

# Michael has no regrets

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HONOLULU — Last year, they were on the same side of the fence. This year, they're on opposite sides.

were having trouble settling this gigantic problem for which nobody seemed to have the answer. "How many zeroes does it take to make a billion?" asked Altobelli, the new manager for the Baltimore Orioles who was the New York Yankees' third

base coach last year. Michael didn't know the answer. The two-time Yankee skipper now handling special assignments for them, thought there might be six zeroes in a billion.

"That's only a million," Altobelli threw cold water on Michael's guess. Just then, Hank Peters, the general manager of the Orioles, passed by on his way to one of the sessions that make up the baseball meetings.

"How many zeroes in a billion, Hank?" Michael put the question to him.

Peters was a bit taken aback. He didn't expect to be asked to do arithmetic homework out of the blue like this.

Looking at Michael and Altobelli, he scolded both for their mathematical deficiency.

"You dumb guys," he chided them. "You can't even figure it out."

"That's why we're asking you," Michael said.

"I'm pretty sure there are nine zeroes in a billion," Peters said.

Michael and Altobelli both gave Peters' answer some thought. After all, he dealt with figures a lot more than they did. Pittsburgh's Joe Brown came along and he was asked how many zeroes he thought there were in a billion.

"I'd say nine," he said. "It's one thousand million, isn't it?" Michael, who originally was property of the Pirates when he first began playing professional baseball, was convinced now.

"You're right," he said to Brown.

"Of course, I'm right," Brown crowed. "I was right when I first signed you, wasn't I?"

Listening to the entire discussion over how many zeroes actually made up a billion, Peters had an idea.

"Let's go ask Gene Autry," he suggested. "He'll know."

"That's for sure," Brown agreed. "He can even tell you how much interest there's on it for one year."

They all laughed.

The way figures that would only fit on a boxcar are being thrown around for some free agents like Floyd Bannister, Steve Garvey and Steve Kemp, it sounded as though Michael and Altobelli had run into their problem of how many zeroes there are in a billion while they were discussing the skyrocketing salaries in baseball.

But, it turned out the two of them were talking about football and how the NFL players will get \$1.6 billion under their new contract with the owners.

The football players had argued they were the poorest-paid employees in professional sports. Maybe they were, but they aren't anymore.

Altogether, the 26 major-league clubs in baseball generate \$330 million a year, and when you compare that with the NFL's new contract, it means the football players will now get the equivalent of what baseball grosses for four years. Nonetheless, nobody's thinking of running a benefit for the baseball players, either.

People like Michael and Altobelli never made a whole lot of money as players. Neither was a star in the big leagues, and even if they had been it wouldn't have mattered, because the salary structure in their day didn't begin to approach what it is now.

# Aggie Ladies defeat Cardinals; now 5-3

Jenni Edgar scored a game-high 21 points to lead the Aggie women's basketball squad to a 65-57 victory over Lamar Tuesday night in Beaumont.

Texas A&M 5-3 on the season, led 32-24 at halftime, but had to hold off a late charge by the Cardinals to take the eighth-point triumph. Lamar, which upset No. 16-ranked Arizona State while winning a tournament at the University of New Mexico last weekend, is now 4-2.

The Aggie Ladies led throughout the game, but had to

break through the Cardinal press during the final 10 minutes. Lamar moved to within 61-57 in the final seconds, but Texas A&M's Ann Trinka hit four free throws to ice the victory.

Trinka had 14 points and senior Kelly Krauskopf had 11 points.

The Aggie Ladies host Kansas State University Thursday at 7:45 at Bryan High School. Kansas State, a member of the nation's Top 20, upset No. 2-ranked Old Dominion over the

weekend.

**TEXAS A&M (65)**  
Jackie Jones 1-7 2-2 4, Jenni Edgar 3-4 2-1, Kelli Krauskopf 5-7 1-1 1-1, te Joiner 0-3 0-0, Janet Duckworth 4, Kelli Harned 2-7 0-0 4, Trinka 1-7 1-4 3, Tamra Brown 1-7 0-0 1-1, 1-3 2-4 4, Felice Lewis 1-5 1-1 1-1, Trinka 5-10 4-4 14. Totals 28-65.

