940-41 for a 'social error' and asked me to submit his eligibility to the Southwest Conference, as Texas Tech was observing the eligibility rules of the Southwest Conference. I wrote Mr. Keel that, in my opinion, his eligibility rested with the authorities of the school he was now attending but that I was also writing Mr. Morley Jennings. I wrote Mr. Jennings and asked him what Mr. Keel had in mind. Mr. Jennings advised me that Mr. Keel's difficulties had no connection with Rice Institute; that Mr. Keel came to Tech of his own volition; that the school requests no ruling from the Southwest Conference. Mr. Jennings further wrote that Texas Tech is observing the eligibility rules of both the Southwest Conference and the Border Conference and 'we have told this boy that in our opinion, he will never be eligible for athletics here and that any plea or request must be made to the Southwest Conference entirely upon his own initiative.' I submit the case to the Conference for consideration, as I have not written a final letter to Mr. Keel. I am of the opinion that Mr. Keel should be advised that his case is not a matter within the jurisdiction of the Southwest Conference, as he is not enrolled in a member school."

In the president's report, in Part II., SPECIAL PERMISSION, numbers 1, 2, and 3 were noted.

1. "Due to lack of familiarity with the rules, the Business Manager of Rice scheduled a freshman game three days before the end of 'the two weeks period.' (Article XXVI, Sec. 3, 1941 Book, p. 23). When the mistake was discovered, on September 29, 1941, Dr. Bray phoned the president asking that permission be given to play the game, as tickets had been printed, the game advertised and the junior college opponent did not desire to postpone the game. Permission was given to play the game on October 3, which was eleven days after class work began."
2. "On October 14, S. M. U. informed Mr. Littlefield of Texas that it did not desire to hold the cross-country meet at Dallas. Dr. Dolley then notified me that it was A. and M.'s turn. On October 17, A. and M. was asked if it cared to hold the meet. A. and M. requested that the date of the meet be moved from November 22 to November 14. (Article XI, Sec. 3, 1941 Book, p. 16). At this time, A. and M. was under the impression that since only A. and M. and Texas had cross-country teams, it was desirable to consider the dual meet, already arranged on November 14, as a substitute for the conference meet on November 22. On October 27, I advised A. and M. that such an arrangement met with my approval, provided notice was sent to every other school and consent of each school was obtained. I stated that since the time between my letter and November 14 was so short, the change should be handled by the Business Manager of A. and M. rather than by the secretary of the conference. The meet was held November 14. I notified Arkansas and two men were sent to College Station. It developed that T.C. U. also had a team of two men. I do not know if T. C. U. was notified. It developed that S. M. U. had one entry but was not notified of the change in date. For this I assume full responsibility. I now regret that I did not insist that the 14th meet perhaps be cancelled and the conference date of November 22nd be adhered to. In mitigation of the failure to notify S. M. U., it can be said that a letter from Mr. Stewart, dated October 14, to Coach Littlefield may have left the impression that S. M. U. had no entries."

3. "December 1, 1941, about 8 p.m., Dr. Scott of T. C. U. phoned asking for permission to play in the Orange Bowl on January 1, 1942. By-Law IV, 1941 Book, Sec. 1, p. 10, requires a mail or telegraphic vote. Dr. Scott requested a vote by long distance as an immediate reply from T. C. U. was necessary. The secretary was requested to secure a vote by phone. Later in the night the secretary advised the president that 5 schools had voted favorably but that 2 faculty representatives could not be reached. It was ruled that since this was a two-thirds vote, as required by By-Law III, p. 10, T. C. U. should be at once notified of this approval of a post-season game. (For the rule limiting the football season to the second Saturday after Thanksgiving, see By-Law XXXII, 1941 Book, p. 42.)"
4. "To avoid last minute telegraphic votes, action should now be taken on permission to play in the East-West game, North-South game, and games between college all-stars and service teams. This permission is always given but only after considerable hurried telegraphing just before the schools close for the holidays. Article XXXI, 1941 Book, p. 41."

Upon consideration of number 4, a motion was passed that if a football player, having exhausted his years of eligibility in football and yet planning further participation in athletic competition, desires to participate in a post-season football game, a report should be made to the secretary-treasurer of the conference. This constitutes permission. If, however, he has completed all athletic competition, no report is necessary.

On the president's report in Part III., SPECIAL ACTION OF CONFERENCE ON SUSPENDING RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS, the following action was voted: In the case of Don Luehy, the request of A. and M. was not granted.

"Don Luehy, A. and M., was injured in a game on September 27, after playing a few minutes. A. and M. requests that this participation not count as a year in intercollegiate competition."

In the president's report, Part IV., FRESHMAN TRANSFER, the following action was voted: 1. Texas' request in the case of George Cagle was granted. 2. S. M. U.'s request regarding James Bollman was granted.

1. "George Cagle, freshman at T. C. U. in 1939-40, participated in football and basketball there. Registered in Texas in 1940-41. T. C. U. agreeable to special permission that student be allowed to represent Texas. Letter from Texas mailed June 2, 1941."
2. "James Bollman transferred from Texas School of Mines after playing tennis as a freshman to S. M. U. Notice was given at the May, 1941, Meeting that permission would be asked to participate in tennis at S. M. U. See Minutes, page 5."

Part V. of president's report COMMERCIAL MOTION PICTURES was considered. A motion was passed that action taken by the conference on this matter in December, 1940, be rescinded. The president's report on Commercial Motion Pictures read:

"At the December, 1940, meeting, page 6, the conference disapproved of the taking of motion pictures of conference contests by any one backed by commercial advertisers, at the suggestion of Texas. At the same time the Athletic Directors appointed a committee of Mr. Bible and Mr. Stewart to see what could be worked out with the pictures companies, they not being

aware of the faculty action. On August 15, 1941, the president was asked by S. M. U. to submit to a vote the proposal of the Interstate Theatres and Chevrolet Company, which would pay \$200 to each school. After some correspondence a vote was called on September 2. The vote was 4 to 3 in favor of the proposal. Later, at the request of the University of Texas, no pictures were taken of that institution, and the \$200 for that school was paid to the conference. This matter, as stated in my letter to Mr. Stewart of August 19, would be submitted to the conference at the December meeting. (The vote for the proposal included Arkansas, Baylor, T. C. U. and S. M. U. The vote against included A. and M., Texas, and Rice.)"

In Part VI of the president's report, UNFINISHED BUSINESS, a motion was passed that the conference delay consideration of Dr. Penick's tennis proposal until a report from tennis coaches is submitted.

"See page 4, item 3, of the May, 1941, minutes. Report of tennis coaches on team championship in tennis. The proposal in full appears on page 11 of the Minutes for May, 1941."

In considering Part VII of the president's report on SUGGESTIONS, the following motions were passed: 1. That the approval of bills by the president not be changed. 2. That action of the conference on the matter of the Cotton Bowl Association be deferred until a report from a committee representing that association be made.

