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Wishing can go a long way Van Brandt may be short, but she gets the job done

By Alan Lehmann

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Being 5 feet, 6 inches tall, Yvonne Van Brandt is shorter than most volleyball players.

But she doesn't let it affect her. "Sometimes, I wish I were three or four inches taller, but you can't wish your life away," Van Brandt said.

"I hate it when people say 'You're only 5 feet, 6 inches, so you must be a setter.' It makes me compete even harder."

Lady Aggie Coach Al Givens said that Van Brandt, who has made the All-Southwest Conference team the last two years, is a great player.

"She plays a lot bigger than 5 feet 6," Givens said. "She's a fun player to watch. Yvonne plays with a lot of energy and positive emotion."

"Yvonne does her job well. If she were three or four inches taller,

she'd be an All-American. We give up some size when she's at the net, but she's got the ball-control skills to compensate."

A setter has to have good hands to put the ball exactly where the attackers want it, but ball-control alone doesn't make a good setter.

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— Al Givens, Lady Aggie coach

Van Brandt isn't shabby on defense, either. She's second in the nation in digs, and has blocked well this year.

Leadership and experience are important too, Givens said.

"The setter is to a volleyball team what the quarterback is to a football team," he said. "Yvonne is our playmaker. She checks the defense and decides where to put the set."

Being a good setter also means knowing where the defense is. Van Brandt's anticipation skills are uncanny, Givens said.

"Sometimes it seems that she knows what the other team is going to do even before they know," he said. "She has a tremendous nose for the ball."

Since the setter runs the offense, the position lends itself to leadership. Van Brandt is co-captain this season, as she has been for the last two years.

She said that being team captain isn't always easy.

"You want to be liked by your tea-

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Favre hopes to fall out of favor of Aggie fans with strong showing

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When Southern Mississippi and Texas A&M square off at Kyle Field Saturday night, the Aggie defense will see a familiar face on the Golden Eagles' offense — quarterback Brett Favre.

Favre's first meeting with A&M was a shaky one — he completed only six of 22 passes in a 27-14 Aggie win. But he's improved since then.

So don't expect Favre to do the Aggies any favors.

The 19-year-old junior from Pass Christian, Miss., has started every game for the Eagles since the second game of the 1987 season.

Favre came into the game

against Tulane late, and led the Eagles to a come-from-behind victory.

The next week, the true fresh-

Favre has been the starter ever since.

He finished the 1987 season with 15 touchdown passes, breaking the school record.

Favre broke that record last season, when he passed for 2,271 yards and 16 touchdowns, and led the Eagles to an Independence Bowl victory over Texas-El Paso.

He threw only five interceptions in 1988, and had a streak of 114 straight passes without an interception.

That streak was broken in this year's season opener, but he passed for 282 yards and two touchdowns as the Eagles upset Florida State.

Although Favre has had a good

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So. Mississippi at A&M

- Site: Kyle Field (72,387 cap.)
- Kickoff: 6 p.m.
- Ranking: A&M (22nd), Southern Mississippi (—)
- TV/Radio: The game will not be televised; KTAM (AM 1240)

man started his first collegiate game against the Aggies. He threw for 143 yards and two touchdowns, but A&M won 27-14.

Fast start, fast fade the script to another ho-hum Rangers year

As the baseball season winds down this weekend, Texas Ranger fans have to wonder: What happened to our team? Again.

Once more, the Rangers displayed enough competence to keep you interested for most of the season. Not greatness. Not heart. Just competence.

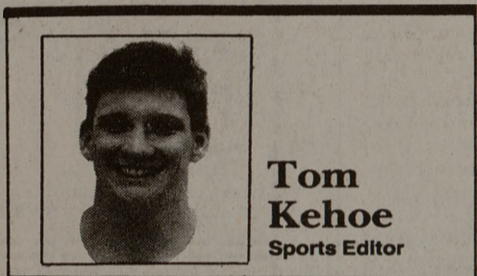
Nothing more.

The Rangers opened up hotter than a \$100 Rolex with a batting order that could hit the ball over, around and through the fence. It didn't matter who was on the mound, for or against them.

It was Bobby Valentine's own Run-n-Shoot offense.

But as with anything good that befalls the Strangers, it was short-lived.

