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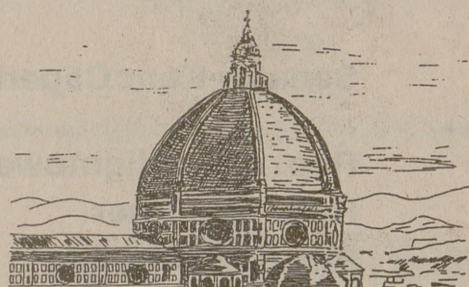
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A&M redshirts Peters after surgery

Former Brenham star to return in 1991 after elbow rehabilitates

By ALAN LEHMANN
Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson said Wednesday that he will redshirt freshman pitcher John Peters.

Peters, a high school phenom from Brenham who set a national record with 53 consecutive victories, underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow Friday.

Dr. Jim Andrews performed the operation in Birmingham, Ala., and removed one centimeter of bone from the tip of Peters' elbow.

The point of Peters' elbow where his radius and ulna met had formed improperly, coming to a point instead of a hinge.

As a result, he couldn't fully extend his arm, causing pain and a loss in velocity, said his mother, Ruth Peters.

The freshman said he's had the problem for some time.

Peters first noticed the elbow pain in June while pitching in a high school all-star game in the Astrodome.

He started the game for the South all-stars, but had to leave after only 1 and 1/3 innings.

Thinking that his arm just needed rest, Peters didn't throw in the Aggies' fall drills. After he threw in practice in January, Peters' elbow was still tender, so he sought medical help and was referred to Andrews.

In addition to the operation, other tests were run on Peters' arm, but no ligament or cartilage damage was discovered, Peters said.

Currently, Peters is undergoing therapy using stretching and light weights. Andrews told Peters he shouldn't sweat this week, so he can't continue his daily four-mile runs until next week.

But Peters isn't depressed by the surgery or Johnson's decision. He said that early in the year he had hoped to be a part of the Aggie pitching staff, but was now glad to be redshirted.

"I think it could work out well," Peters said Wednesday. "The (red-shirt year) will give me time to rest and get stronger. I want to be a starter next season. That's what I'm shooting for."

Peters won't be able to throw for four months, but expects to pitch by the end of August.

Johnson said before the season that he didn't expect Peters to see much action this year.

However, Johnson said that Peters is a hard worker and should contribute next season.

"The prognosis is good for a complete recovery," Johnson said. "He'll be back at full strength next season, better than ever, with four years of eligibility left. He's not in bad shape for a guy who came in here with a sore arm."

It won't be easy for Peters to match his high school success. He recorded a 54-1 mark and led his teams to three consecutive 4A state championships. Peters broke the national record with his 52nd consecutive high school victory April 29, 1989 when he defeated A&M Consolidated.

He racked up 22 shutouts and five no-hitters for Brenham. He also had 612 strikeouts in only 370 innings.

Peters has had a history of arm problems. In the summer of 1987, Peters was pitching at the Junior Olympic Festival when he suffered a shoulder injury. He rehabilitated quickly, missing only a few games at the beginning of his junior year. That injury was unrelated to Peter's recent elbow trouble.



Former Brenham star Jon Peters has been redshirted in his first season at Texas A&M after undergoing elbow surgery last week.

Sooners keep No. 1 in Big Eight

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma, it seems, is trying to make sure the nation's No. 1 team remains in the Big Eight Conference.

Last week, Missouri of the Big Eight held the top spot. But Oklahoma beat the Tigers on Sunday, knocking them to No. 3 and allowing conference rival Kansas to become No. 1 for the third time this season.

That victory also bumped the Sooners from 10th into a tie for fifth, giving the Big Eight three of the nation's top five teams. On Tuesday, Oklahoma pounded the nation's new No. 1 team, 100-78, ending its home schedule at 16-0 and increasing its winning streak at Lloyd Noble Arena to 45 games.

A victory Saturday at Oklahoma State could propel the Sooners to the top of the poll heading into next week's conference tournament. The ramifications of a big showing in this big stretch were clear to the Sooners.

"We were really fired up playing the number ones because we were number five, and we could get to be one of the top four teams and than a number-one seed," William Davis, who scored 22 points against Kansas, said.

Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs said his team's strong performances were due more to the fact they were important conference games.

"There's no mystique with playing No. 1 when it's Missouri or Kansas because we play 'em all the time," he said. "That's the most important thing. The rivalry and the inter-conference thing hits you more than No. 1, but this made it special, I'd have to say that."