1. "Article VI, Sec. 3, Constitution, 1941 Book, p. 7, requires that the president approve all bills before the secretary-treasurer pays them. The new secretary and president overlooked this requirement until in September, 1941. Mr. McCants later advised me that when he became secretary-treasurer he also overlooked this requirement for some time. He further wrote: 'When this came to my attention I started sending out the invoices to the president, but there was so great delay in attending to our business the plan was abandoned. ...In my judgment the regulation might well be changed, since, as you suggest, the accounts are audited and the treasurer is under bond.' It is suggested that in Article VI, Sec. 3, Constitution, 1941 Book, p. 7, in line 6, the words 'when properly approved by the president' be repealed. The president has prepared a written waiver of 30 days' notice for amendment of the Constitution if the representatives desire to amend the Constitution. (Article XI, Constitution, 1941 Book, p. 9)."
2. "It is evident that the present arrangement concerning the Southwest Conference representative in the Cotton Bowl game is far from satisfactory. This statement is not intended as a reflection on any member school nor on the Cotton Bowl Association. The observation is based on my personal experience in the matter and is made to assure careful discussion of the problem in due course of business."

A motion was passed that the two groups--coaches and business managers --get together and revamp the football schedules so that all conference games shall be played by the first Saturday following the traditional Thanksgiving.

A motion was passed that, so far as is possible, the key games on each school's schedule be rearranged so as to permit better distribution.

A motion was passed that the conference pay the expenses of its N. C. A. A. representative, Dr. J. S. McIntosh, to the Detroit meeting this year.

A motion was passed that the conference accept the approval of the auditing committee on the treasurer's report.

The secretary's report was read. A copy of this report is hereto attached. No official action was necessary, but it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that, regarding Part II. of the report, the secretary should put forth every effort to secure information on behavior of any coach or member of his staff that is in violation of regulations set forth by the conference or in the code of ethics adopted by the conference. Such information is then to be reported to the president. Some criticism was voiced regarding the assigning of basketball officials in that the secretary did not exercise greater authority in the placement of younger men in 1941-42 games, although such names did not appear on Preferential Lists.

The meeting adjourned.

Second Session

The meeting was called to order by the president at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December thirteenth, at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

The representatives present at the first session were in attendance.

A motion was passed that the minutes of the Spring, 1941, Meeting be approved without reading.

A motion was passed awarding the following championships for the year of 1941:

Basketball-----	Arkansas
Swimming-----	Texas
Fencing-----	Baylor
Track-----	Texas
Tennis	
singles & doubles---	Rice
Golf	
individual & team---	Texas
Baseball-----	Texas
Cross-country-----	Texas
Football-----	A. and M.

A motion was passed assigning the meets for 1942 as follows:

Track, tennis, & golf	S. M. U.
Swimming-----	Baylor
Fencing-----	S. M. U.
Cross-country-----	Texas

The matter of trophies was discussed and a motion was passed that orders for the silver championship trophies for football, basketball, baseball, and track should be placed by the institution winning the championship in each sport. Trophies are not to cost over \$50.00 each, and are to be paid for by the treasurer upon receipt of bill.

This statement was presented to the president by Mr. Hooker and read by the president to the conference: "The Athletic Directors and Business Managers Association considered the raising of the fee for basketball officials, but voted not to change the fee at this time." The request of Mr. Abb Curtis, president of the Southwest Basketball Officials' Association, to come before the conference was granted. Mr. Curtis took up the matter of raising the fee for basketball officiating in conference games. A motion was passed that the fee for conference basketball games be raised from \$20.00 to \$25.00, effective immediately.

A motion was passed that the conference subscribe to the soundness of continuing normal pursuits as long as same does not interfere with national interests. The policy was adopted, and to this end the conference proposes to carry out its usual athletic program.

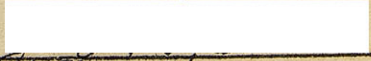
A motion was passed empowering the president and the secretary of the conference to deal with radio contracts if the matter comes up.

Th conference adjourned to meet with the Athletic Directors and Business Managers Association. Mr. Dan Rogers, president of the Cotton Bowl Association, made a short talk on the present and future policies of the Cotton Bowl. Following this meeting, the conference reassembled and began the consideration of the attitude of the conference toward the future of the Cotton Bowl. After much discussion and free expression on the part of most members concerned, the following resolution was passed: That each representative be requested to contact his home institution regarding that institution's future policy toward the Cotton Bowl, and then report same, and be prepared to act finally and definitely for his institution at the May meeting when action of the conference will be taken.

A request was submitted by the Athletic Directors that the rules on summer baseball and the signing of professional baseball contracts be liberalized. It was moved and passed that the Athletic Directors submit a more definite recommendation concerning the suggested changes at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


G. W. St. Clair
Secretary

Southwest Athletic Conference

SECRETARY'S REPORT

12 December
1941

PART I.

Football Officiating During Past Season

The officials were more closely scouted during this past season than during any season before. This was made possible by the excellent scouting work done by Messrs. Cooper Kinney and W. F. Foster.

There was probably a slight improvement in football officiating the past season. Scouting reports show that most games were excellently handled, although a few were not.

The two outstanding fouls missed this year were illegal use of hands by lead blocker on end sweeps and clipping on return punts and intercepted long passes. There seems to have been a tendency on the part of a few officials to just not see any fouls. Either these officials must perform their duties or be eliminated from officiating in the Southwest Athletic Conference. Also, there seems to be a tendency on the part of some officials to hesitate to call a foul which is primarily the duty of another official to call, although they clearly see it. The officials do this on the assumption that the other official might become offended at having a foul called which he should have seen and called. Other failures to call fouls are due to the fact that an official's vision may be temporarily obstructed or his attention directed otherwise at the time of the foul. To overcome this, your secretary is making the following recommendation for another year: That all officials be held responsible for all fouls that come within their range of clear vision, although these fouls may be the primary duty of another official to call. It is far better to have an official call a foul which is not primarily his duty to call or to have two or more call the same foul than to have it go uncalled.

PART II.

Coaches' Behavior

During the latter part of the 1940 season there was a tendency on the part of coaches, or members of their staffs, to contact the officials either before the game, between halves, or following the game. This tendency has increased until this year it was common practice for certain coaches, or their staff members, to approach officials and draw them into conversation concerning the game to be played or being played, or to take them to task concerning some decision made in a previous game. Some are even making it common practice to go to the conference room before a game or are taking advantage of the officials' when they come to ask for their captains for the beginning of the second half,

to give them a dressing down. All of this is in direct violation of the Code of Ethics as set forth in the Regulations. This tendency must be curbed if we are to have the best of officiating. Some of the coaches have never been guilty of any of the above.

PART III.

Assignment of Basketball Officials for 1941-42

The assignment of officials, according to instructions given your secretary in the May Meeting, resulted in some criticism from officials and coaches.

PART IV.

Mail and Telephone Voting


At the request of Dean J. S. Waterman, president of the Southwest Athletic Conference, your secretary polled the conference vote twice between the last meeting and the present date, once by mail and once by telephone.

The following propositions were voted upon and the results, as stated, obtained:

On September 2nd, at the request of president Waterman, a mail vote was taken to grant permission to the Interstate Circuit and the Chevrolet Company to take and exhibit newsreels of conference football games, with a Chevrolet advertisement tacked on the end as a trailer. For this privilege the Interstate Circuit and the Chevrolet Company were to pay to the conference \$1400.00, \$200.00 for each school. Arkansas, Baylor, S. M. U., and T. C. U. voted to grant permission. Texas A. and M., University of Texas, and Rice Institute voted not to grant permission. The motion was declared carried by president Waterman, and, according to contract, the Interstate and Chevrolet Company turned over \$1400.00 to the secretary-treasurer of the conference. \$200.00 was immediately sent to each member institution, except University of Texas at the request of Dr. Dolley. No pictures were taken at Austin and no money was sent to the University of Texas.

