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Thornton says new USFL job will be 'heck of a challenge'

by John Wagner and Joe Tindel, Jr.

Battalion Staff
Charles Thornton, who accepted a job Friday to become general manager of the new United States Football League team in Memphis, said Monday a combination of reasons convinced him to make the move.

Thornton, Texas A&M's associate athletic director since January 1982, told The Battalion location, friendship and opportunity all entered into his decision.

Thornton was hired by his long-time friend Logan Young Jr., the millionaire owner of the Memphis franchise. Thornton said the move to professional football was something he and Young have been talking about for "three or four years", ever

"It (accepting the job) was a difficult decision because we have enjoyed it here. It's been a very good learning experience for me, and I'd like to think I made some contributions here." — Charles Thornton, former associate athletic director.

since Young and other Memphis investors applied for a National Football League franchise.

When Young was granted a USFL team, Thornton was his first and only choice as general manager.

Thornton said he is excited about switching from college to professional athletics.

"I look upon this as a heck of a challenge," he said. "It'll be a lot of work, but if we get the thing going—and we will—it will be

by attracting some good people to come in and coach, and work marketing and public relations and those things. I've had over 50 phone calls from people wanting jobs already. There's been tremendous interest in the city of Memphis."

The 46-year-old Thornton, a graduate of Arkansas State, said the chance to move to Memphis was a major consideration.

Mantle hurts from 'banishment'

by Milton Richman
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NEW YORK — Deep down, it hurts. Mickey Mantle admits that.

Outwardly he shows the world a sunny disposition, giving the impression it doesn't bother him being relegated to baseball's periphery. He does that because it's his basic nature.

He likes to make small jokes about how he was the world champion strikeout hitter when he retired with the Yankees 14 years ago, and how neither they nor anyone else in baseball really offered him any substantial employment since then.

So what did it really matter when Bowie Kuhn decreed he would not be allowed to work for any club in baseball after he signed a \$100,000 contract as director of sports promotions for the Claridge Hotel and Gambling Casino in Atlantic City, N.J., last February?

But it does matter to Mickey Mantle, and if you get him off alone on the side, he'll tell you it does hurt.

He has had a clean record all his life and why should there be any kind of blemish on it now? Willie Mays, in the same boat, feels the same way. Both are more sensitive than most people think and would like to be back in the same good graces they were before.

Mantle showed that Monday when he was here to sign still another contract outside of baseball — this one with an organization called Timesavers, which helps people obtain credit cards who ordinarily would have difficulty doing so.

Speaking about Kuhn's contract as commissioner expiring in three weeks, a newsman called Mantle's attention to the fact that Hank Aaron has been campaigning for the job.

The Yankees' 51-year-old Hall of Famer nodded.

"I've already seen where he said if he gets to be commissioner, I'd be reinstated," he said.

He explained why he didn't attend this year's Yankees' Old Timers' Day Celebration at Yankee Stadium on July 16. He felt it was more important for him to be home in Dallas that day because his 25-year-old, Billy, returned there from chemotherapy treatments he had received in Houston. Mantle said his son was making good progress now from Hodgkins Disease.

Then he was asked how come he had not been at the Old Timers' Game in Chicago the day before the annual All-Star Game nor at the Crackerjack Classic in Washington, another get-together for old timers on July 18.

"I would've loved to be at the Old Timers' game," he said, without specifying which one he meant, "but I would've felt funny being in uniform out there and being banned."

When the Yankees first signed Mantle in 1949, he was working in the lead mines in Commerce, Okla., and the Yanks wanted him to report to their rookie camp in Phoenix.

He didn't show up and they became a little anxious. So they called him and asked why he hadn't reported and he told them he didn't have the bus fare. Mantle didn't know he was supposed to pay his own way and the Yankees then would refund him the money.

No matter what happened, he would never ask them for it.

Nor will he ask for reinstatement now, although you can see how much he wants it.

Deep down, it hurts.



Former Texas A&M associate athletic director Charles Thornton says he is looking forward to the city of Memphis and working in the USFL. Please see related column on page 8.

Ninth-inning triple wins game

Winfield powers Yanks past Texas

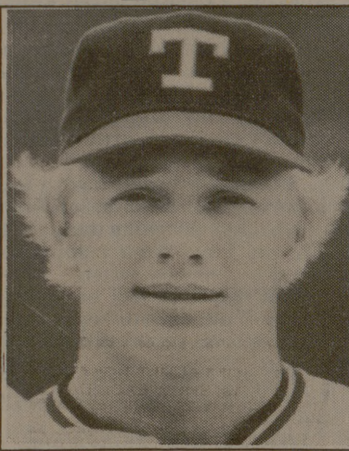
United Press International
ARLINGTON — In one of those games that had as many as a dozen strikeouts, the Texas Rangers paid to win games won another one Monday night.

With almost 30,000 hostile fans yelling in his ears and only a few minutes left in the game, Dave Winfield delivered a 6-5 decision for the New York Yankees at Arlington Stadium Monday evening and, so doing, elevated his team to a share of first place in the American League East.

"We have come a long way," Winfield said. "I've led the league in game winning hits with 14. We played mediocre to bad baseball the first part of the season and now we've turned it around. But we've got a long way to go. We play in the toughest division in baseball."

New York moved into a tie with Toronto, Detroit and Baltimore—all with 54-40 records—after a brief time it appeared the Yankees had let this one slip away.

The Yankees had rebounded from an early 2-0 deficit to take a lead into the bottom of the



Buddy Bell's RBI single not enough for Rangers

eighth inning, but Texas rallied for three runs and owned a one-run advantage starting the ninth.

Goose Gossage, who had tamed the Rangers so successfully earlier this month in New York, had come out of the bullpen in the eighth to surrender a two-run single to Buddy Bell and a sacrifice fly to George Wright that put Texas in front.

But with one out in the New York ninth, Rick Cerone and Don Mattingly singled. Odell Jones was called in to replace John Butcher for Texas and he struck out Graig Nettles.

That brought up Winfield, who with a 2-1 count saw a wild pitch sail by his feet. Both New York runners moved up, leaving first base open. Rather than walk Winfield intentionally, the Rangers chose to pitch to him.

Jones got Winfield to swing at a slider and on that pitch Winfield's bat left his hands and sailed past Jones almost to second base.

"I don't think that (the bat barely missing Jones) intimidated him," Winfield said. "He probably thought he had me where he wanted me."

But on the 3-2 pitch, Winfield rifled a fast ball into the right centerfield alley for a triple. "I wanted to throw a slider," said Texas catcher Jim Sundberg. "Odell wanted the fast ball."

"I'm not surprised they didn't walk me," said Winfield. "Jones has had good success with me this year. He struck me out in

New York with the same pitch I hit tonight."

Cerone and Don Baylor contributed solo homers to the New York attack Monday night and Gossage said it is games like this one that have brought the Yankees back into the pennant race.

"Ever since we've been playing good baseball it's been this way," said Gossage, who improved his record to 8-3. "I think we know that there is not pressure on any one guy. All of us can do the job."

"We've never had the depth of talent that we have here. We have had big names before, but never this much talent. It's good

to be in first place. It's good to have people chasing you instead of you being the chaser."

Winfield said the climb to first place, after having fallen as far back as 6½ games was rewarding. But he also said it was too early to get excited.

"This is not the time of year to be looking at the scoreboard seeing how other clubs are doing," Winfield said. "You've got to take care of the game you are playing in. There are too many good teams in this division to get carried away right now."

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