



Battalion photo by Bill Shearin

Will she make it?

Corine Sasser hustles down the first base line in the intramural Women's class A slow pitch softball finals Wednesday. Sasser's team, the Lucky Strikes, beat NAPA 17-2 to win the championship.

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Washington says punch 'reflexive'

United Press International
HOUSTON — Kermit Washington Tuesday said he punched Rudy Tomjanovich during a 1977 Los Angeles Lakers-Houston Rockets basketball game in a reflexive, defensive action and had no intention of seriously hurting anyone.

Under cross-examination, Washington admitted he had grabbed Kunnert around the waist before Kunnert struck him, but said he swung at Tomjanovich only because he saw a shadow coming and believed someone was attacking him.

Tomjanovich testified he was rushing to the scene of the fight to help break it up.

Because the suit holds the Lakers responsible and seeks no damages from Washington, Tomjanovich's lawyer Nick Nichols devoted a lot of time to evidence the Lakers never formally discouraged fighting or admonished Washington.

"I saw a blur coming at me from the right side," said Washington, who by this time had punched Kunnert twice. "I turned and swung not knowing who it was or what their intention was. That was Rudy and Rudy went down."

"I didn't mean to hurt him. I didn't mean to hurt him badly. I didn't mean to hurt him at all."

Washington, ejected from the game, passed Tomjanovich on his way to the locker room. Tomjanovich was on his way to a hospital for treatment of a cracked skull, broken jaw and nose and other injuries that ended his 1977-78 season.

"Rudy yelled at me, 'Why'd you take that cheap shot?' I turned around and said 'What are you talking about? Talk to your friend Kevin Kunnert, he's the one who started the whole thing.'"

"My friends were holding me. I told them they didn't have to. I wasn't going to hit him again."

Washington said he had been involved in a number of scuffles in his career, but he denied he had a ten-

dency to be violent. Under questioning from Nichols, he said the Lakers never formally instructed players to avoid fights.

"It was understood. Certain things don't have to be said," Washington responded, avoiding Nichols' efforts to needle him into a show of temper with side comments like, "I understand you're fast with your fists."

"It (fighting) is not a part of basketball," Washington said. "It's not even a part of living in our society. But it happens. In my mind, you have to defend yourself, not only in basketball but on the street."

However, Washington, whom NBA Commissioner Lawrence O'Brien fined \$10,000 and suspended for 60 days, during which he lost \$47,000 in salary, said he would react differently to the same circumstances if they happened today.

"I think I would have a different reaction because I've been through this experience," Washington said. "Now, I think I could take a few blows and still be respected in this league."

Since Washington is not a defendant, U.S. District Judge John V. Singleton excluded as "irrelevant" a Sports Illustrated article that listed Washington as "an enforcer."

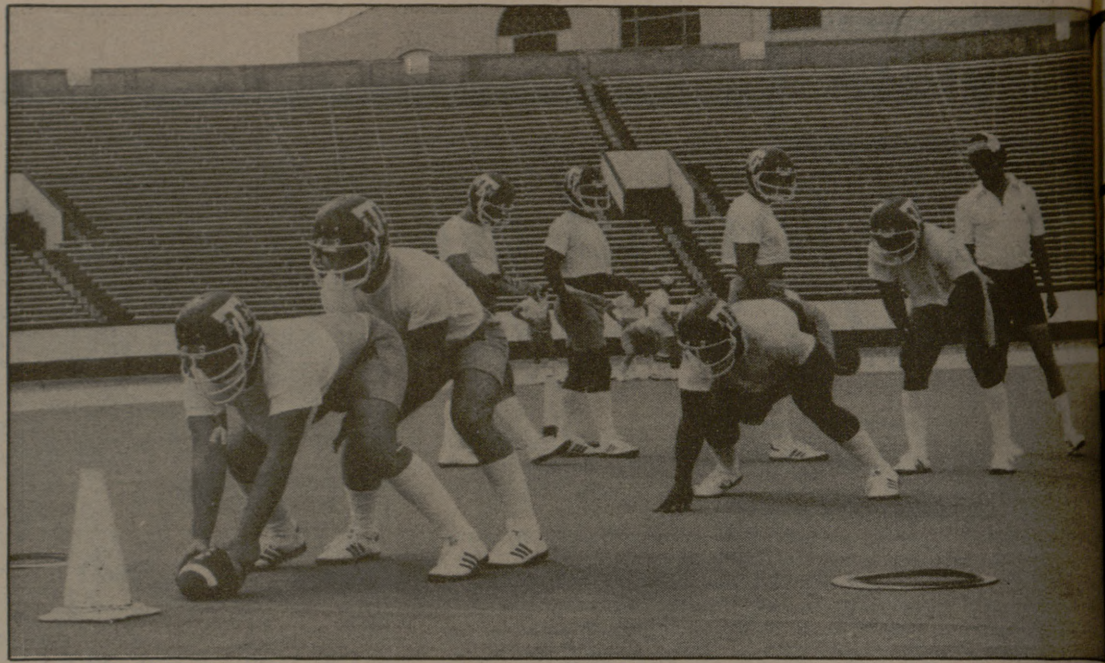
"What a Sports Illustrated writer wants to write and label people I don't think is relevant," Singleton said.

