

Jackson at peace with Yankees — now

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — She was a little girl and she was retarded, and as busily occupied as he was, Reggie Jackson noticed that immediately.

The little girl and her mother were among the more than 200 fans who waited patiently in the stands until Jackson finished his first workout of the spring Tuesday.

He was the last member of the Yankees to leave the field, but before he did, he walked over to the stands near the first base dugout to sign autographs.

When the mother of the little girl made the request for her, Jackson turned his full attention to the youngster.

"Who's your favorite player?" he asked her.

She seemed a bit timid and her mother repeated Jackson's question.

"Mickey Rivers," answered the little girl.

This brought a howl of delight from all those around her and a smile from Jackson, who gave her his autograph.

"If I give you my hat, will I be your favorite player?" he asked, having already made up his mind to do so, anyway.

She nodded and Jackson took his cap off his head and put it on hers.

In all the year, he played for the Yankees, Babe Ruth never made a grander spring training entrance than Reggie Jackson did this time.

He began the day by easily smoothing over one potential crisis and ended it by getting through another one magnificently.

Jackson showed up in the clubhouse on time but he was sporting a two months' growth of beard. One of George Steinbrenner's rules is that all the Yankees will be clean shaven, at least as far as beards are concerned. A neatly trimmed moustache is all right.

Steinbrenner, who was on hand for Tuesday's workout, happened to be in Lemon's office when Jackson showed up in the clubhouse and also came into the office.

"I see you're looking at me," Jackson said to Steinbrenner, laughing.

"Yeah, I'm looking at you," answered the Yankee owner, laughing also.

Jackson deposited his gear in his locker and then went into the bathroom to shave off his beard. By now, all the other Yankee players were on the field and it was 10:20 before the clean shaven Jackson joined them.

Lemon laughed off the whole thing.

Potential crisis No. 2 could have turned out more serious.

It took place after Jackson had finished his workout and then sat in the dugout answering questions by newsmen for more than an hour.

What would happen, Jackson was asked, if the Yankees decided he wasn't good enough to be their regular right fielder and told him he would be their designated hitter.

"Depends on how they approach it to me," he said. "I'm not gonna be tricked into it. I'll rebel if it's that. I don't like that."

Then suddenly, he threw in the shocker.

"I'm not gonna be the designated hitter at 33 years of age. I'll quit first," he said.

But he quickly amended that.

"Gee, that really sounds tough," he said.

He was laughing now, seeking to soften what he had said.

"Do you understand what I'm trying to say? I'm physically not going to embarrass myself. And I don't want to be embarrassed. I've been embarrassed here. I'm not talking loud, fellas. Please keep it in proper context when you write it. Please project the tone of what I'm trying to imply."

What Reggie Jackson was saying was that he doesn't want to make waves. He's happy with everybody, he said, and he'd like to stay that way.

Last spring he started out the same way and everything went smoothly for nearly five months.

Kentucky shot putter outlifts football players

LEXINGTON, Ky. — When Deanna Patrick lifts weights, members of the University of Kentucky football team notice.

Only 36 of 98 men on the Kentucky team can lift more weight than she. The 30-year-old brunette, a 5-foot-8, 140-pound shot putter on the track team quickly became one of the nation's top women lifters.

Patrick hopes to be selected for the U.S. team that will face the Soviet Union in Fort Worth this weekend.

"She is so strong, I wouldn't mess with her," says Dan Fowler, a 235-pound All-American Conference lineman.

Fowler says Patrick is one of the best dedicated athletes he's ever seen.

She is lifting on Sundays and all days of the night during the week.

"How many guys do you do working out at midnight?" Patrick, a UK junior, has tossed 99-pound shot put 49 feet, 8 inches and placed second in the recent Mason-Dixon Games at Louisville behind the University of Tennessee's Rose Maria Gauch, a member of the Canadian National team, who won the meet with a throw of 51 feet, 3 inches.

"This year, I would like to work towards the Pan American games," said Patrick. "Right now, I'm only taking one step at a time."

Since the 98 football players pack the Shively weight room in the afternoon, Patrick usually has to wait until about 7:30 p.m. to go through her workout, planned by coach Pat Etcheberry.

In weightlifting, she can squat 385 pounds, a feat that only 36 of the football players can do better. The squat lift involves placing 385 pounds behind her shoulders and, from a standing position, easing down so her thighs are parallel to the ground and then standing straight again.

She can bench press 205 pounds.

"Deanna does sit ups with a 50-pound weight behind her neck and she doesn't do one or two, she does 15 to 70 repetitions," said Etcheberry. "The players see her lifting and they do a double take. They respect her. I think Deanna enjoys that."

Freshman walk-on enjoys memories

Hinkle is an accomplished player

By BETH YOUNG
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How many people can say that they have toured England with John Newcombe's junior tennis team and then returned home to make the starting team of a major university?