At the request of president Waterman, the proposition to permit T. C. U. to participate in the Orange Bowl on January 1, 1942, was submitted by telephone on December 1st. All members voted in the affirmative. It was impossible to contact Dr. Dolley by telephone at the time, but I have received a letter from him, dated December 5, 1941, voting "yes." The results were submitted to president Waterman, who notified T. C. U. that permission had been granted.

Respectfully submitted


F. W. St. Clair
Secretary-Treasurer
SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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Minutes of the Spring Meeting, 1942.

8 - 9 May, 1942

First Session

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May eighth, at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

The following representatives were present:

President, Arkansas University	J. S. Waterman
A. and M. College	E. J. Kyle
Baylor University	J. D. Bragg
Rice Institute	H. E. Bray
Southern Methodist University	J. S. McIntosh
Texas Christian University	Gayle Scott
Texas University	J. C. Dolley

A motion was passed that the minutes of the last meeting, as printed and sent to all members, be approved without reading.

The President's Report, a copy of which is herewith attached, was considered by sections, and the following actions were voted:

I. RULINGS:

1. Ruling approved.
2. (a) Ruling approved.
(b) Ruling approved.

Addendum

3. Ruling approved.
4. Ruling approved.
5. Discussed. No action necessary.

II. SPECIAL PERMISSION.

1. Action of the president approved.
A motion was passed to change the last sentence in the BY-LAWS, Article XI, Sec. 2(c), Page 16, 1941 Book, to read:
"A conference team selected as the regional representative to the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament is authorized to accept the invitation and play such games as are involved in qualifying for and competing in that tournament."
2. Action of president approved.
3. A motion was passed to permit Billy Pou to enter N.C.A.A. championships.

Other eligibility cases were considered and voted upon:

Jim Minor. Graduated from junior college on January 30, 1942. He entered Arkansas University on February 1, 1942. After one month in Arkansas, he was inducted. Passed local board examination. In Army during April. Discharged because of leg injury.

A motion was passed that Minor is eligible in fall of '42.

Mr. Hamburg. Attended Arkansas University; freshman in 1939-40, sophomore, 1940-41, and participated in football. Scholastically eligible in June, 1941. Entered Naval Academy in September, 1941. Dropped from Naval Academy in April, 1942, because of poor scholarship.

A motion was passed that Hamburg is eligible in fall of '42, his status being that of a student entering the service, then returning later to college.

A motion was passed that if a baseball game is rained out, the two schools involved will agree upon where the game will later be played.

At this time, Dr. McIntosh gave notice that he was going to submit the case of Bruce Johnson, a transfer student to S. M. U. from N. T. S. T. C.

Consideration of the President's Report was resumed:

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. Cotton Bowl.

Six of seven members stated that their schools would pledge its championship team to the Cotton Bowl. A motion was passed that the conference commits its champion to the Cotton Bowl game; if that team does not accept the Cotton Bowl game, it shall not be permitted to play any other championship game. This motion carried six to one, the negative vote being cast by Texas University.

2. Nothing was submitted by the Athletic Directors on summer baseball. No action necessary by conference.

3. No action taken on basketball officials due to the entrance of many coaches and officials in the armed forces.

IV. SUGGESTIONS.

1. A motion was passed to settle the matter of eligibility of freshmen on varsity teams at a called meeting in late summer, if there arose sufficient demands for such a meeting.

A motion passed giving permission to schools, for the duration, to organize B teams in football and permit them to play games with service teams only, such competition not to count as varsity competition. Freshmen teams, for the duration, authorized to play six instead of three football games.

Consideration of the President's Report was again resumed:

2. A motion was passed that varsity football teams, for the duration, be permitted to play one additional game above the usual schedule of ten, provided that game be with a service team.
3. A motion was passed that two trophies be awarded for the 1942 co-championship in basketball; one for Rice, one for Arkansas.

V. SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Action of president approved.

VI. APOLOGY TO A. & M.

Action of president approved. A. & M. stated no apology necessary.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Action of president approved.
2. Discussed; no action taken.

For the duration, it was decided that a student might become eligible by counting the summer session or the extra session as a substitute for a semester or quarter in the normal academic year. This action was made necessary because of the "speed-up" plan in member schools. Each player electing to become eligible under this plan should be so designated on the scholarship and historical report.

Mr. Jimmie Stewart, president of the Athletic Directors Association, submitted the information that no allowance had been made for trophies for the 440 and the mile relays. This matter was discussed, but no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May ninth, at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

The treasurer turned the Financial Report over to the president, who in turn gave it to Dr. Bray and Dr. Dolley, the auditing committee.

The secretary's report, a copy of which is herewith attached, was read and approved.

A motion was passed that the conference approve the plan of lending text books to athletes.

Permission was granted to J. W. St. Clair to attend the next meeting of the National Association of Football Commissioners, with expenses to be paid by the conference.

A motion was passed that the treasurer's report, audited and approved by the auditing committee, be accepted.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ST. CLAIR (Signed)

J. W. St. Clair,
Secretary-Treasurer,
SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

April 17, 1942.

To the Members of the Southwest Athletic Conference:

Gentlemen:

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SINCE DECEMBER 12, 1941

I. RULINGS:

1. January 15, 1942, Southern Methodist University submitted the case of Calvin Aulenback, a senior, who registered in the fall of 1941 but withdrew October 4, 1941, to enter the Army Air Corps without attendance at any class. Mr. Aulenback was honorably discharged and plans to re-enter Southern Methodist University the second term. This student has participated twice in baseball, is scholastically eligible and is still within the five-year period, despite his withdrawal.

It was ruled that the student was eligible to participate in baseball in the spring semester under the Conference rule passed in May, 1941. (1941 Rule Book, p. 31, note.)

In ruling on this case, the following suggestions are made, though not in issue:

(a) If a student withdraws during a semester, the scholarship record to be used is that of the previous semesters;

(b) the five or six-year period ends at the time he withdraws for military service and begins when he might reasonably be expected to re-enter school again;

(c) interpretation (b) should apply to students transferring from a junior or senior college to a Conference school.

2. Texas, at the request of Dr. Penick, submitted the case of two tennis players:

(a) January 23, 1942. Leo La Borde participated in tennis for Beaumont Junior College in 1937 and again in 1938. The Junior College had no tennis team except in 1937 and 1938. The only participation was in the state tournament. The team paid its own expenses and no recognition was given the team. Mr. La Borde represented the University of Texas in tennis in 1940 and in 1941.

Ruling: Participating for any length of time, however small, is participation. (Article 25, Section 1, 1941 Book, p. 31.) Reaffirmed at the December meeting, 1941, p. 4, in the case of a student at A. and M. Mr. La Borde not eligible after June, 1941, as he has participated twice in junior college and twice in a Conference school.

