

SFA Baseballer Spurns Atlanta

The Atlanta Braves' loss is Texas A&M's gain as Billy Hodge, catcher for Bryan's Stephen F. Austin High School baseball team last year, Tuesday turned down the Braves' final offer in order to attend A&M on a football scholarship.

He will also play baseball while at A&M.

"We appreciated the Braves' offer," Bill Hodge, Sr. said, "and we felt that we had to consider the offer in fairness to Atlanta. But we felt that A&M is more important."

\$1,000 Scholarship Goes To Matson

Randy Matson, world record-holder in the shot put, has been awarded a \$1,000 postgraduate scholarship by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and he'll use it to pursue a master's degree in management at Texas A&M.

Matson, 6-6½, 260-pounder, will not receive his bachelor's degree in management until next spring but hopes to start work on his master's degree during the same

semester he receives his bachelor's degree.

Big Randy, who has a pending world-record shot put of 71 feet, 5½ inches, was one of 22 student-athletes who were honored by the NCAA. The awards, covering 12 sports, bring to 70 the number of \$1,000 scholarships awarded to deserving senior athletes during this academic year.

An A&M official, in recommending Matson for the scholarship award, said: "Randy is a near perfect example of what a collegiate athlete should be."

Matson holds the American record of 213-9½ in the discus and won a silver medal (second place) in the shot put during the 1964 Olympics.

He is not in school this summer but is competing in meets all over the world.

Mistovich Gets McKale Award

Mike Mistovich, "the voice of the Texas Aggies," has won the first annual J. F. McKale special award for service to college baseball.

The new award is given in memory of J. F. (Pop) McKale, recently-deceased baseball coach emeritus at the University of Arizona and one of the founders of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches.

Mistovich's award was announced during the recently-completed NCAA College World Series here by a special committee of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Assn.

Mistovich, president and general manager of Bryan's KORA, won the award on the basis of his broadcasts on the Aggie Network. In the committee's opinion, his broadcasts of all A&M games — home and road — go far toward stimulating and maintaining a high degree of interest in Southwest Conference baseball.

Midnight Friday Is Deadline For Grid Ticket Applications

Deadline for priority applications for Texas A&M football tickets is midnight Friday, A&M athletic business manager Wally Groff, announced today.

Approximately 65,000 applications were mailed to priority groups more than a month ago.

Groff said that applications postmarked no later than midnight June 30 will be included in the drawing for choice locations. Those postmarked after that date will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Season books for the four games at Kyle Field are \$20. Fans can order tickets for all 10 Aggie games, however, and also can order single-game tickets. All tickets are \$5 except the LSU game, which is \$6 and arm-chair seats in Kyle Field, which also are \$6.

Ticket orders have been arriving at the A&M business office in a steady stream but Groff said

that "We think a lot of our fans have forgotten that the deadline for priority applications is nearly here."

The Aggies actually have five home games but one is at a neutral site, the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, against Purdue.

The 1967 A&M schedule: Sept. 16 — SMU here. Sept. 23 — Purdue in Dallas. Sept. 30 — at LSU. Oct. 7 — Florida State here. Oct. 14 — at Texas Tech. Oct. 21 — at TCU. Oct. 28 — Baylor, here. Nov. 4 — At Arkansas. Nov. 18 — at Rice. Nov. 23 — Texas, here.

Houston Net Star Signed By Aggies

Texas A&M tennis coach Omar Smith announced the signing of Houston Westbury net star Mike Hickey to a tennis scholarship at Aggieland.

Intramural Playoffs Set In Softball

Softball league playoffs are to start July 5, with the winner of the best of three games taking the intramural softball championship for the first summer semester.

Physical education graduates are the winners of league B and they will play the winner of league A which is in a three-way tie among physics faculty, students of dorms 18 and 22.

Intramural bowling is in its second week with industrial engineers leading the competition.

Recreation equipment, such as horse shoes, volleyball and net, baseball equipment, and other sports equipment are available for loan to anyone wishing to check it out for a party or picnic this summer, according to Raymond L. Fletcher, director of intramurals. Anyone interested in this offer should contact Fletcher in DeWare Fieldhouse.

Plans are already underway for the second summer session intramurals program and from all indications it should be even better than the first, said Fletcher.

Team captains for the second session who are interested in entering their teams in softball, bowling, or golf should contact Fletcher or the physical education office, room 215, George Rollie White, no later than July 20.

A&M's Camilli Signs Contract

Lou Camilli, Texas Aggie junior third baseman, has signed a professional baseball contract with the Cleveland Indians for a small bonus and has been assigned to Cleveland's farm team at Reno, Nev., in the California State League.

Camilli, from El Paso, was all-SWC and Sophomore of the Year, in 1966.

He joins three other SWC stars in foregoing his senior year of collegiate competition — Donnie Denbow and Bill Rainer, both of SMU and Ronnie Henson of Rice, Aggie coach Tom Chandler said. "I am very disappointed at the loss of Camilli. I only hope that he will return to A&M and finish his work toward a degree."

Astrosfacts

The Houston Astros will meet the Los Angeles Dodgers in a short three-game homestand in the Astrodome on Friday night, June 30, Saturday night, July 1 and Sunday, July 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Pitcher Don Wilson, the 22-year-old rookie who pitched a no-hitter on June 18 against the Braves, will be honored prior to the Friday night game for his no-hit achievement and the big righthander is also slated to pitch that same night.

Saturday, July 1 will be the second "Helmet Day" of the year with each youngster, 16 or under and accompanied by an adult, receiving an Astros batting helmet absolutely free.

Sunday will be "Family Day" with all children, 16 or under accompanied by a parent, receiving a one-dollar reduction. The Sunday game will be preceded by a contest between the Astros and their sons, starting at 1:20 p.m.

The Dodger series could be a crucial one for the Astros as they battle the National League champions for position in the National League standings.

The Astros will return home to the Astrodome for a long weekend series with the surprising Chicago Cubs in night games Thursday, July 6, Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8 and a 2:00 p.m. game Sunday, July 9.

Tickets may be purchased at the Astrodome and most Trans-Texas Airways counters throughout the Southwest and at all Foley's stores in the Houston area. Tickets to all Astro home games may be ordered by mailing check or money order to Tickets, Houston Astros, P.O. Box 1691, Houston. Box seats are \$3.50, reserved seats are \$2.50 and tickets in the Pavilion section are \$1.50 for adults and fifty cents for children fourteen and under.

Guided tours of the Astrodome are up 10 per cent from 1966. The average during the month of June was 1561 per day.

The Astros lead the National League in doubles, sacrifice hits and sacrifice flies, and Astro pitch ERA is third best, while they are second in strike outs.

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