

Glenn Cunningham To Speak At Jaycee Sports Spectacular

Glenn Cunningham, who became the world's fastest miler after a boyhood accident raised doubts that he would ever walk again, will speak at the Texas Jaycee Sports Spectacular at Texas A&M in July.

His address will be a feature at a dinner meeting of 1,500 teenage athletes here for state finals in junior golf, tennis and track.

Entrants for the July 8, 9 and 10 events will compete with finalists in their age bracket from 100 Texas cities for individual and team honors. Winners and runner-ups will earn a trip to the national Junior Chamber of Commerce meet in Houston this summer.

Sponsored by the Bryan-College Station Jaycees, the Sports Spectacular will be staged on the A&M campus. Participants will be housed in cadet dormitories and fed in Sbis dining hall.

Cunningham, who holds a Ph.D. from New York University, set a number of track records in the 1930's which still stand. He was the first man to

cover the mile in 4:04.4, a feat unequalled for a decade. Voted the outstanding U.S. athlete in 1933, the miler captained an American track team that toured overseas in 1934.

As a boy of eight, Cunningham was seriously burned on both legs while attempting to rescue his brother from a school blaze. Doctors advised amputation but Glenn was determined to bring life back to his scarred limbs. After years of exercise he learned to stand for a few seconds, then to walk a few steps and finally to run.

Sidney Bergoon, Sports Spectacular chairman, said Cunn-

ingham's address will climax the meet.

"The story of Cunningham's triumph over his handicap will be an inspiration to these young competitors," he predicted. "We are thrilled to have this great sportsman and fine American on our program."

Cunningham lectures to school and church assemblies on the need for courage and conviction. Last year he addressed a half-million students.

The father of 12 children, Cunningham operates a 840-acre ranch in his home state of Kansas. He hosts underprivileged boys and girls.

Ag Graduate Cops Epee Win

A Texas A&M graduate, Joseph A. Elliott of Tyler is a national fencing champion. He won the national individual epee championship at Los Angeles, A&M Fencing Master Russell K. Wieder learned Friday.

The 1960 graduate who began fencing at A&M is the first Aggie to hold a national champion-

ship.

"Your instruction and training were the basis for this victory," Elliott telegraphed his coach. "Allow me to express my sincere thanks and congratulations."

"It's very rarely that someone as young as Elliott wins the first place, usually they are about 35 or 40 years of age," Wieder said.



DOUBLE COUSINS

These two Aggie gridmen, double cousins, could provide double trouble for football foes in 1965. Glynn Lindsey (No. 16) is a place-kicking specialist from Mineral Wells while Ronnie Lindsey is a fullback from Hallettsville. Both will be juniors this fall. Their fathers are brothers and their mothers are sisters.

Dallas-Fort Worth Spurs Packing In Baseball Fans

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Writer

Dallas-Fort Worth of the Texas League has played fewer than half its home games and drawn more in attendance than both cities did all last year.

In 1964 Dallas was in the Class AAA Pacific Coast League and pulled in just 38,000. Fort Worth was in the Class AA Texas League and attracted 78,000. Like Dallas, Fort Worth finished last in its league yet drew more than twice as many fans.

The explanation may be that Fort Worth had a better ball park—it was spruced up, had good parking facilities and better accommodations for the fans. Dallas, of course, was handicapped because of the location of its park, with parking space strictly limited.

Dallas-Fort Worth has played 31 games on 30 dates in the new park at Arlington. Total attendance has been 127,324—an average of 4,241. This means Dallas-Fort Worth will draw at least 250,000 this year. That will be tops for the minor leagues. It also will mean about 100,000 will be profit.

Dallas - Fort Worth figures 150,000 will break even—2,500 per game. Thus Dallas will be drawing 1,700 more per game than necessary to pay expenses. It's like old times at Turnpike Stadium. There have been four crowds of 10,000 or more. One crowd was 11,891, another 12,074. The place actually seats 10,600.

Bragan Calls Series Double His Top Thrill

By BOBBY BRAGAN

Manager of Milwaukee Braves

It's easy for me to recall my biggest thrill as a player because they were so few.

It happened in the sixth inning of the sixth game of the 1947 World Series between the Dodgers and Yankees before a record Yankee Stadium crowd (74,068).

The Dodgers were losing 5-4 but we got a rally going when Bruce Edwards led off with a single and made third on Carl Furillo's double. Cookie Lavagetto batted for John Jorgenson and when he flied out Edwards scored the tying run.

Then I got my chance of a lifetime—to pinch hit in a World Series after having been in the service two years and having played in only 25 National League games that season as a catcher and pinch hitter.

I batted for Ralph Branca and came through in what turned out to be the only time I ever saw World Series action. It has to be my big major league thrill because my two-base hit to left field off Joe Page scored Furillo to put us ahead 6-5. We won the game 8-6 and tied the series at three games each. And knowing my wife and mother were in that park made it that much sweeter.

Burton Shotton, who replaced Leo Durocher as manager for the season, made a lot of moves in that game. Even I wasn't on the scene long. I had a pinch runner—Can Bankhead. He would have scored from second a few pitches later when Eddie Stanky singled to right but Dan fell down rounding third and just scrambled back to the bag in time. When Pee Wee Reese singled to center both Dan and Eddie scored to ice the game.

Ag Grid Brochure Offered To Public

A limited number of 1965 A&M football brochures are being made available to the general public at \$1 each.

Compiled by Aggie Sports Publicity Director Spec Gammon, the booklet consists of 84 pages of facts about Aggie gridders of the past, present and future. The brochures will be coming off the presses around the middle of July. They may be obtained by mailing one dollar to the Athletic Business Office at A&M.



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