I. RULINGS, (cont'd):

(b) March 23, 1942. Billy Pou entered Tampa University in the fall of 1935, remained there until June, 1937. Did not participate in Tampa University, as it had no tennis team. Entered school again in September, 1939, at the University of Texas. He became eligible to participate in the fall of 1940, after one year of residence. Mr. Pou participated in tennis in the spring of 1941 at Texas, but his eligibility ended in June, 1941, as that month was six years after he first entered Tampa University in the fall of 1935. Article 25, Section 3, 1941, p. 31, Ruled that Mr. Pou was no longer eligible and that under Article 22, Section 3, 1941 Book, p. 30, special permission could be granted Mr. Pou only at a special or regular session. (See next section, item c, where such permission requested by the University of Texas on April 9, 1942.)

ADDENDUM TO PART I. RULINGS:

3. On April 20, the University of Texas telegraphed that its baseball game with T. C. U. on April 13, at Ft. Worth, was rained out. To return to Ft. Worth would cost T.C.U. \$120 and require an additional trip for Texas. It was proposed that T.C.U. and Texas be permitted to play a double-header during the scheduled two-game series at Austin. This would result in Texas playing one game at Ft. Worth and three games at Austin. The issue involved was that, under Article XI, Section 2-d, 1941 Book, p. 16, an equal division of road and home games is required.

The President telegraphed Dr. Dolley to play the double-header subject to Conference approval in May. If approval is not given, it was stated that the first game of the double-header would count as the official game.

History of the rule in issue: From 1927 to 1932, the conference required that not less than 20 games be played in two game series, with at least ten games on the road. If more than twenty games were played, this would permit ten games on the road, but more than ten at home. The present rule was passed about 1932. This rule sets a limit of 10 to 16 games, divided on a home and home basis in one or two game series. It is inferred that the present rule requires an equal division of road and home games, but that the earlier rule did not.

In May, 1941, the last sentence to the section was added. It governs rained-out games. This sentence may be interpreted to mean that such games can be played on other than a home and home basis, thus permitting an unequal division of home and road games, in the event of games that are rained out.

This matter is left to the Conference for action.

4. May 1, 1942, Texas telegraphed that Dr. Penick desired to know if conference rules permitted him to enter five individual players in the conference tennis meet. Dr. Penick desired to enter four boys in singles but use three of them and one other boy to form two doubles teams.

It was ruled that the Constitution, Article VI, p. 7, provides that the President shall interpret the by-laws, but that By-Laws, Article XI, Sec. 3-b, p. 17, provide that the decisions of the tournament manager shall be final in all matters not specifically covered in the rules of the conference.

It was also ruled that the by-laws do not limit the number of players representing member schools in the tennis meet. It may be that the conference prefers to limit the number of players representing a member school, but by-laws, at present, make no such limitation. If there had been any custom to the contrary, it was assumed that Dr. Penick would have known of such.

5. April 30, 1942, Dr. Bragg of Baylor notified me by letter that by oversight two ineligible players had represented Baylor in dual golf meets with Texas and A. & M.

A student coach was of the impression that dual meets were to be treated as practice games and that the eligibility rules did not govern. Moreover, much difficulty was experienced in getting together a golf team.

Baylor lost both matches. Under Article VI, Sec. 2, p. 13, 1941 Book, the games as played stand. The student coach had been furnished an eligible list, but did not understand the conference rules.

It is doubtful if any conference action is necessary.

II. SPECIAL PERMISSION:

1. Rice Institute notified the President by telegram, about March 1, that its team, which was to represent the Sixth District in the N. C. A. A. meet at Kansas City had a period of idleness of three weeks. It had played 23 out of the 24 games allowed by the Conference. It requested permission to play two games with a service team, or one in excess of the maximum of 24.

Permission was granted without formality of a telegraphic vote. Had Arkansas not waived its right to compete as a representative for this district, or had West Texas Teachers accepted an invitation, games in excess of 24 would have been allowed by the Conference.

II. SPECIAL PERMISSION: 1. (cont'd.)

Suggestion: Perhaps the Conference at this time should sanction play-offs for the district representative, these games to be excluded from the maximum of 24. Under Article II, Section 2-c, 1941 Book, p. 16, games played in the N. C. A. A. tournament are sanctioned. The play-offs could be sanctioned by adding at the end of the sentence the phrase: "and the selection of the regional representative."

2. Coach Homer Norton, A. and M., 'phoned the President the morning of the swimming meet, which had been transferred from Baylor to College Station. It seems that a student from S.M.U., properly certified to the President as scholastically and historically eligible, was not certified to the manager of the swimming meet.

I ruled that the student should be entered and that, if a formal protest was filed, it would be reviewed by the Conference at the spring meeting. Coach Norton stated this was the view he held. As far as can be learned, the rule on certification is not in the 1941 Book and no doubt is based on custom.

3. April 9, 1942, in compliance with Article 22, Section 3, 1941 Book, permission was requested that Mr. Pou be permitted to participate in the 1942 N. C. A. A. Championships. Mr. Pou's eligibility ended in June, 1941, six years after registering in Tampa University. That school had no tennis team. Mr. Pou participated in tennis only one year, 1940-41, and that was in the University of Texas. Mr. Pou will graduate this summer, 1942. Since Mr. Pou has participated only once, he desires to enter the N. C. A. A. Championships.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Cotton Bowl. At the December meeting, 1941, each institution was requested to submit its final answer as to the relation between the institution and the Cotton Bowl game. Minutes December 1941, p.8. Notice of this was sent to representatives on April 6, 1942.

2. The Athletic Directors submitted a request that the rules on summer baseball and the signing of professional contracts be liberalized. The Directors were requested to submit more definite recommendations for the May meeting. For the present rule see 1941 Book, p.36.

3. On December 16, 1942, I was advised by the Southwest Conference Basketball Coaches, that, at a meeting held on December 14, the following recommendation was submitted to the Conference: "That all old officials be retained and used in the maximum amount that priority ratings on coaches' lists called for, until satisfactory substitutes could be found."

IV. SUGGESTIONS:

1. It is suggested that the matter of freshman participation on varsity teams again be considered. On January 17, 1942, newspapers stated that the Missouri Valley Conference had acted favorably. The Border Conference will act on this in May. The Border Conference, in a letter to the President, desired to know if our Conference, if it sanctions freshman participation, would permit three or four years of varsity competition and what scholastic check would be used during the year. The question has also been raised as to whether a junior college transfer with only freshman standing was to be ruled a freshman.

2. The Conference might take up the question of granting member schools permission to play one football game with a service team, in addition to the maximum of ten games. The same might be considered for basketball.

It is my understanding that the Big Ten has raised the limit of football games from eight to ten, the two additional games being played with service teams.

3. In 1935, when S.M.U., Rice and Arkansas tied for the basketball championship, the Conference purchased three trophies. December, 1935, Minutes, page 5. This year Rice and Arkansas tied. The matter of the payment for the trophies should be settled. The Conference allows \$50 for one trophy.

V. SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Mr. St. Clair wrote me that the President of the N. C. A. A. desired that he attend the December meeting. I advised Mr. St. Clair that I thought that he should attend and that his expenses would be paid by the conference.

Mr. St. Clair notified member schools of the outcome of the meeting in a letter of January 23, 1942.

VI. APOLOGY TO A. AND M.:

On page 2, Minutes of December, 1941, item 2, appears a statement that the Business Manager of Athletics at A. and M. failed to notify S. M. U. of a change in the place of holding the cross-country meet. It was also stated that perhaps T.C.U. was not notified.