In the Kansas game, the Sooners went to the press from the outset — something they haven't done of late — and Kansas wound up committing a season-high 26 turnovers.

During one stretch in the first half, when Oklahoma widened its lead from 18-13 to 25-15, Kansas turned the ball over on 10 of 12 possessions. The Sooners eventually opened a 41-17 lead before tiring in the final five minutes of the half.

"We couldn't get shots we needed and they forced us into turnovers," Kansas guard Kevin Pritchard said. "When you do that, your offense comes off your defense, and that's a big part of their game."

Kansas coach Roy Williams saw it this way: "I think they just got after us a little harder than we were ready to be gotten after," he said. "They just got after our tails and we didn't do a good job of taking care of the basketball."

Oklahoma is 22-4 overall and 10-3 in the Big Eight, while Kansas is 27-3 and 10-3.

Mavericks lose second straight game to Celtics

BOSTON (AP) — Larry Bird scored 31 points, and a 14-2 third-quarter surge led the Celtics to a 111-98 victory Wednesday night that kept the Dallas Mavericks winless at Boston Garden.

Dallas is 0-10 at Boston in their 10-year history. Orlando, where the Mavericks haven't played, is the only other NBA city where they haven't won.

The Mavericks were led by Derek Harper with 28 points and Rolando Blackman with 18. They have won seven of their last 10 games but have been held under 100 points in five of their last six.

Boston, returning home after going 4-4 on a 13-day road trip, won its third straight game.

Memory course helps students boost grades

By Anthony Rao

Former University of Houston football coach Jack Pardee said it best: "This was so helpful to several of my players, I am now making the whole football team take the course."

Pardee read about a memory seminar held by noted memory expert Alvin Jackson and sent three players who needed to pass some important tests in order to stay in school. Pardee sent athletic department academic advisor Dr. James Berlow as an observer.

In one three-hour session Mr. Jackson took three college freshmen, whose college entrance exam grades were so poor they are not allowed to practice football, and transformed them into students who can perform studying and recall tasks as well as the brightest students on campus.

Since Dr. Berlow took part in the class, he admits his recall and memory increased sixfold. He wishes Jackson's course was available when he studied for his doctorate.

This reporter attended the seminar and personally witnessed the athletes use memory techniques to master French, Portuguese, anatomy names and faces.

What impressed this writer the most is how memory techniques are used in reading and listening.

"Contrary to popular belief people are not born with good memories, it can be taught, I

have taught thousands. I have taught it to those wanting to use it to increase their G.P.A. to those with perfect G.P.A.s who wish to cut down on study time while maintaining high grades. Jackson said.

"Our present educational system gives high grades to those who can memorize. If you remember more of what you hear in lectures and remember all of what you read, you will get higher grades," Jackson added.

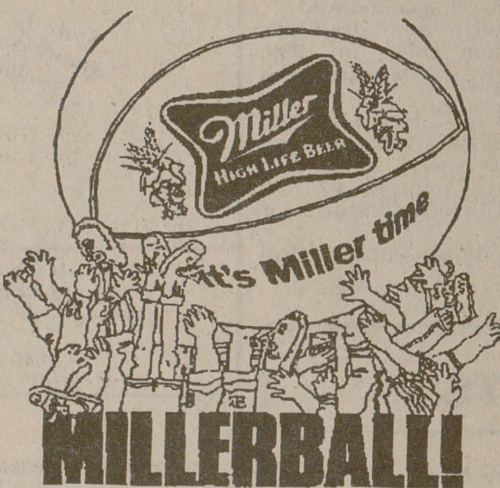
"I know many techniques and teach my students the one that fits them best. Right now all students use the 'Rote' memorization system taught in school. Under 'Rote' you have to go over and over what you want to learn. As far as I am concerned, 'Rote' is the worst. What student has that much time to repeat information enough times to get top grades?" says Jackson.

Jackson will be in College Station at the College Station Community Center, Monday, March 5, for two sessions. One in the afternoon at 2:00 PM and a second session at 6:00 PM. The tuition for the 3-1/2 hour session is \$55.00 for pre-registration, or \$100.00 for two registrations.

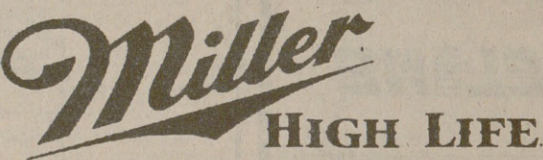
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