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Sportswriters Say Things 'Funny'

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Sports writers have expressions all their own. Many of them appear determined not to use the actual term on any occasion.
In baseball they wouldn't dream of saying innings, third base, second base or outfield. It's frame, hot corner, keystone sack and garden.
Some refer to innings as chukkers (polo term). Frame comes

from bowling.
Some call a home run a circuit smash, a four-ply wallop, a round-trip-per. It's asking too much to call it a home run; that's too colorful.
A hit is a "safety." A long, lazy fly is a "can of corn."
Writers in other countries might be puzzled at these expressions unless they spent a baseball season in America.
Sports writing in Mexico is

unique although it's actually only a question of that country having its own terms.
It might relieve the monotony of American sports writing if the Mexican style translations could be substituted if just for a few days.
A pinch-hitter, translated from the Spanish, would become "an emergency batter."
Instead of "the runner scored from third base" it might be "he consummated a run from third base."
You don't scatter hits if you are pitching. You "isolate" them. Innings become "episodes" and when a pitcher hurls an eight-hitter he "accepts" or "admits" eight hits—he doesn't just pitch them. And the opposing team has to "digest" those hits.
There is the line, "They were able to break an uninterrupted six-defeat chain." The American sports writer would say "They snapped a six-game losing streak."
Another Mexican baseball story revealed that the team had a "six-run rally in the first inning." They

rally quickly and get it over with. Waiting brings too much tension. An intentional base on balls becomes "an intentional passport to first base."
"Amid a cataract of hits—" said one colorful translated lead. In America it would be "avalanche."
It must be opprobrious to score an unearned run because they call it "a dirty run" or say it was "unclean." They don't like unearned runs in America either but they don't call them "dirty." They're "tainted."
A player "erred at a heavy slug." In other words the player thought it was too hot to handle but the sports writer thought he ought to have caught it, the bum.
There came the expression "he slugged a quadrangular." That, of course, was a home run. In America it would be a four-ply wallop.
Don't you think "four-ply wallop" would mean more to an Austrian or Frenchman than a "quadrangular?" Even the Americans might not understand if somebody called it a home run.

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tin L. Bowers, Louis A. Piazza, and Max Rhinehart.
Named to Group II—Research—were: R. E. Wainerd, petroleum engineering; J. C. Range, veterinary medicine and surgery; R. J. Hildreth, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; W. W. Meinke, Engineering Experiment Station; R. O. Murray, student affairs; A. F. Isbell, chemistry; Mugh McClellan, oceanography; Sewell Hopkins, biology; M. E. Bloodworth, agronomy; and Bruno Zwolski, chemistry.

ing Center; Reed McDonald, feed and fertilizer control; W. F. Bennett, soil chemist; H. W. Badgett, physical plants; Joe E. Davis, commandant; Douglas F. Parry, education and psychology; V. E. Schember, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; and Jack Gray, foreign programs.

Student appointees to this group are Malcolm W. Hall and Homer Lee Denning.

Houston Colts To Conduct Baseball Clinic, Try-outs

The Houston Colts, major-league team to be a member of the National League in 1962, will conduct a baseball clinic and try-outs in Rockdale on July 6-7, it has been announced.
The clinics and try-out camp will be under the direction of Colt Scout Red Murff, former star pitcher in the Texas League and with the Milwaukee Braves.

The line-up of tutors was released by Murff in a letter to the press this week.
An All-Star game between the all-stars of the camp and the Rockdale American Legion team will climax the Rockdale camp.

Laurence explained. "The finest of professional instruction will be available, and the scholarship to be presented is a prize award for some youngster," he added.
"We are looking forward to having boys from College Station attend the clinic and try-outs," officials said.

Named to Group III—Extension—were: R. G. Cherry, economist; C. F. Hall, veterinary microbiology; Paul Hensarling, education and psychology; V. G. Young, state agricultural agent; J. Wayne Stark, Memorial Student Center; Joe H. Rothe, district agent; W. G. Adkins, Texas Transportation Institute; Tad Moses, agricultural editor; and Coleman Loyd, physics.

The clinics will begin each day at 10 a.m. All youngsters attending must be 16 years of age or over.

A scholarship to Johnnie Carrigan's Big State Boys Baseball Summer Camp will be awarded to the outstanding boy in the Rockdale camp, courtesy of the Houston Colts Baseball club.

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