Rafael Palmeiro, whose batting average was among the league leaders in the season's first six weeks, fell in a hole so deep you would have thought it was a sequel to



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the Jessica McClure story. He didn't recover, if at all, until two weeks ago.

Pete Incaviglia didn't recover all year.

Stinky is one of those rare individuals who truly can't hit his weight. Of course, that kind of number would be a lot to ask of Wade Boggs.

But Incaviglia's laughable plate performance could only look good compared to his even more comedic

fielding. Let's see, who've we got for left field? How 'bout that guy that's slower than a tax refund and has that rocket arm to get it to the cutoff man on one bounce.

What a ballplayer.

But that's just two guys.

Chad Krueter, who couldn't hit his weight from the seventh grade, made Geno Petralli look like Johnny Bench. Cecil Espy started the year like Lou Brock and ended it like Lou Grant.

Of course, names like Julio Franco and Harold Baines did brighten and bolster the Ranger lineup. And for better or worse, Ruben Sierra may be the Ernie Banks of the 1990s. But that's his problem.

Pitching is the other half of the Rangers' sad story.

Charlie Hough, who many counted on to win 17 games, had arm problems from throwing that tendon-taxing knuckleball. This was halfway through the campaign. What can he switch to now? Throwing

underhanded?

Hough's absence in the rotation brought about what is now known as the "The Alvarez Incident."

Wilson Alvarez, 19, the hottest pitching prospect in the Rangers' farm system would have his day. With a lack of able starters, and the team needing a shot in the arm, Valentine called up Alvarez from Class AA Tulsa.

In what may be the greatest confidence-shattering event of the baseball season, Alvarez failed to get an out against the six batters he faced in the first inning. After he was relieved, Alvarez was shipped back to Tulsa the next day. The day after that he was traded to the White Sox in the deal for Baines and Fred Manriquez.

Shelled, shipped, traded.

Not exactly the next Fernando Valenzuela.

But that's just a footnote to the season. The pitching wasn't all that negative.

There was the biggest every-part-time-baseball-yuppie-had-to-be-there event of the season: Ryan's 5,000th K. And Ryan was a goldmine, both at the ticket window and on the mound. His 15 wins to date will lead the staff, along with being the American League leader in strikeouts.

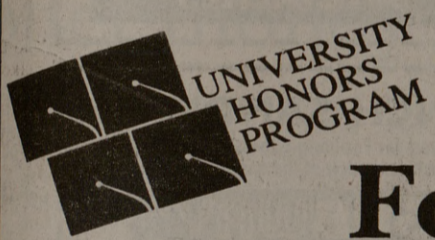
And with his slew of near-miss no hitters, fans flocked to his starts at home and away games. When Ryan started, history could be made — as opposed to waiting a night and seeing Bobby Witt start and do his impression of Tim Robbin's character in "Bull Durham."

So it's a season. Is there hope for next year?

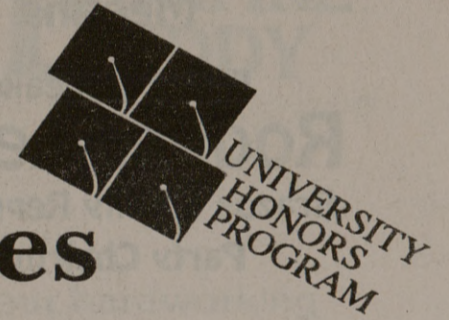
Can the Ryan Express barrel down the tracks for another year?

Can the youth of Franco, Sierra and Palmeiro carry the Rangers into the 1990s?

Ha, don't even kid. They may be up by five at the All-Star break, but they'll still find a way to make the standings say this in August: Games Behind — 14.



Scholastic Opportunities For Outstanding Undergraduates



The following scholarships are currently open for competition:

Truman Scholarship

Sponsored by: Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

For: Current college sophomores intending to pursue careers in government service of all kinds, including scientific research.

Terms: Up to \$7,000 annually for tuition, fees, room, board, books for last two undergraduate years and up to two more years of graduate study.

Application Procedure: By nomination of Texas A&M University

Application Deadline: November 3, 1989.

National Endowment For The Humanities

Younger Scholar Awards

Sponsored by: NEH

For: Current Freshman, Sophomores, & Juniors

Terms: \$2,200 for Summer research and writing in the Humanities; \$400 of which is allotted to your advisor for the project.