This error, committed by the President in his Annual Report for December, 1941, was due to his negligent reading of a letter from S.M.U. Dr. McIntosh wrote me that he had not been advised of the change in the date of the meeting and was, therefore, late in submitting his eligibility lists. The President, by error, inferred that S.M.U. had not been notified of the change of place of the meet.

VI. APOLOGY TO A. AND M.: (cont'd)

The Athletic Directors of all schools were properly notified of the change in the date and the place, from S.M.U. to College Station. I apologize for the error which appeared in both the annual report and the minutes. It is requested that this apology appear in the Minutes for May, 1942, so that a true statement of the affair will be set out in the records.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. A letter from an Army camp stated that the recreation officer had been advised that the Conference teams could not play baseball games on Sunday. The officer was advised that this matter rested with each institution.

2. Mr. Dick Fischer, San Antonio, Texas, advised me on January 5, 1942, that in his opinion the Conference should pay its football officials a \$37.50 defense bond and \$12.50 defense stamps instead of cash. He also stated that if an official needed the cash for a livelihood, he was making a profession of officiating and should not be used by the Conference.

I advised Mr. Fischer that this matter rested with the Conference.

As I recall, defense bonds are not assignable. Therefore, schools may not purchase such bonds and assign them. Even if they were assignable, some state schools may find that their rules do not permit payment save in cash or by check.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WATERMAN (Signed)

J. S. Waterman, President
Southwest Athletic Conference

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Southwest Athletic Conference

SECRETARY'S REPORT

8 May
1942

PART I.

General Items

Phil Badger, President of the N. C. A. A., asked that your secretary meet him in Detroit in December to discuss the following matters: basketball rules, the N. C. A. A. basketball championship tournaments, and the future of basketball during the present crisis. This information was submitted to President Waterman, who gave approval of the trip and approval of the payment of expenses by the Southwest Athletic Conference.

On February 5th, President Waterman notified the office of the secretary that Baylor would be unable to hold the 1942 swimming meet, as their coach had resigned, and he requested that the next school in line be offered the meet. Accordingly, it was offered in turn to T. C. U. and to S. M. U. Both refused. Next it was offered to Texas A. & M., and they accepted, conducting the meet there on March 20th and 21st. All schools were notified of this change.

PART II.

Basketball

1. Officiating during the past season. The officiating last season seems to have met in general with the approval of the coaches and of the public. Under the new plan of being less strict in the calling of fouls and violations, the number of penalties was reduced about twenty-five percent, or better, per game. The number of "held balls" was also reduced.

It would probably be unwise to go too far in the liberalizing of playing tactics on the floor--that is, liberalizing them to the point that the game would become rough. Your secretary has talked with eight of the ten coaches in the Big Ten Conference, and the general opinion among these coaches is that the Big Ten has permitted the game to become too rough.

Regarding the appointment of officials, all coaches and officials have entered wholeheartedly into the new plan as outlined by the special committee with but one exception. That is the elimination, or partial elimination, of certain men from officiating in this conference, because of certain restrictions set forth in the adopted report of last meeting.

2. Officials for another year. Probably the wise thing to do is to delay the appointment of basketball officials for next season, first, because, there will be a change in the coaching staff personnel in most institutions; secondly, because those who are available as officials at present may be in service by fall.

PART III.

Football

After some delay, due to the slowness of obtaining approval for mixed crews of intersectional games, and to the withdrawal of officials who have entered the service, the schedule is now complete. At present, officials for all games, both intersectional and conference, have been assigned and approved. In all probability there will arise many changes to be made, as several of our officials will be in service with the armed forces by football season.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. W. St. Clair
Secretary-Treasurer
SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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MINUTES OF THE FALL MEETING, 1942.

11-12 December, 1942.

First Session

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 11th, at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

The following representatives were present:

President, Arkansas University	J. S. Waterman
A. & M. College	E. J. Kyle
Baylor University	J. D. Bragg
Rice Institute	H. E. Bray
Southern Methodist University	J. S. McIntosh
Texas Christian University	Gayle Scott
Texas University	Jas. C. Dolley

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Minutes of the May, 1942, Meeting as submitted through the mail. Motion carried.

The Treasurer turned over the financial report to the President, who appointed Messrs. Gayle Scott and J. D. Bragg as the Auditing Committee.

The matter of allowing the expenses of Dr. J. S. McIntosh and Mr. J. W. St. Clair for attendance at the N.C.A.A. Meeting of the Council, Executive Committee and all Committee Chairmen, in New York, December 29 and 30, 1942, was discussed. It was moved and seconded that the expenses of these two men be paid. Motion carried.

The President's Report for the Period Since May 8, 1942, (copy of which is hereto attached) was considered by sections:

I. RULINGS:

1. Approved.
2. Approved.
3. Approved.
4. Approved.
5. Approved.

II. SPECIAL PERMISSIONS:

1. Discussed. No action necessary.
2. Discussed. No action necessary.

III. SPECIAL VOTES:

1. No action necessary.
2. (a) No action necessary.
(b) It was moved and seconded that 2(a) be continued for the duration. Motion carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. It was moved and seconded that Bruce Johnson be permitted to play. Motion carried.

At this point, another eligibility case was considered and voted upon:
Dean Kyle of A. & M. submitted the case of W. G. Carden who entered
A. & M. in 1937 and dropped out in June 1941. He did not return until
September, 1942. During this time he worked in a defense plant at Orange,
Texas. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Carden's eligibility be extended
through June, 1943. Motion carried.

Consideration of the President's Report was resumed:

V. ELIGIBILITY ISSUES WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED, IF THE CONFERENCE IS SO
DISPOSED.

1. It was moved and seconded that Article 22, Section 1, of the By-Laws be interpreted that, in his senior year, a student shall be required to enroll in only the number of hours necessary for his degree. Motion carried.
2. It was moved and seconded that a student be required to pass the same number of hours in summer school as in regular session. Motion carried.

VI. MATTERS SUBMITTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION:

1. No action necessary.
2. No action necessary.
3. No action necessary.
4. Matter of increase of number of basketball games was discussed. It was moved and seconded that the 24 game limit not apply to games with service teams. Motion carried.

Further consideration of the President's Report was temporarily set aside to consider the following:

It was moved and seconded that scouting in basketball be eliminated for the duration. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that it is the consensus of this body that the coaches and others connected with the Athletic Departments refrain from accepting invitations to, attending or speaking at high school banquets for the duration, effective January 1, 1943. Motion carried.

A motion was passed assigning the meets for 1943 as follows:

Track, Tennis and Golf - - - - - A&M (with the understanding
that, if A&M cannot accept, they shall be given to Rice.)
Swimming - - - - - Texas U.
Fencing - - - - - Texas U.
Cross-Country - - - - - A&M

A motion was passed awarding the following championships for the year
of 1942:

Basketball - - - - - Arkansas & Rice tied.
Swimming - - - - - Texas U.
Track - - - - - Texas U.
Tennis - - - - - Singles: Texas U. Doubles: Rice.
Golf - - - - - Individual: Texas U. Team: Texas U.
Baseball - - - - - A&M
Cross-Country - - - - - Texas U.
Football - - - - - Texas U.
Fencing - - - - - Texas U.

It was moved and seconded that, if a student withdraws from school during a semester and joins the armed forces, his record during this semester shall not count against his future eligibility. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that participation in games played with service teams shall not count as college competition. Motion carried.

