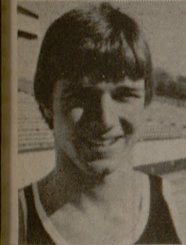


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Aggies notes

Aggie freshman pole vaulter Randy Hall cleared 17-0 to win the AAU Junior National Championship in Bloomington, Ind., June 24, and will be a member of the U.S. team which will compete in Russia and West Ger-



Randy Hall

For the past two years, Galloway has been assistant softball coach at Indiana. Prior to that he coached in the Women's Amateur Softball Association and guided Elkhart to the state title in 1976. He also coached men's basketball from 1970-73 and women's basketball from 1973-76. Galloway played on the men's Indiana state softball championship teams 1973-75. He is currently commissioner of youth softball for the state of Indiana.

"We are extremely pleased to have a person of Bill Galloway's caliber join our staff," Don said. "He has a great deal of experience working with softball and has gained a reputation as an excellent coach and an aggressive promoter of the sport."

Galloway's duties begin Sept. 1.

Texas A&M swimming coach Dennis Fosdick has announced the signing of two swimmers to letters-of-intent.

Rick Ranzau is a junior college transfer from San Jose (Calif.) City College. He earned All-America honors on the sprint freestyle relay and also swims middle distance freestyle. Mark Holley is a freshman from North Miami Beach, Fla. He swims the breaststroke and butterfly and earned All-America honors in water polo.

Bill Galloway, former assistant coach at Indiana University, will join the Texas A&M staff as women's softball coach, according to Kay Don, Assistant Athletic Director for Women.

Galloway is a 1978 graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in social studies. He served in the U. S. Army from 1965-71.

Profile of a manager under pressure

Martin says health comes second

NEW YORK — A little more than six weeks ago, Billy Martin was involved in an episode that never reached the public print.

The reason it didn't was because he made sure the whole thing was kept inside the clubhouse, solely between him and Yankees' trainer, Gene Monahan.

Martin wouldn't go into any of the details, even after owner George Steinbrenner and President Al Rosen issued a statement before Monday night's game with the Red Sox saying his job was safe for the rest of the season.

The date was last May 16 and the Yankees were playing the White Sox a night game in Chicago. Immediately after the contest, they were to catch a plane for Cleveland where they were scheduled to meet the Indians the following evening.

Martin had been battling a cold for more than a week and had developed congestion in his chest. He looked pale and haggard and was running a fever.

The discomfort in his chest reached such a point that Monahan took an unusual step in the middle of the ball game. He called for a physician to come to the Yankees' clubhouse between innings, and after a brief examination the internist put his stethoscope back in his little black bag and said to Martin:

"You'd better check into the hospital here as soon as you can. I'll make arrangements for you to be admitted right away through emergency. I think it's best we run some tests on you."

"I can't do that," Martin said. "What about your health?"

"At this time," said Martin, "that has to come second."

To this day, Martin hasn't gone back to see a doctor although his color still isn't what it should be, and with season not yet half over, he looks so haggard and fatigued that he seems as if he has just been put through a wringer.

He perked up a bit before Monday night's game with the Red Sox at Yankee Stadium after the endorsement from Steinbrenner and Rosen.

"Feel relieved?" someone asked Martin.

"No," he answered slowly. "I'm happy about it, though. I was getting tired of all the questions. 'Is this the Big One? Is this the one you have to win?' It gets old after awhile. Every game is a big one. You have to win every one. Now, we have to scratch and claw until everybody gets healthy. This is the first time I ever managed a ball club without my center fielder, shortstop and second baseman. The first time ever."

"What about your pitching?" "That's right, my pitching, too," Martin said. "I forgot about that."

Eventually, the game was ready to start. When Boston Manager Don Zimmer hopped out of the dugout to present the Red Sox lineup to the umpires, Martin came out of the other dugout and as soon as he

emerged, he was given a noisy, whistling standing ovation by the capacity crowd of 52,424. The Yankee manager's features broke into a big grin, and he tipped his cap three times in obvious appreciation.

"We're eight-and-a-half games in front and no one told me I'm gonna manage the rest of the year," Zimmer kidded Martin when they met at home plate.

The fans were still cheering him, and Zimmer, suddenly growing serious, raised his voice so he could be heard above the din.

"It's a shame what you had to go through, Billy," he said. "Honest to God it is."

Martin kept listening to the continuing ovation for him and his face glowed.

"This is worth all of it," he said to Zimmer.

Three hours later, Martin was depressed again. The Red Sox had beaten the Yankees, 4-1, to increase their lead to 9½ games.

Later, in the Yankee clubhouse, Martin looked as if he had aged five years in those three hours.