Application Procedure: Direct application by student and advisor.

Application Deadline: November 1, 1989.

Time College Achievement Award

Sponsored by: Time Magazine

For: Juniors

Terms: One time cash award of \$3,000, trip to New York.

Application Procedure: Direct application, applications will be available in the Honors Program Office late in the Fall term.

Application Deadline: February 1, 1990.

Smithsonian Internships

Sponsored by: The Smithsonian Institute

For: Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Terms: Stipends vary with program, positions are 3-4 months in duration.

Positions: Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden; National Air and Space Museum; National Museum of African Art; National Museum of American Art; National Zoological Park; Office of Architectural History and Historical Preservation; Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.

Application Procedure: Individual Application

Application Deadline: (Vary According to Position.)

Smithsonian 10 Week Graduate Student Fellowships:

Sponsored by: The Smithsonian Institute

For: Individuals formally enrolled in a Graduate Program and who will have completed one semester of such prior to the appointment period.

Terms: Stipend of \$250 per week for 10 weeks. Travel to the Smithsonian to conduct research.

Application Procedure: Direct application and faculty evaluation of proposal.

Application Deadline: Postmarked by January 15, 1990.

Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities

Sponsored by: Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

For: Current college Seniors.

Terms: \$11,000 annually plus tuition and fees for up to two years (possibly three) of graduate study in History, English, Philosophy, Languages, or American Studies.

Application Procedure: After nomination by a faculty member (no professor may nominate more than two students.)

Nomination Deadline: First week of November.

National Science Foundation

Graduate Fellowships

Sponsored by: NSF/National Research Council.

For: Current college seniors.

Terms: \$12,900 annually plus tuition and fees for students pursuing graduate study in science or engineering.

Application Procedure: Direct application by student.

Application Deadline: November 9, 1989. Applications available in the University Honors Program Office in early October.

National Science Foundation

Minority Graduate Fellowships

Sponsored by: NSF/National Research Council

For: Current college seniors of American Indian, Black, Hispanic, Native Alaskan, or Native Pacific Islander background.

Terms: \$12,900 annually plus tuition and fees for three years for minority students pursuing graduate study in the sciences, engineering or veterinary medicine.

Application Procedure: Direct application by student.

Application Deadline: November 9, 1989. Applications available in the University Honors Program Office in early October.

Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowships for Minorities

Sponsored by: Ford Foundation/National Research Council

For: Current college seniors of American Indian, Black, Hispanic, Native Alaskan, or Native Pacific Islander background.

Terms: \$10,350 annually plus tuition and fees for up to three years of graduate study in the humanities, social and behavioral sciences, engineering, mathematics, or physical and biological sciences.

Application Procedure: Direct application by student.

Application Deadline: November 9, 1989. Applications available in the University Honors Program Office in early October.

Eisenhower Graduate Scholarship

Sponsored by: Eisenhower Memorial Scholarship Foundation

For: Seniors/others who will be full-time graduate students in 1989-1990.

Terms: Minimum award of \$1,000; maximum of \$3,000 per year.

Application Procedure: Application requested, direct application by student.

Application Deadline: February 1, 1990.

Rhodes Scholarship

For: U. S. Citizen, unmarried, senior status, 3.75 or higher

Terms: Tuition, fees and maintenance allowance. Tenable at Great Britain's University of Oxford.

Contact: Dr. John Reading, 505 Physics, 845-5073 or 696-9190.

USA Today

ALL—USA Academic Team

Sponsored by: USA Today Newspaper

For: Any full time undergraduate student. Selection based on original work such as published research, essay, poetry, art or music.

Terms: National recognition through USA Today, trip to Washington, D.C.

Application Procedure: nomination by faculty member, student may initiate.

Application Deadline: November 6, 1989.

Phi Kappa Phi

National Graduate Fellowship

Sponsored by: The Honorary Society of Phi Kappa Phi

For: Outstanding seniors planning to attend graduate school in any field; GPA must be in the 3.8 to 4.0 range.

Terms: Up to \$6,000 for the first year of graduate study. Amount of award is dependent on other financial aid.

Application Procedure: Contact Dr. Ted Jones, 845-2031



Detailed information and applications are available through the University Honors Program, room 101 of the Academic Building. See Scott Shafer.