Mr. Dolley presented the case of John Langdon who passed only 18 hours the preceding two semesters. It was moved and seconded that the rule as written governing the hours for the two preceding semesters apply here. Motion carried and Mr. Langdon was declared ineligible.

The meeting adjourned.

Second Session

The meeting was called to order by the President at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, 1942, at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas. All representatives were present.

The Auditing Committee reported that the Financial Statement of the Secretary-Treasurer is in order. The report was accepted.

Consideration of the President's Report was continued:

VII. FUTURE OF THE CONFERENCE ATHLETIC PROGRAM:

1. It was moved and seconded that, in accordance with the desires of the army and navy, the Southwest Athletic Conference, for the immediate future, will support as full a program of college athletics as is possible. Motion carried.
2. It was moved and seconded that the one year residence rule (Article XXIV) for participation be suspended for the duration, effective immediately. Motion carried.
The scholastic eligibility of a non-graduate transfer shall include his prior academic record in the institution previously attended, until he has been in the member school two semesters. This was carried as a motion.
Under the freshman ruling, it was interpreted that a student shall be eligible for four seasons in a particular sport.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Smith, a transfer from Arkansas Teachers College, who played basketball in his first year there, be given permission to participate at Arkansas. (Article 27, Sec. 3, Page 35)
Motion carried.

Mr. Jas. H. Stewart, substituting for Mr. Earl Smyth, expressed the thanks of Mr. Smyth for the fine cooperation of the Southwest Athletic Conference in the promotion of the Cotton Bowl. Mr. Stewart reported everything moving along nicely and that the Committee was proud of the two fine teams that are to play in the Cotton Bowl on January 1, 1943.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. St. Clair,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Southwest Athletic Conference.

To Members of the Southwest Athletic Conference:

Gentlemen:

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SINCE MAY 8, 1942.

I. RULINGS:

1. A student in Baylor desired to attend the 1942 summer law school of S. M. U., but planned to return to Baylor in the fall of 1942. Will such summer attendance, under the temporary rule which gives to summer attendance the same basis for participation as a regular semester, make him a transfer student from a four-year college? (May 21, 1942.)

Ruling: Attendance at the S. M. U. summer law school does not make him a transfer student.

2. A student in Arkansas attended a junior college for a semester, then transferred to a senior college for a semester. This student had not participated in either school. He then returned to the junior college and graduated, after two semesters. His work at the senior college was 13 hours of C. Is he eligible at once? Dr. Dolley, Vice-President, ruled on July 11, that the student was not eligible. 1941 Book, page 30, footnote.

The President agrees with the ruling by the Vice-President. It was sought at the request of the Arkansas director of athletics.

3. A student in Baylor participated in varsity football in 1941. He passed his work in the fall and winter quarters of 1941-42; was not in school in the spring or summer of 1941-42. Is he eligible to play in the fall of 1942, on the basis of the spring quarter of 1941 and the fall and winter quarters of 1941-42?

Ruled, on September 17, 1942, that the student was eligible. See Article 22, Section 2, 1941 Book, page 29; Minutes, May, 1936, page 2, Ruling 7; Minutes, December, 1935, page 1, Ruling 2.

4. A student graduated from high school in January, 1942, enrolled in A. and M. in February, 1942, and stayed through the summer. The student desires to enroll in S. M. U. in the fall of 1942 and play freshman football, despite the fact that he has more than 30 hours of credit. (S. M. U. is not counting summer work towards residence or eligibility.)

Ruled that the student was eligible for freshman football, despite Article 14, Section 1, 1942, page 22. (August 29, 1942.)

Reasons: Though this student was eligible for the varsity at A. and M., due to summer attendance, it did not seem fair to deny him freshman participation, at a time when the need for physical training is being emphasized. In addition, it is probable that in the absence of the "speed-up" plan he would not have attended summer school nor have been able to earn sufficient hours in the spring and summer to have secured sophomore standing. Furthermore, this student, by failing to take examinations at the end of the summer session, could easily have passed less than 30 hours. This ruling is an "emergency" one.

5. A representative of a broadcasting station in Houston, working in cooperation with the Humble Oil Company, 'phoned the President on September 28, 1942. This representative stated that an "all-conference" football team was chosen each year by the radio fans and that a trophy was awarded each player. It was proposed in 1942 to give each player making the all-conference team a government bond of \$18.75, if not a violation of the conference rules set out in Article 20, Section 3. The representative stated that while the trophies were plated, they had a copper, brass, bronze or some other metal base, and that in view of the metal shortage he preferred not to buy such trophies now.

The President stated that in his opinion no objection should be raised at this time to the gift of defense bonds. It is true that after sixty days these bonds can be cashed, but it is also true that awards, such as sweaters, cowboy hats and boots, and watches can be sold for cash. The President stated that he could not speak for the A. A. U., which might consider this a violation of the rules on amateur standing.

If receiving the defense bond be considered a violation of the conference rules, the players can be asked to convert the bonds and purchase some appropriate trophy or award under the supervision of the respective faculty representatives.

II. SPECIAL PERMISSIONS:

1. On September 29, 1942, special permission was given the Arkansas freshman team to play a senior college team. (Freshman football schedule of Arkansas: Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and Ouachita College, the senior college in question.) Due to the quitting of football by all nearby junior colleges and the use of freshmen on varsity teams by nearby senior colleges, no other games could be scheduled.

It should be pointed out that the rules of the Conference do not prohibit a freshman team from playing a senior team. This prohibition last appeared in the 1935 Rule Book, Rule 16, Section 2, page 21. Perhaps the Conference may desire to clarify this situation by an express prohibition of games between senior colleges and freshman teams.

2. By a vote of 5 to 2, on August 17, 1942, it was decided that freshman football training begin on September 10 for the year 1942. The vote was asked for at the request of T. C. U. (See Article 16, Section 3, 1941 Book, page 23, for the present rule.)

III. SPECIAL VOTES:

1. At the May meeting it was decided that if there was sufficient demand for freshman participation, a summer meeting would be held. A letter was written by the President on June 30 asking for a vote on a meeting. Only one school deemed such a meeting desirable. Therefore, no meeting was called.

2. (a) At the request of T. C. U., a vote of the Directors of Athletics was taken in July to limit each school to scouting member schools in football one time and with one scout. The vote in favor of the proposal was unanimous.

III. SPECIAL VOTES: (Continued)

2. (b) The vote was asked for the year 1942. It is suggested that it be extended for the duration of the emergency, due to difficulties of travel, reduced revenue, and also reduced coaching staffs. (1941 Book, Article 33, Section 1, page 42.)

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. At the May, 1942, meeting, S. M. U. gave notice that it would present the case of Bruce Johnson. (1941 Book, Article 27, Section 3, page 35.)

V. ELIGIBILITY ISSUES WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED, IF THE CONFERENCE IS SO DISPOSED:

1. What is the minimum amount of work a student may take in a particular semester and yet be eligible to participate?

2. What is the minimum amount of credit a student must have for two semesters before he is eligible? For example, Arkansas permits a student to take only 12 hours of work in a summer school. Two-thirds of twelve would mean he need pass only eight hours to be eligible. Ruled that he must pass two-thirds of fifteen hours, the standard course in the long term, or ten hours.

