

Crazy To Be A Met Fan? Psychiatrist Says It Helps

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You don't have to be nuts to be a Met baseball fan, but it helps. This is a scientific fact. We got it straight from the psychiatrist's couch.

Intrigued by repeated suggestions that the new breed now whooping it up for Casey Stengel's reganuffin Polo Grounders consists of a weird mixture of complexes and suppressed desires, we decided to find out for ourselves.

We called the American Mental Health Foundation, Inc. The Foundation referred us to Wladimir G. Eliasberg, M. D., Ph. D., psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, psychologist, in New York.

CERTAINLY, said the doctor, a graying, bespectacled man with a reserved, scholarly manner, there is some basis for calling the Mets fans complex-ridden.

IS IT ABNORMAL the doctor was asked, for people suddenly to go wild over an inept, chronically losing baseball team which is struggling to stay out of the cellar?

What makes grandmothers desert their knitting and become raving maniacs behind third base? What makes grown men spend hours printing huge signs which say: "Mets—You're Lovable" and youngsters play hockey just to get an autograph of graying, old Duke Snider or belly-sliding Choo-Choo Coleman?

"It is mass suggestion," said Dr. Eliasberg, leaning back in the swivel-chair of his elegantly upholstered and carpeted office. "It's a 'mathematical' situation with passions multiplied by the en-masse factor."

"It is as contagious as a disease. When a group stands up and yells wildly—as the Met fans do—no one dares not to follow suit. Failure to do so would mean ostracism."

WHY THE Mets? Why don't these people unleash their imprisoned emotions on some other team?

"It is characteristic that masses latch on to a cause that apparently is destined for defeat," the psychiatrist explained. "With them there is no such thing as frustration. They like to grab a lowly cause and carry it to victory."

Did the moving of the Giants and Dodgers to the Pacific Coast have anything to do with the growth of this violent new baseball spirit?

"Assuredly," the doctor said. "This is the mechanism of rejection. When the Giants and Dodgers left, their fans felt like or-

phaned children. There also was some bitterness comparable to that generated by the advent of a younger child."

HOW DO the Mets satisfy this need?

"The Mets provide a new, shiny toy. The deserted fans can fondle it and stick out their tongues in vengeance with the spiteful rejoinder: 'We'll show you!'"

And crusty, 73-year-old Casey Stengel—does he provide the havenothing Met fans with the father image?

"It's very important," Dr. Eliasberg said. "Just as in politics, this venerable figure offers the added comfort of a father, a leader who knows and can do all."

Why don't they cheer for the Yankees?

"That," replied the doctor, with a knowing smile, "is like cheering for U. S. Steel."

Four Changes Made In Texas Track Ratings

ABILENE, (AP)—Three Texas collegians bettered 47 seconds in the 440-yard dash last week and this was one of four changes in track and field rankings compiled by the Abilene Christian College sports information service.

Ray Saddle of Texas Southern moved into first place in the 440 with 46.3 seconds. Saddle's teammate, Lester Milburn, did 46.6 and Lynn Saunders of Abilene Christian 46.9.

All moved ahead of the previous leader, Ted Nelson of Texas A&M, who had been No. 1 with 47.0.

Maurice Hobson of Texas Southern took over the top spot in the 880-yard run with 1:51.2. Gary Burger of Abilene Christian had 1:51.4 and Roy Gunter of Texas 1:51.3 previously.

Rex Wilson of Texas remained atop the 120-yard high hurdles with 14.1 but Bob Johnson of Southern Methodist and Ronnie Biffle of Texas Tech equalled his mark.

Bobby May of Rice raced ahead of McMurry's David Bonds in the 33-yard intermediate hurdles with 36.7. Bonds had led with 37.5.

The National Football League averaged 128.7 plays per game during 1962.

SPORTS



SWC Group Plans Study Of Recruiting

The Southwest Conference Athletic Committee has organized a special committee to investigate recruiting practices in the SWC.

Dr. C. H. Groneman of A&M, new president of the league, said the committee was organized to standardize recruiting in the loop rather than look for illegalities.

The committee has been in the formative stage for over a year and is a result of the attempt to create a nationally accepted letter of intent.

In order to have a common letter of intent, between conferences as well as schools within the conferences, recruiting practices and deadlines for signing players must be as similar as possible.

Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the SWC, said the committee is scheduled to report back in December. "They are charged with the responsibility of improving controls of overall recruiting," Grubbs added.

The joint letter of intent has been approved by all major conferences and independents with the exception of the service academies, Notre Dame and the West Coast.

Alas; The Laboring Slaves Of Gear and Ankle Wraps

By Maynard Rogers
Battalion Ass't Sports Editor
Behold the manager and trainer. They worketh till the days are gone.

The manager washes jerseys, socks and t-shirts and disperseth them to the team. He chases balls during kicking drill and becomes tired from running too hard. He is under constant strain from making quicky repairs of chin straps and cleats on the practice field.

The trainer sweats in training room amid the heat of the whirlpool, rub-down ointment and blood. He tapeth ankles of the mighty and fleet halfback in whom the day's victory is depended upon. The life of the team lies in the hands that wraps the precious ankle.

The trainer takes the temperature of the sickly lineman who is responsible for the halfback making many touchdowns. He has to tell the coach that the gaint is unable to enter combat in Saturday's contest. The coach sayeth to the trainer that he does not know what he is talking about and he calleth the trainer a quack.

Many words are exchanged between the coach and the trainer but the coach winneth the battle

Clyde Hart Chosen Baylor Track Head

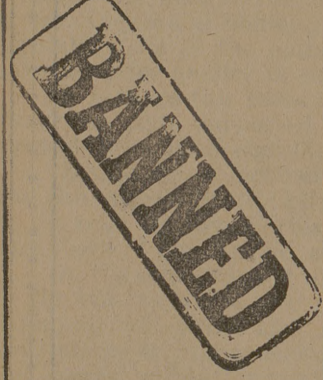
WACO, (AP)—Clyde Hart, coach of Little Rock Central High School, will become varsity track coach at Baylor, it was learned from authoritative sources Monday.

He will replace Jack Patterson, who is slated to go to the University of Texas. Hart, former Baylor track star, has been highly successful at Little Rock.

because he is the bigger of the two. The trainer retires back to his room and gives aspirin to the players.
Saturday morning arrives and the manager and trainer departeth to the stadium at the crack of dawn. They make many preparations for the forthcoming game. The game is over and the manager is angry. But the coach has to release his ire. He tells the poor manager and trainer boots them in the seat of their pants so that they are very ashamed and hold the manager and trainer

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This album was recorded during a Four Preps Concert at UCLA. Their performance was widely appreciated by the students, and we strongly suspect it will be wildly appreciated by everyone who hears it on this new Capitol release. (With the sole exception of radio station owners who want to keep their stations on the air.)

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