

Reflections

by Richard Oliver



Summer brings us many things. There are hot, sticky days spiced with an occasional thunderstorm rumbling through and cool, breezy nights chatting with friends at local clubs.

Along with the schoolwork and everyday chores, there is a whole new brand of sports in the summer. Jogging, bicycling, softball, frisbee throwing, and intramural sports abound at Texas A&M during the next three months.

Aggie varsity sports will be taking a vacation for awhile, and that leaves the potential stardom for us "would-be jocks" who live out our sports fantasies in intramural activities or on the sandlot.

There are many of us. We are heroes for a moment as we knock in that winning run or hit that winning volley to clinch victory. For the summer, we "jocks" rule.

As sports editor, I have written columns about everything from the Astros to watery cokes, and I'll continue to write about Texas A&M sports, also.

There is much to be found here on campus. Talented, hard-working people can be found, whose claim to fame lies in their accomplishments on the softball field or raquetball courts. Interesting stories are around every corner, but are hard to find.

This is what The Battalion will try to bring to the sports pages this summer. You need look no further than the Houston or Dallas papers to find out what's going on in sports around the nation, so we will concentrate on what's happening at Texas A&M and the Southwest Conference.

Also, along with the right of The Battalion sports staff to write columns about sports and insert our opinions, you as readers also have a right to give your opinion through your letters.

We want to bring you a good sports section that you can be proud of, and is interesting and informative. Your reactions, opinions on our columns, and suggestions or ideas will be appreciated. Let us know what you think. It's the only way we can improve.

Rangers lose, 5-4 as Kern drops 7th

United Press International CHICAGO — Kevin Bell beat shortstop Pepe Frias' throw to the plate on Claudell Washington's grounder in the eighth inning to snap a 4-4 tie Tuesday night and give the Chicago White Sox a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Bell drew a one out walk off losing reliever Jim Kern, 2-7, and advanced to third on Harold Baines' double. Washington, pinch hitting for Bruce Kimm, hit a grounder directly at Frias, who threw too late to the plate trying to nail Bell.

The Rangers tied the score at 4-4 in the eighth on Pat Putnam's pinch hit home run off winning reliever Ed Farmer, 4-0, who replaced Ken Kravec in the eighth inning. Rich Wortham bailed Farmer out of a ninth inning jam to record his first save.

Chicago took a 4-3 lead in the fifth. Jim Morrison led off with a single off starter Gaylord Perry, advanced to second when left fielder Al Oliver misplayed the ball for an error, took third on an infield out and scored on Lamar Johnson's infield out.

Famous baseball historian and writer dies in Houston

United Press International HOUSTON — Private services will be held for Fred Lieb, a baseball historian and sportswriter for nearly seven decades and the man credited with dubbing Yankee Stadium "The House That Ruth Built."

Lieb, who had recently moved from St. Petersburg, Fla., to a Houston nursing home, died Tuesday. He was 92.

The author of more than a dozen books on baseball and metaphysics,

he told an interviewer last month that he was still actively writing despite being confined to a wheelchair.

During a journalistic career begun in 1911, Lieb worked for New York newspapers including The Press, The Post, The Morning Sun and the Telegram. He also worked for The Sporting News.

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Son of football great has his eyes on A&M

NEW ORLEANS — The multi-talented son of former Louisiana State Heisman Award winner Billy Cannon has all but ruled out a major league baseball career this year and probably will play football at either LSU or Texas A&M University.

"My boy's heart has always been in baseball," Cannon, college football's best player in 1959, said of son Billy, Jr., Tuesday in an interview published in The Times-Picayune. "He was really looking forward to (Tuesday's) draft. So was I. I thought they'd talk serious money. I was wrong."

The 6-foot-4, 200-pound Broadmoor High School senior is an excellent power-hitting shortstop but also has won all-state football honors as a running back and safety. The elder Cannon said his son received meager contract offers from several major league teams and probably will pass up a pro baseball career at this time.

Cannon said his son delayed his decision on whether to attend college to wait for the draft and see what offers he received.

"A&M is looking at him as either a flanker or free safety," Cannon said.

Major League Standings

National League				American League			
W	L	PCT.	GB	W	L	PCT.	GB
27	10	.600	—	30	16	.652	—
23	19	.548	2½	24	21	.533	5½
23	20	.535	3	22	23	.489	7½
20	22	.476	5½	23	24	.489	7½
19	24	.442	7	23	24	.489	7½
16	29	.356	11	22	24	.478	8
				19	25	.432	10
29	19	.604	—	27	20	.574	—
27	21	.563	2	25	23	.521	2½
26	21	.543	3	25	23	.521	2½
24	26	.490	8½	24	24	.500	3½
19	26	.422	8½	23	23	.500	3½
20	28	.417	9	20	25	.444	6
				18	30	.375	9½

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