VI. MATTERS SUBMITTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION:

1. Through the efforts of Mr. St. Clair and Mr. J. H. Stewart, the Humble radio contract was renewed for another year. May 29, 1942.

2. At the May, 1942, meeting, Dean Kyle brought up the question of counting a year of participation against a student who had been injured during the season. (1941 Book, Article 25, Section 1, page 31.)

Major Griffith of the "Big Ten" advised the President, June 10, 1942, that the following sentences had been added in May, 1942, to the regulation of that conference: "However a student shall not be deemed to have participated in any given sport within the meaning of the preceding sentence if, after competing in his first inter-collegiate athletic event in such sport during any given year, he is prevented from further competition in that sport during that season because of injuries received in such first event or while training for that sport. The relief so provided shall be granted only by the Eligibility Committee."

No recommendation is made. This is merely for information. It may be added that the amendment does not seem to be clearly worded.

3. The Big Six, according to a statement in the Tulsa Daily World, May 24, 1942, p.3, now permits a junior college transfer to participate at once, provided he presents 54 or more semester hours of credit.

4. The Conference may desire to increase the number of basketball games for the varsity and freshmen teams, if service teams plan to schedule games with the member schools.

VII. FUTURE OF THE CONFERENCE ATHLETIC PROGRAM:

1. The Conference should discuss the future of its athletic program, in view of the proposal to lower the draft age to 18, difficulties of travel for the team, and the effect of gasoline rationing on attendance.

2. The Conference should once again discuss the matter of freshman participation on varsity teams. A change in the freshman rule, if made, can be effective for the basketball season or next fall. Though the change does not take effect until fall, if one is made, it seems that it should be made now so that the coaches will know what material to expect for the next football season. If the change is made, certain questions must be decided.

This involves such matters as the number of seasons of participation to be allowed, scholarship requirements during the first season, and the definition of a freshman. Such cases as may arise as a transfer from a senior college, who has not played, but who has less than 30 hours of credit, or a transfer from a junior college who has played one year, but who lacks 30 hours of credit. If a freshman participates, then withdraws to enter the armed forces, what will be his status when he returns?

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Waterman (Signed)

J. S. Waterman, President
Southwest Athletic Conference

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

SECRETARY'S REPORT

December 11, 1942.

PART I

FOOTBALL

Under existing circumstances, I think that the officials did a very good job this year.

Many substitutions had to be made at the last minute because of assigned officials entering the Service. Without exception, the coaches showed a most wonderful attitude in accepting these emergency substitutions.

PART II

BASKETBALL

To date, there has been no definite assignment of basketball officials for the coming season. This is due to the fact that there has been no way of determining which officials will be available by the time the season opens.

Every effort is being made to assign officials who live close to the place where each game is to be played.

By mail vote, I received the approval of the Faculty Representatives to use Boggess and Ziggy Sears as officials during the emergency.

By mail vote, I received the approval of the Conference Basketball Coaches to use Curtis in Texas games, Sisco in Baylor games and Shaw in Arkansas games when I feel it necessary to do so.

Your Secretary-Treasurer is meeting with the Conference Basketball Coaches Saturday, December 12, 1942, at which time the matter of basketball officials for the coming season will be fully discussed.

PART III

MAIL VOTING

The following mail votes were polled and the results, as stated, obtained:

On July 30, 1942, a mail vote was taken, among the Conference Football Coaches, to limit scouting, in the Conference this year, to one game instead of two. All coaches voted in the affirmative, and the coaches and faculty representatives were notified of this.

On August 8, 1942, a mail vote was taken, among the Faculty Representatives, to change the date for the beginning of freshman football training from the opening of school to September 10th for all schools. Arkansas, Baylor, Rice, T. C. U. and Texas voted "yes". A. & M. and S. M. U. voted "no". The Faculty Representatives were notified that the affirmative vote carried. They were asked to notify their coaches.

On September 21, 1942, a mail vote was taken, among the Faculty Representatives, to give Arkansas special permission for its freshman team to play a senior college in Arkansas. All Representatives voted in the affirmative and were so notified.

On November 3, 1942, a mail vote was taken, among the Faculty Representatives, to allow your Secretary-Treasurer to assign officials who make a profession of officiating to Southwest Athletic Conference Basketball games this coming season; specifically, Messrs. Dusty Boggess and Ziggy Sears. All Representatives voted in the affirmative and were so notified.

On November 10, 1942, a mail vote was taken, among the Conference Basketball Coaches, to allow your Secretary-Treasurer to assign Curtis to Texas games, Sisco to Baylor games and Shaw to Arkansas games, when I deem it necessary to do so. The vote was in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. St. Clair (Signed)

J. W. St. Clair,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Southwest Athletic Conference

*J. H. H. Clair - Personal Copy - Cotton Bowl
Athletic Association's Operating Account attached*

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

1942-1947

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To Members of the Southwest Athletic Conference:

Gentlemen:

Report for the Period since December 12, 1942.

I. Rulings:

1. On Jan. 16, 1943, Baylor asked if spring football practice must be completed by a certain date. Ruled that the Conference has not set a date by which spring practice must be completed.
2. Southern Methodist University on January 18, 1943, presented a case under the abolition of the one year transfer rule. A student passed only six hours his first semester in a conference school in 1941. He then enters a junior college and passes the required number of hours in the junior college. Next he re-enters the conference school.

Is the student eligible for competition at once or must he spend two semesters in the conference school?

The issue, apparently, is the effect of the abolition of the transfer rule on certain scholarship rules. To state the issue in another manner, is the requirement of two semesters of residence for the student in question, a scholarship or a transfer rule?

I recall a ruling on a student at Arkansas. See Dr. McDiarmid's report, May, 1935, page 1, No. 3. This student attended a junior college, came to the University, failed, went back to a junior college, graduated. Dr. McDiarmid wrote: "Since the student in point has already demonstrated his inability to do University work, it seems clear that he cannot be immediately eligible even by virtue of his graduating from a standard junior college. Dean Waterman agreed to this interpretation that a student should have only one chance to demonstrate his ability to do university work."

In my opinion the rule laid down in 1935 was a scholarship rule as that young man was otherwise eligible as a graduate of a junior college without compliance with the one year transfer rule.

In my opinion the abolition of the transfer rule was not intended to affect our scholarship rules.

Therefore, this young man must remain for two semesters in order to compensate for his failure in his first semester.

3. Texas A. & M. February 11, 1943. S.S. Turner entered A. & M. as a freshman, in September, 1942. Called home November 24 on account of his father's operation. While there the student was operated on for appendicitis. He re-entered on February 1, 1943. When Mr. Turner withdrew his work was satisfactory.

Is this student entitled to compete now? Ruling: In favor of student. While it is true that if a student enters on a semester, he must complete the work of that semester in order to be eligible under the "two-semester rule", this rule has not always been followed for varsity competition.

In the President's Report for May, 1939, Mr. Collins of S.M.U. withdrew the day after registering because of illness. This semester was not counted against him. In May, 1940, President Trantham again ruled that in the case of Wiley Pennell, a freshman at S.M.U., who withdrew after two days in the second semester to take charge of his father's business, due to the illness of his father, the student was not to be charged with a semester of residence.