Lakers' lawyer Robert Dunn devoted some time to depicting Washington, whom former Lakers Coach Jerry West described as a respectable, "first class" person, as a good father and a psychology graduate student.

Washington, with Tomjanovich watching from a courtroom bench, delivered his testimony in firm but soft-spoken tones, occasionally smiled and looked often at the jury.

Former Lakers general manager Pete Newell, who drafted Washington and Tomjanovich and teaches Washington and three other pro players free of charge, backed Washington up: "I don't think he would initiate violent conduct."

Newell said he thought Tom-



Fresh start for some fresh-men

It's literally a new ball game for these Aggie freshmen football players as they go through four days of drills before the veterans show up for two-a-day workouts. A new NCAA rule allows schools to bring freshmen players

in a few days early for an orientation program so they can adjust to the school, the program, the coaches and hopefully, be ready for the upperclassmen and college football.

Battalion photo by Mary Jo Prince

Kroc has winning burgers, poor Padres

By MILTON RICHMAN
UPI Sports Editor

NEW YORK — For six years, Ray Kroc, has had his own big league ball club, and what's burning him up is the only thing he has to show for it now is some hamburger meat.

That hurts.

When Kroc shelled out \$8.5 million for the San Diego Padres in January of 1974, he didn't expect them to become the same spectacular success as his enormously profitable international chain of McDonald restaurants. But he hoped at least they would be contenders by this time.

They're not and don't look like they will be in the very near future and that's what has the outspoken, impatient Kroc so fired up.

Kroc says he's going to give his Padres one more year during which he's planning to pour \$5 million, \$10 million, or whatever it takes, into them, and then if they still don't move up, well, maybe, he's going to sell them to someone else who has always dreamed of owning his own big league club.

A man can do what he likes with his property. But I think maybe Kroc got a little carried away when he said he might fire all his scouts because "it's obvious the guys we've got don't know horseflesh."

My understanding is that Bob Fontaine, the Padres' vice president and general manager, had a long talk with Ray Kroc after he made his remarks about the club's scouts Monday and Kroc has a better understanding of the whole situation now. He should have because scouts generally are the most unappreciated, underpaid people in baseball.

One way or another, the Padres' scouts were responsible for the club originally signing such players as Dave Winfield, Mike Ivie, Randy Jones and Johnny Grubb. And what about Ozzie Smith, runner-up as National League Rookie of the Year last season, Gene Richards, Jerry Turner, Bob Shirley and Bob Owinchko? They aren't exactly bums.

Kroc certainly has a right to expect better results. He should keep

in mind, though, that almost all the money budgeted for scouting during previous owner C. Arnholt Smith's ownership usually went to pay the club's No. 1 draft choice.

Things were a mess prior to Kroc's purchase of the club. The Padres, for example, had to go to lefthander Freddie Norman to Cincinnati to get the money to pay Winfield when they signed him in days out of college in 1973.

One of the things I could never understand is why the scouts never performed their own union duty by ballplayers and umpires did. Probably because they've never come with anyone to lead them.

If a scout is making \$25,000-\$30,000 today, he's in the strata of his profession. There are some excellent ones around, but most of them are worth every penny they get and then some.

Frank Lane used to be in charge of scouts when he was general manager with such clubs as the Sox, Cardinals, Indians, A's and Brewers. Now he's a scout himself with the Angels and can't even enough about them as a group.

"When I ran ball clubs, I had scouts as if they were rare gems because I knew how important they were to the operation of any club," Lane says.

Ray Kroc feels the scouts are don't know ballplayers, and one of the reasons he thinks so is because the Padres are down in fourth place in their division with little chance of equaling their 84-78 log of last season.

Naturally, Kroc feels he has ballplayers. As a Cubs fan living in Chicago, he followed such players as Hack Wilson, Gabby Hartnett, Rogers Hornsby, Stan Hack, and Cavaretta and Andy Patke, and being to one of the Padres' scout fielders some time back, the Padres owner said to him:

"You got to dive after the ball like Hack Wilson."

"Who?" the player wanted to know.

"Hack Wilson," Kroc repeated. "Who's Hack Wilson?" inquired the player, putting a stop to the conversation right there.

Yanks slip by Rangers, 4-

United Press International
NEW YORK — Bobby Murcer singled, doubled and drove in one run Wednesday night to help carry the New York Yankees to a 4-3 triumph over the Texas Rangers.

Jerry Don Gleaton, 0-1, allowed successive doubles to Murcer, Lou Piniella and Reggie Jackson in the first inning to give the Yankees a 2-0 lead. Jackson was 4-for-4 on the night. Texas tied the score in the second when Al Oliver and John Ellis singled and Bill Sample walked to load the bases before Jim Sundberg's two-run single.

The Yankees countered with a run in the second when Bucko Dent walked and Willie Randolph stepped before Murcer delivered a game-winning hit with a single to center. Dent's sacrifice fly in the fourth accounted for New York's final run. Texas scored in the fifth on an RBI groundout by Bill Willits.

Tommy John, 16-6, went plus innings before being relieved in the ninth by Rich Cossage, who picked up his eighth save. John struck up 10 hits, struck out five and walked three.

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