**LAMAR (57)**  
Spookie Warren 7-19 3-6 11, Dugan 2-6 0-2 4, Kara Auden 1-7, Colleen Solseth 9-13 2-2 20, Jo 1-7 1-4 3, Tamra Brown 1-7 0-0 1-1, Crigler 0-4 0-0 0, Betsy White 1-1, Anita Holloway 0-2 0-0 0, Arnecke 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 24-57.

# San Antonio bops Mavericks behind Gilmore, Gervin

**United Press International**  
SAN ANTONIO — Dallas has seen more victories this season than ever, but coach Dick Motta said the Mavericks played like an expansion team Tuesday night against San Antonio.

"Tonight we played like an expansion team," Motta said after the Mavericks took a 106-92 whipping by the Spurs. "All the turnovers made us look very young. We were six points down in the fourth quarter and we had three consecutive turnovers."

Spurs coach Stan Albeck, however, gave the 3-year-old Mavericks more credit.

"They have a very good basketball team," said Albeck. "I think the time has passed that

you can call Dallas an expansion team."

Albeck was pleased with his team's performance and particularly that of forward Bill Willoughby, who came off the bench to tie his season-high 15 points on 7-of-14 shots and six rebounds.

"Three people stuck out for us," said Albeck. "Ice (George Gervin), Artis (Gilmore) and Willoughby. It was good to see Willoughby play a good game tonight."

Willoughby said: "I shot the ball well tonight, but when I'm open I've got to take the shot. We crashed the boards better tonight."

Gervin scored 14 of his 26

points on the third quarter, but San Antonio up 78-75, the Mavericks scored the five points of the final quarter before the Spurs broke it.

The Spurs outrebounded the Mavericks 50-41, including 14 in the first half.

Mike Mitchell scored points during an 8-0 San Antonio streak to put the Spurs 87-75 in the fourth quarter. The Mavericks never got more than eight.

Gilmore added 19 points, 13 rebounds for the Spurs. Banks, who suffered from trouble in the second half, added 13 points and eight rebounds in the first

# Redbirds hand Blue Demons loss; Wildcats trounce Detroit

**United Press International**  
It's a long way from March and DePaul has already lost two games.

In the past three seasons, the Blue Demons entered the NCAA Tournament with just one loss during the regular season. They were then unceremoniously eliminated in successive years by UCLA, St. Joseph's and Boston College.

Tuesday night in Normal,

Ill., things were decidedly abnormal for No. 20 DePaul. The Blue Demons lost, 76-62, to Illinois State to fall to 3-2. Their previous loss was to UCLA.

"This may be the greatest thing for us to play in a place like this, in front of a crowd like this," said DePaul Coach Ray Meyer. "Our shots were very disappointing. We panicked, our shot selection was very poor."

The Blue Demons hit just 43 percent from the floor. Illinois State, behind 23 points and 11 rebounds from Rick Lamb, shot 58 percent, including 68 percent in the second half.

The Redbirds are 4-0 and figure to be a power in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Before a sellout crowd of 8,068, Illinois State moved ahead for good, 58-56, on a basket by Raynard Malaine with 3:15 remaining. The Redbirds then sank 12 free throws in the final 2½ minutes to pull away. Kenny Patterson scored 14 points and Bernard Randolph added 13 for DePaul.

Elsewhere in the Top 20, No. 2 Kentucky routed Detroit, 83-46, and No. 7 Indiana beat Notre Dame, 68-52.

At Lexington, Ky., Melvin

Turpin scored 20 points. Dirk Minniefield had 10 rebounds and 8 assists in Kentucky's laughter over Detroit.

At South Bend, Ind., Bouchie scored 19 points provided strong work on offensive boards as Indiana beat Baylor to its fifth win in a row with a 58-55 decision over Oral Roberts.

Pete DeBisschop and George each struck for 28 points to lift Fairfield over Connecticut, 98-81; Jeff Turner scored 14 points as Vanderbilt ousted St. Louis, 88-67; Mark had 17 points and 14 rebounds in Old Dominion's 71-45 victory over Virginia Military. Peyton stopped Fordham, 65-52, behind 16 points each by Simkus and Gordon. Kenny Austin's 23 points and 10 rebounds sent Rice over Southern, 88-66; South Carolina blasted Florida International, 120-73, with Terry scoring 26 points; Texas hit its free throws in the half minute to beat North Carolina, 64-58, and Oklahoma State defeated Tulsa, 93-



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