In May, 1941, President Trantham again ruled in the case of a freshman from A. & M. who had withdrawn in the middle of the first semester, while passing only four hours, that he would not be eligible as a freshman until he had obtained credit for nine hours in the second semester. He "further ruled that if a freshman should withdraw from school while passing nine hours in a given semester he would still be eligible (as a freshman) upon his return in a later, though not necessarily consecutive, semester.

4. On February 19, 1943, Dean Kyle asked if a senior athlete, with one semester of eligibility left, would be eligible if he accepted a position with the department of physical education at \$30 a month. This position was created as a result of an intensive physical education program for all students at A. & M.

Ruled that the student would be eligible, as an undergraduate student assistant under Article 29, Sec. 1, 1941 Book, p. 37. Under this section and also Section 3, this is an exceptional case for submission to the President of the Conference.

This case is similar to that of an athlete officiating in intra-mural contests. See footnote, Art. 20, Sec. 3, 1941 Book, p. 27. See also 1938 Book, Art. 29, Sec. 2, where it was provided that if the rate of pay was in excess of 50 cents an hour, the matter shall be referred to the President of the Conference.

These various sections obviously empower the President of the Conference to pass on special cases. This case seems clearly one in which the student should not be classed as

ineligible because "he receives compensation for regular instruction" which is prohibited by Art. 29, Sec. 1.

5. University of Texas. February 23, 1943. The old grade of "E" (condition) was abandoned in September, 1942, and the grade "R" (re-examination) substituted. This grade is given to students whose class-work was satisfactory but who failed in final examination. A student receiving the grade "R" is entitled to take a make-up examination and may receive the grade of A, B, C or D.

Is the grade of "R", to be classified as "a conditional or failed grade" or as an "incomplete" under Article 22, Sec. 2, 1941, p.29?

Ruling: The section cited reads: "an incomplete means notebooks, drawings, themes, term papers, back laboratory work, and examinations officially postponed." The section also reads: "By passing the work of the last two semesters of residence is meant that it shall have been passed in the semesters in which the work was regularly offered." On the basis of these two sentences it is ruled that the grade "R" is the same as a conditional or failed grade.

I may be incorrect in my ruling but the language of the section cited does not permit me to make any other ruling. Unless this issue is an urgent one, we can postpone final action until the May meeting.

6. On January 4, 1943, T.C.U. asked is a "boy who has played basketball in out of state senior college which has discontinued collegiate basketball" eligible at once, as a transfer student, if his past scholastic record is satisfactory. Ruled that student eligible, as transfer rule abolished. Under Art. 27, footnote page 34, 1941 Book, appears the conference rule on transfers from schools which have abandoned intercollegiate athletics in a particular sport.

II. Special votes:

1. At the request of Texas, on December 15, 1942, a telegraphic vote was held on changing the fencing date from May to January 15. The vote was 6 to 1 in favor of such a change.

Such a change, which advances the date four months and which leaves an advance notice of two weeks, is quite unfortunate. (In this case, both the President and Secretary were away from their offices during the latter part of December. As a result, the vote was not taken until early in January and the announcement was not made until January 4, 1943.)

Perhaps the Conference should not permit such changes, unless the vote is unanimous.

2. By a special vote, announced February 24, 1943, Art. XI, Sec. 2(d), page 16, 1941 Book, was suspended for the duration and the President of the Athletic Directors and Business Managers was authorized to work out a schedule for the member schools who continue baseball. (The matter of baseball and other championships is taken up under Par. IV of this report.)
3. A special vote was asked by the President on March 1 to decide if a meeting should be held on March 13 or 20 to discuss the future of conference athletics and to dispense with the spring meeting.

Since the vote was 3 to 3, it was ruled that the meeting should not be held. To dispense with the spring meeting required a vote of 5, since the spring meeting is set in the Constitution.

III. Special Permission:

1. On March 8, Rice Institute requested permission to participate in the New York Intercollegiate Invitation Basketball Tournament on March 18 with the same extra game privilege provided for the N.C.A.A. Tournament. This permission was granted without a conference vote for several reasons. If Rice and Texas, as conference co-champions, had played to determine the district representatives of the N.C.A.A. it would have required three games. These three games could have been played without a special conference vote. Further, with only ten days left it seemed inexpedient to delay permission until after a conference vote was obtained. (See Par. V for suggested rule.)
2. March 1, 1943, S.M.U. notified the President in writing that it would present the case of Landon Irwin, who entered A. & M. in the fall of 1940 and played in a freshman football game in the season. The attention of A. & M. was called to this case by S. M. U.

IV. Baseball championship:

Dr. Dolley has suggested in a letter of March 4 that the regulations on the baseball championship of the conference, and perhaps other sports, should be modified at the spring meeting. (See a suggestion from one of the member schools, set forth in Part VI, about the abolition of championships during the emergency.) For Championships see: 1941, Rule Book, pp. 15-16.

V. Suggestions:

The matter of the New York basketball tournament is one which the Conference might consider. Permission has been given by the Conference for a team to play more than 24 games, if it is the regional representative to the N.C.A.A. tournament. 1941 Book, Art. XI, Sec. 2(c), p.15.

It is assumed that this action of the Conference shows a preference for the N.C.A.A. tournament. If, however, there is a tie for the championship, or the conference champion is not selected by the regional committee as the representative without a play-off, or the second team is invited, it is suggested that Conference permission be granted to play in the New York tournament. If favorable action is taken on this suggestion, it need not be entered in the Rule Book. Such action will make unnecessary the taking of a telegraphic vote. Since the period of time between the close of the conference season and the selection of the representatives for the New York meet is such a short one, it seems unwise to leave the matter to a telegraphic vote.

VI. Track, Golf and Tennis Meet:

These meets, scheduled for College Station, were transferred to Rice Institute on February 24, 1943. The meets will be held May 7 and 8, 1943.

VII. Future of Conference Athletic Program:

1. In reply to a letter written on March 1, requesting a vote on a meeting prior to May 7, several suggestions were received.

It was suggested that even if some schools desired to discontinue conference sports, other schools might continue playing each other. It was also suggested that official championships might be discontinued unless a majority of institutions were represented in a particular sport.

2. Three of the members may have Navy students, who are eligible to play under Navy regulations. If these students play, it is assumed that these men will be subject to conference regulations, the same as other students.
3. Another aspect of participation by navy students is the reverse of the issue presented in the preceding paragraph. A student now enrolled in a conference school or a high school student may be sent to a non-conference school for training. This student, who might have previously participated in the Conference, represents the school where he is stationed, which may or may not be in Texas or Arkansas. Later he desires to represent a conference school.
 - a. If such participation, as a navy reserve student, does not count against a student when he returns to or enters a conference school, will such participation count against him when in a conference school.

4. There is set forth a statement of the policy of the Big-Six adopted in the winter of 1943.

"1. That the conference be continued.

2. That the following changes be made in the eligibility regulations:

- a. That each institution be free to work out its athletic schedules as to time, place and number of contests in such manner as to fulfill its obligations to its regular students and to its Armed Force components.
- b. That competition be restricted to teams representing educational institutions of college level and to units of the Armed Forces.
- c. That any regular student enrolled in 12 or more semester or term hours, or any student assigned to the institution for training as part of the Armed Force unit be eligible for Intercollegiate Athletic competition.

3. That these regulations may be modified as experience may make necessary.

4. That these regulations be effective March 1, 1943."

Respectfully submitted,

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