Texas A&M freshman Ferol Hinkle, can boast of such accomplishments in her short career.

Hinkle said that touring England and playing for the Aggies are her two most memorable tennis experiences. After defeating Trinity University's nationally ranked Lori Oberhide last week, Hinkle has another memory to add to her list.

The Aggie newcomer, who won the match against Oberhide in the Texas Women's Collegiate Sectionals in Beaumont, said that the main thing she had to concentrate on in order to win was the fact that the Trinity star had an injured wrist.

"Even though she had a bad wrist," Hinkle said, "in the first set she was strong. I knew I had to play her weakness, which was her backhand, and it got to her."

"I could tell her wrist was hurting her, and even though it sounds cruel, I knew I had to come back. So, I got with it."

After a slow start in the first set, Hinkle came back to defeat Oberhide 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Before the tournament, Hinkle did not know that Oberhide had been nationally ranked since she was 12 years old.

"I was really excited about beating her," Hinkle said, "and so was everyone else. When I found out she was nationally ranked, it was that much better."

Hinkle added that even though Oberhide was hurt, she has the experience to know how to play with an injury.

"If she didn't want to play," Hinkle said, "she wouldn't have been out there."

Hinkle, who has been hampered by an injury herself, said that this was a very hard match mentally.

"I knew she had an injury," she said, "and so did I. It was hard to finish it mentally. Otherwise, it was just a regular match."

Hinkle's victory added to Texas A&M's 5-4 defeat of Trinity in Beaumont. The two teams met again Wednesday in San Antonio, but this time the Aggies were not so fortunate.

Trinity defeated Texas A&M 9-0 with Hinkle falling to Lynn Cox 2-6, 1-6. In other singles action, Kathleen Sissom lost to Carrie Fleming 1-6, 1-6; Maylan Hooton lost to Kim Steinmetz 1-6, 0-6; Pam Hill lost to Stacy Bowman 4-6, 3-6; Judy Willard lost to Kerry Sterling 1-6, 0-6 and Mary Guerra lost to Kathy Kuhne 1-6, 4-6. The Aggies lost all three of their doubles matches.

Hinkle, an 18-year-old from Temple, has been playing tennis for five years. She said the main reason she got interested in tennis was because all her friends were playing.

"I played golf in the eighth grade and had to decide before I got to high school because we could only play one sport at Temple," she said. "I like tennis because it was more challenging than golf."

Hinkle's association with John Newcombe started when she went

to the Australian tennis star's T-Bar-M Tennis Camp in New Braunfels while she was still in high school. She also spent every weekend of her sophomore and junior years at tennis clinics at Lakeway in Austin.

Hinkle made Texas A&M's team as a walk-on. She tried out at the beginning of the fall semester.

"There were five or six trying out for one position," she said. "We played each other while Coach (Ellen) Buchanan watched. The last day she told me that I had made it. I was really excited, especially since I didn't think I had a chance."

She now spends about three hours a day practicing with the team and practices on her own as well. At home in Temple, she said she practices the same amount of time on the tennis courts behind her house.

Hinkle said that she feels her parents have been most helpful in her tennis career.

"They never pushed me," she said, "and didn't stick a racket in my hand at the age of four. But they did

set up lessons for me and took me around to tournaments in the summer. They kept me going."

Hinkle said that tennis has satisfied her need for competition and has helped her make new friends.

"You know," she said, "sometimes I think you even get to know yourself. You've got to make your own decisions and figure things out for yourself."

Despite her recent success, Hinkle said she feels she started playing tennis late in life because, according to her, the age for starting tennis is getting younger every year.

"Tennis is a life-long sport," she said. "I don't know if you could get a group of 70-year-olds together for a volleyball game but you see them on the tennis court everyday."

The freshman marketing major is uncertain about her plans after college, but she said she would like to keep playing tennis, possibly as a pro at a country club.

"I want to do something active," Hinkle said, "and I wouldn't like being in an office all day. No matter what, I'll keep playing tennis."

All-SWC team named

DALLAS — Sidney Moncrief, who helped lead Arkansas to a third-place finish in the NCAA tournament a season ago and who was the key factor in the Razorbacks' surprising success this year, was a unanimous selection to the United Press International all-SWC basketball team announced Wednesday.

Moncrief, whose slam dunks and high scoring performances contributed to a sellout season in Fayetteville, easily outpolled Baylor's Vinnie Johnson — the league's leading scorer — as the player of the year in the SWC.

In balloting by sports writers and broadcasters from throughout Texas and Arkansas, Moncrief and Johnson were joined on the first team by Texas' Tyrone Brnayan, Texas A&M's Vernon Smith and SMU's Brad Branson.

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