

In Mexico City

Anti-Americanism high at games

Associated Press
MEXICO CITY — U.S. athletes at the Pan American Games have been kicked and slapped, insulted and spat upon, hooted and jeered. "We have made known our contempt to the head of the Mexican organizing committee, but he has not fit to take any action," said Col. John Miller, executive director of the 441-member American team competing in their hemispheric championships in 19 sports. A newsman who has covered five of the six previous Pan Am Games said there has never before been the kind of anti-American attitude which is being expressed in Mexico, including the 1955 Games in Mexico City. He said there had been some resentment and occasional booing, most of it because the United States has always won two or three times as many medals as other country. Anti-Americanism is rife among

Cuba athletes and some Mexican fans at the Games. Cuba has made an all-out effort here — both athletically and through attempts to emotionally bother American athletes — to make a good showing and thus embarrass the United States. "At least part of it is the natural and normal reaction of Mexican sports crowds," said one American who has studied Mexican crowds and Mexican people for a decade. "Another part involves the underdog aspect, rooting for the little guy against the big guy." However, a number of incidents go beyond that explanation. Water polo player Jim Ferguson, of San Jose, Calif., got a black eye and a cut cheek and Eric Lindroth, of Newport Beach, Calif., required 10 stitches to close a split lip after a brawl during a game with Cuba that left the water stained red. The U.S.

coach said none of his players threw a punch. The United States won the game 3-1. Race walker Larry Young of Columbia, Mo., was closing in on the two leading Mexicans when the course of the 20 kilometer walk took the leaders through the University of Mexico. Young said rowdy Mexican students grabbed his shirt, spit on him and held him until the eventual winner and runner-up were well in front. He finished third. Jennifer Chandler of Lincoln, Ala., only 16-years-old, was punished with a roaring cascade of cat-calls, hoots and whistles — the Latin American equivalent of bo-

ing — as she started to make the ninth of 10 dives in springboard diving. She was so shaken she had to walk away from the board, returned and make a poor dive. The crowd action was so unnerving the judges awarded Miss Chandler a rare second chance on the dive. She eventually won, teams streaming down her face. Although this may have been the most bitter example, jeering, hooting and whistling have become commonplace at the introduction of and competition by American athletes who traditionally dominate these quadriennial games. In this

year's two-week games, the Americans have now more than doubled the medal-total of their nearest rival, Cuba. Athletes from other nations have not escaped the ire and indignation of the Mexican fans when their favorites fail. Canadians have received their share of derisive whistling. Police had to be called to quell a disturbance that reached near-riot proportions when a Cuban athlete received three penalties and was automatically disqualified in a judo final against a Canadian.

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Well, you can never satisfy all the fans, all the players and all the coaches. So I have devised a way to settle matters of opinion. After every game simply return to this column and make a selection from the following list according to the way they played:

- a) Super play, defense immovable, offense unstoppable, could beat Ohio State with ease.
- b) Offense outstanding, no sputtering, no fumbles, no miscues. Anybody who played could have gained 100-yards. Defense mediocre, tackles missed, unnecessary yardage given up.
- c) Defense outstanding, could've held Kiick, and Csonka in Miami's heyday. Offense less than sparkling, gave away more yards than gained.
- d) Entire game mediocre, boring to watch, nothing exciting.
- e) Terrible game, showed our worth as a bottom ten team, lucky to escape with embarrassing win or well we had to lose one sooner or later (scratch one).
- f) Who gives a damn, we won.
- g) 67-0! Bah, should've had three times that much.
- h) 67-0! Should've given them a break, imagine running up the score like that on poor defenseless

I have a despicable situation to explain here, mostly for the benefit of the Aggie players. I am very superstitious. I carry lucky coins, make wishes, sleep right until game time with regularity, am usually plastered the night before etc., etc. I have one superstition this year that I picked up from head basketball coach Shelby Metcalf. I have worn the same suit to every game this season including shirt, socks, shoes etc. I'm even afraid to polish the shoes. The problem? That suit is green with gold stripes. I don't have a maroon one. Can't explain that. But when I go to the dressing room with congratulations I don't want to be stuffed into a trash can. Probably will be anyway.

As for predictions? I think we are 26 points better than a very formidable Baylor team which will be visiting here tomorrow. There is a problem though. I will predict 13-0. Not a lack of confidence. It's just that I think 13 points will come from each the offense and defense. If the defense could always score on its interceptions etc., it might work out 26-0, but usually the offense takes over and completes the task. There is no such thing as negative scores. I'd like to see 13 to -13. I'll have to be content with a shutout and let the stats show the difference. Besides, the Ags started with a shutout, gave up scores in two games, then had a shutout and then two more games with scores against the defense. Looks like they're about due for another blunder.

Cincinnati celebrates after Reds victory

Associated Press
CINCINNATI — "No matter what happens after this, I don't know if anything can top winning the Series," Johnny Bench said to the more than 25,000 people who were drawn to the city center Thursday to celebrate the Cincin-

nati Reds' World Series triumph in the warm Indian Summer sunshine. "Even if we win it again, they say the first time is always the sweetest." Bench, like most of those on Fountain Square, a traditional spot for such gatherings, had only read

about the last World Series celebration 35 years ago in the city which has drawn over two million fans to Riverfront Stadium for the past three years.

The Reds captured the Series the hard way, beating the Boston Red Sox in seven games after they had breezed through the regular season and National League playoff competition. The fans, like many of the veterans, had been frustrated in the past by their failure to win the big one — the World Series. They failed to take the World Series in 1970 and 1972 and stumbled against the New York Mets in the 1973 National League playoffs.

"When I came here it was a disappointment that I couldn't bring the championship here the first year," said Joe Morgan, after drawing one of the largest ovations from the crowd. "It was certainly worth the wait." Morgan's ninth-inning RBI single Wednesday night gave the Reds a 4-3 victory.

For Pete Rose, brought up in Cincinnati, and a man who has said all season his goal was a World Series championship, the rally and parade were almost overwhelming. Standing with his wife and two children, Rose, the most valuable player in the Series, held up his hands to speak and then was silent for a moment.

"It's been a long time coming for me," he finally said. "It really feels great to be here and bring the championship back where it belongs."

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Spurs spooked by Colonels

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Coach Bob Bass of the San Antonio, Tex., Spurs said he would prefer a team other than the Kentucky Colonels for his club's American Basketball Association season opener Friday night. Assistant Coach Rudy Davalos told Bass after a scouting mission last week "Kentucky has by far the best talent in the ABA . . . from

their first player to their 11th player, they have the best." San Antonio finished 5-3 for the exhibition season, dropping their last game 113-109 to the National Basketball Association Houston Rockets in an overtime period. Bass said the exhibition season failed to do everything for his team that he had hoped it would. However, he said the Spurs physical condition was okay.

"I think we are ready to play some games. I wish we didn't have to start in Louisville against Kentucky," the short, gray haired and perpetually nervous Bass said, "but somebody has to play them." San Antonio had a four-day break after the exhibition season to prepare for Kentucky and Saturday night's home opener against the New York Jets. Kentucky got a good bit of the Spur's concentration. "If you can get them in a running game you can do all right," said Bass. Saturday night's home opener against New York will be Paultz's first ABA encounter with his former teammates. Former Spurs stars Swen Nater and Rich Jones, part of the trade for Paultz, will likewise see their former teammates from the opposite side of the court for the first time Saturday. Kim Hughes, a Spurs draft choice traded to New York for Paultz as well, could see action Saturday also.

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