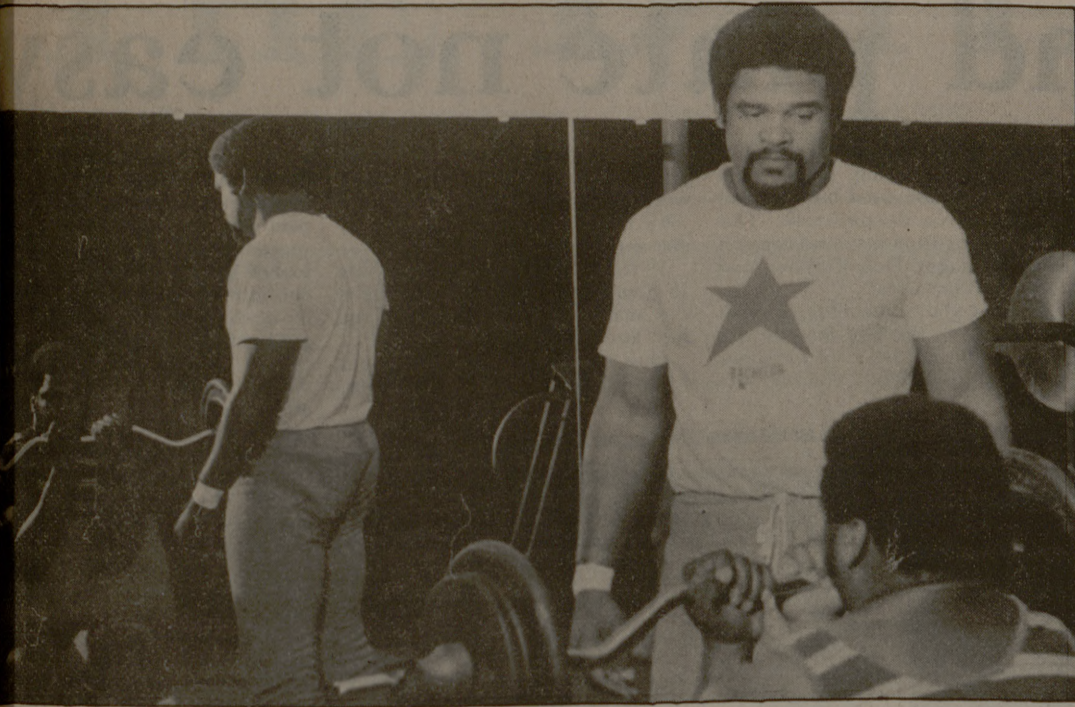


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### Jensen out for season

**United Press International**  
DENVER — The Denver Broncos Tuesday said fullback Jim Jensen, who had been making an impressive bid for a starting job, would be lost for the 1978 season due to a knee injury suffered last week against the Houston Oilers.

Coach Red Miller said Jensen's injury originally was believed to be minor but tests Monday determined ligament damage to the 226-pounder's left knee was more severe than expected. He said Jensen underwent surgery later Monday.

Jensen, acquired from the Dallas Cowboys last season, reported to camp 10 pounds lighter than he was a year ago, and had improved his speed. He had a best clocking of 4.4 in the 40-yard dash compared to last season's timing of 4.6.

In the Broncos' 17-12 Saturday night preseason triumph over Houston, Jensen scored Denver's first touchdown. His 10 carries were more than any other Bronco running back and he outgained every Denver rusher except quarterback Norris Weese, who rambled for 77 yards.

### An athlete's image

Preparing for the upcoming football season are Johnnie Donahue, (standing), defensive tackle, and Eugene Sanders, defensive end. Donahue and Sanders, as well as other Aggie football players, have been working out at

Twin City Athletic Club in Bryan throughout the summer. The Aggies begin two-a-day workouts on August 17 in preparation for the season opener against Kansas on Sept. 9.

Battalion photo by Pat Edmondson

## Mathews reflects on career

By MILTON RICHMAN

**United Press International**  
COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — The impact of what was happening daily hit Eddie Mathews around 9 o'clock in the morning, only a few hours before he was to be inducted in Baseball's Hall of Fame.

He was sitting around with a couple of his old buddies from the Milwaukee Braves: Warren Spahn, Hall of Famer himself, and Johnny Sgan, having a couple to help kill some of his nervousness and talking about the total number of those elected before him.

"I asked how many players there were in the Hall of Fame," he said. "They told me I'll be the 135th. I thought I thought there were a lot more than that."

As he said in his induction speech Monday after they unveiled a bronze plaque of him in the Hall along with those of the late Cleveland pitcher Addie Joss and the late Larry MacPhail, father of night baseball, "Baseball has given me everything I got and I gave it everything I had."

Mathews did everything he could to convey his feelings inside. Where else but in America could an ex-shoe shine boy grow up to beat the socks off so many of those he idolized as a kid and wind up one day in that hallowed shrine he had only read about in story books?

Mathews, who managed the Braves two years after he was through playing, was never one of those goody-goodyies when he was playing and didn't pretend to be.

"We used to measure off ten square blocks in a city like San Francisco," he remembered. "Bob Buhl and I would go looking for Spahn and Lew Burdette and they'd look for us. The only place we looked was in bars. Everytime we'd go in one, we had to have a drink and the same thing with them. The winners, the ones who found the others first, would get a free dinner."

"Tell him about the time we

missed the train," Spahn cut in.

Mathews laughed some more. "We were coming up from Florida one spring and I missed the train the team was on," said Mathews. "I was scared to death. Suddenly, as I was standing there in the station, I heard footsteps. Someone was running like hell. It was Spahn. He had missed the train, too. We tried everything to get from Birmingham to Chattanooga. Plane, bus, the local police. No dice.

"Finally, we got a cab to take us and rode all night. We beat the train and got in before the ball club.

Charlie Grimm was the manager. He never found out."

"That's your story," Spahn corrected. "Charlie found out all right because someone squealed on us."

Eddie Mathews told all these stories the night before being inducted.

On Monday morning, there was only one thing on his mind. He wanted to make sure that his mother, Eloise Mathews, had a good seat at the ceremonies. She had one right there in the second row.

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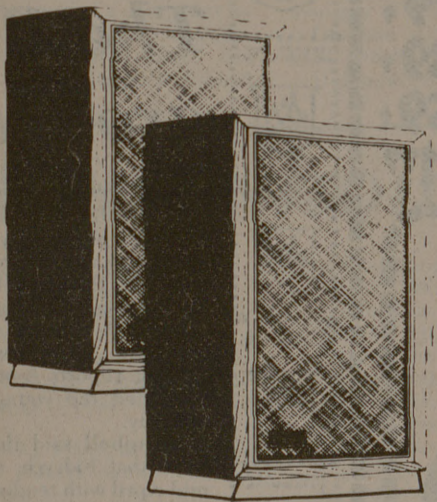
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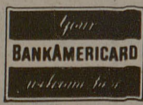
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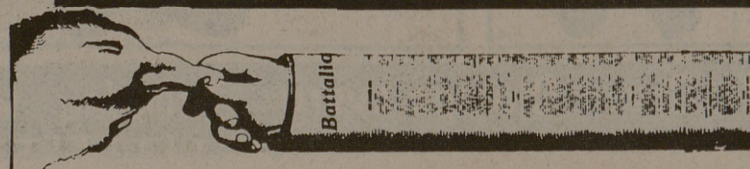
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