"There's still time," he said, wearily. "We've got all of July, August and September left."

Asked how he felt about the ovation he had received, Martin answered "fantastic." It made him tingle all over, he said.

"Did the defeat sort of sour the evening for you?" a radio man inquired, belaboring the obvious.

"I'm never happy when we lose," Martin answered him.

Nixon visits Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (UPI) — Former President Richard M. Nixon and son-in-law David Eisenhower sat in Gene Autry's private box at Anaheim Stadium Monday night rooting for the California Angels in a nationally televised baseball game.

It was the first time Nixon attended a sporting event since he left the White House in 1974.

The former chief executive sat in the third row alongside Autry, owner of the Angels, and was shielded from the crowd's view. A bright yellow tarp was erected between Autry's box and the press box.

"I'm delighted to be here," Nixon said in a pre-game interview. "The last time I was here was in 1973 on opening day. I hope it's a good omen. Nolan Ryan pitched and won that game."

Nixon reminisced about one of his favorite events during his presidency.

"One of the finest occasions we had at the White House, and there were many fine times, was when we had all the participants of the Hall of Fame and the widows," he said.

"The one that impressed me the most was the widow of Lou Gehrig. She saw through great adversity. Eleanor is a great lady."

Nixon, whose San Clemente estate is in Orange County, considers the Angels his home team. He said he follows the games regularly on radio.

When asked which player he admired most, Nixon responded:

"I wouldn't want to be the catcher. It's difficult to be in a squat. "The toughest position to be in is catcher. Bill Dickey (of the Yankees) over the years was one of the best. Another who ought to be in the Hall of Fame is Ernie Lombardi (of the Cincinnati Reds). Thurman Munson would have to rate very high."

"The greatest hitter I saw was Ted Williams. Sandy Koufax was the greatest pitcher. It was a privilege to be in Yankee Stadium when he broke the strikeout record on the last out. We all went bananas."

The Angels only hope this season, Nixon said, was in outfielder Joe Rudi.

"Let me say this about Rudi. Although he hasn't hit well (.197 this season), he has saved some games in the field. He will be the glue to get this team back together if he gets his swing back."

How to lose successfully

Losing. I've been putting off talking about this subject for as long as possible. But the time has come to face the issue.

I hate to lose. You hate to lose. Everybody hates to lose.

They say that conceding to a tie is about as much fun as kissing your sister. Where does that leave losing? Losing must be as much fun as kissing your sister's house shoe.

I play softball in College Station on a losing team. With a 0-10 record, we're the most consistent team in the league. Oh, we're having fun, but, well, let me put it this way: In the human drama of athletic competition, we must certainly be a sideshow.

People would have us believe that we are to accept losing graciously. Well, after 10 evenings of grace, I'm ready to be an ungracious winner.

It is with this in mind that I address myself specifically to the other teams in our league, but I think there is a message here for all the winners in the world. Dallas Cowboys, Steve Cautchen, listen up.

Having become somewhat of an expert on losing, I feel qualified to instruct all you winners in the graceful art of losing. Call it the Veinko Bogatej course in the Agony of Defeat, if you will. Bogatej, for those who don't know, is the skier who once crashed over the side of the ski jump every weekend at the beginning of ABC's Wide World of

Sports. In order to be a successful loser, you must first learn to relax totally. Be at ease with yourself and your surroundings. You need not exert much effort to lose. Take a lawn chair and a six-pack with you to the outfield.



David Boggan
Sports Editor

Next, and this is very basic, keep your scoring to a minimum. How do you expect to lose if you continue to score points? This holds true for all sports. Keep the number of home runs down, try to ease up on the

touchdown passes and absolutely no baskets at the buzzer.

Pop-ups are a must if you intend to lose at softball. Other things you might try to enhance your opponents' chances of victory include hitting into as many double plays as possible and throwing the ball past your first baseman as many times as you can.

Of course, there are other things that can be done, like wearing your glove on the wrong hand or batting with your eyes closed. But these are rather obvious, and the whole purpose of losing is to make the other team feel good. Don't make them feel as though they are accepting charity.

So come on, winners. Give the losers of the world a chance. Go out and lose one for the Gipper.

Landry rewarded

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — The coveted figurine of a knight in armor raised his sword will be presented to Dallas Cowboys head coach Tom Landry today by Kiwanis International in the second day of its convention.

It's only the 12th time the group's international decency award will be given.

Landry was chosen because of his efforts to enhance and dramatize the Kiwanis ideal of cleanliness and decency in communications. For the past three years, Landry has served as trustee chairman for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Last year's decency award went to Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

More than 15,000 Kiwanians are attending the convention, which runs through Wednesday.

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