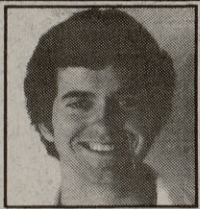


Reflections

by Richard Oliver



Softball in the wheat fields

It's often tough to find sporting events to write columns about. I could always go over to Puryear and look in the bushes behind the buildings on the night of a full moon. There'll be lots of sporting events there, I'm sure.

But, all in all, finding a good feature-like event is difficult. But, somehow, we manage to do it. Often, you must look near and far.

For example, two weeks ago I somehow gathered all my earthly possessions and took off for Kansas to spend a week there. I'd never been there, and I'd never heard anything about the state except that it had miles and miles of dusty plains and lots of tornadoes. Neither sounded too appealing.

But, when I got there, I found something I could relate to. In every small town from Wichita to Hutchinson, the state sport is softball.

Now, for a weekend athlete who loves to grace the sandlots with his Wilson "Cesar Cedeno Autograph" baseball glove and spotless spikes, I was in hog-heaven.

In the tiny town of Sterling, two industrial teams were pitted against one another. The local yokels packed the stands, and it was obvious this was going to be more than just another game.

"Throw the ball, Billy Joe!" one irate fan, an older woman with gray-streaked hair, screamed in my ear as the ballgame started.

So, Billy Joe, a huge man with ruffled sandy hair and red cheeks, threw the ball. The first batter swung and sent a pitch rocketing off the wooden fence in the left field corner. The left fielder picked up the ball and hurled it into the parking lot.

Ah, I thought, there's a man I can relate to.

The fans laughed for hours, it seemed, and the left fielder sheepishly raised a middle-finger salute to the sky.

I felt right at home.

For innings, this went on. The local townspeople laughing and whooping it up in the stands, while the two teams battled it out on the field. Billy Joe huffed and puffed, and the other team knocked each of his efforts either right back at him or to the left fielder, who by this time was rather chagrined.

When the last out was made, and the people were all gathered around by their cars and tractors. The gray old lady was heard to say, "Billy Joe, you were terrible. Just awful."

Billy Joe turned and smiled. "Well, mom, you taught me everythin' know."

She shot right back. "Maybe so, an' maybe next time I'll pitch." She'd probably win.

Questions answered

A&M vs. Mississippi

Here are the answers to some questions about the Texas A&M University-Mississippi game this weekend:

KICKOFF—7:30 p.m., Saturday in Jackson, Miss.

CROWD—45,000 in 50,642 Mississippi Memorial Stadium. There are seats available.

LAST YEAR—Texas A&M was 6-5; Ole Miss was 4-7.

NEXT WEEK—Aggies take to the road again against the Georgia Bulldogs. Ole Miss hosts Memphis State in Oxford.

COACHES—A&M Coach Tom Wilson's overall record starting his second full season is 10-7. Steve Sloan, starting his third year as Rebel boss, is 9-13. Sloan, who was coach at Texas Tech three years ago, was 1-2 against the Aggs.

QUARTERBACKS—The game will feature two of the nation's best quarterbacks. A&M's Mike Mosley is a veteran senior with 4.3 speed in the 40. The Rebels' John Fourcade was the Southeast Conferences' leading offensive man last season.

OFFENSE—The Aggies will use the "I" formation. Ole Miss will use the split back veer.

DEFENSE—A&M will use the 4-3 while Ole Miss counters with a 5-2.

SERIES—Fourth meeting. Aggies are 3-0 against the Rebels. Ags won 17-0 in 1911 in College Station. In 1914 in Beaumont, Ags won 14-7. In 1975 at Kyle Field, Texas A&M won, 7-0. This is the first game in Jackson.

RADIO—The game will be broadcast in Texas on the Mutual Radio

Network with Dave South doing the play-by-play and Steve Fallon with the color. The game can be heard on 16 Texas radio stations: KEAN-FM Abilene, KWAS Amarillo, KOKE Austin, KAYC Beaumont, KTAM Bryan, KSIX Corpus Christi, KRLL Dallas, KTSM El Paso, WOA1 San

Antonio, KOCA Tyler, KKIK Waco, KFYO Lubbock, KURU McAllen-Brownsville, KBAT Midland-Odessa.

TV—The game will be shown on a tape delay basis by KAMU-TV in College Station at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Volleyball team loses at UH

The Texas A&M University volleyball team, participating in the University of Houston Invitational in Houston Wednesday, was beaten by Brigham Young in three straight games.

Brigham Young, ranked in the top ten in the nation, swept the three-out-of-five meeting, 15-12, 15-10, and 15-8.

The Aggies try to rebound today against Utah State, who is ranked in the top five in the country.

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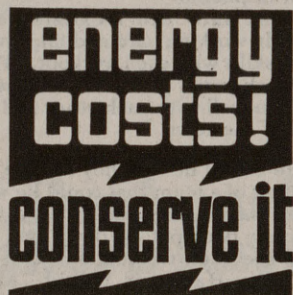
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UT begins 'second season'

United Press International
AUSTIN—Texas Coach Fred Akers said Wednesday night that his Longhorns have defeated the Arkansas Razorbacks he can concentrate on getting his team ready for a "second season."

The Longhorns beat Arkansas 23-17 Monday night before 70,000 fans at Memorial Stadium and a national television audience, marking the earliest start ever for Texas. The game was switched to the Sept. 1 date to accommodate ABC-TV.

"We told our players it would be like two seasons this year. The first one begins and ends with Arkansas," Akers said.



Major League Standings

National League				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Birmingham	70	61	.534	
Montreal	69	61	.531	1/2
Philadelphia	68	60	.531	1/2
New York	59	71	.454	10 1/2
Los Angeles	57	71	.445	11 1/2
Chicago	57	77	.425	17 1/2
American League				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	74	56	.569	
Los Angeles	73	57	.561	1
San Francisco	71	59	.546	3
Oakland	66	64	.508	8
Minnesota	65	65	.500	9
San Diego	54	76	.415	20

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