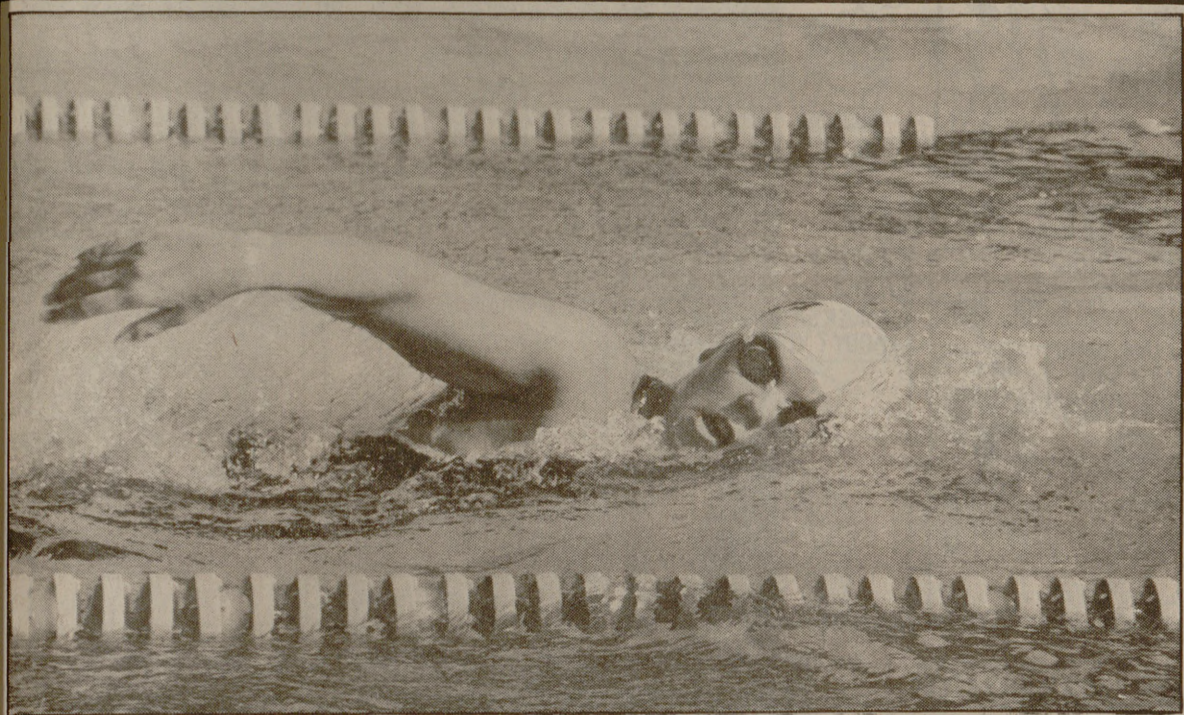


Making waves



Stephanie Maples, a sophomore from McAllen, takes laps at Wofford Cain Pool Monday morning. Maples is a member of the A&M swim team and works out twice a day to keep in shape.

Photo by Sondra Robbins

Soccer celebration triggers violence

EAST BERLIN (AP) — A day after cheering their soccer team to victory in the World Cup, Germans woke up Monday to hear of deaths, broken glass and looted shops, the aftermath of extremist rioting in both German states.

Four people were killed and hundreds hurt when jubilant street celebrations turned reckless and violent following West Germany's 1-0 victory over Argentina in Rome on Sunday.

Bands of neo-Nazi skinheads and other hooligans brawled with police in East Berlin and in the West German cities of Hamburg and Bielefeld.

Foreigners were singled out for attacks, and stores were looted and vandalized nationwide, police said.

More than 120 people were arrested and at least 60 police officers were among the injured.

The celebration was far more violent and nationalistic than the good-natured euphoria that followed West Germany's last cup championship in 1974.

It was also the first shared by East Germany, which is on the threshold of unifying with its Western neighbor and rooted strongly for its neighboring team.

"I was astonished by what had happened last night," said Detlev Liepmann, a sociologist at West Berlin's Free University. "There is a special group at the right side of our spectrum who are searching for any occasion to do these sort of things."

About 20,000 cheering, flag-waving fans greeted the West German soccer team when it returned to Frankfurt Monday after taking the championship.

The peaceful display of pride was in sharp contrast to the ugly scenes of random violence that broke out the night before and lasted into the morning.

Hundreds of thousands of people poured into the streets, fireworks streaked the skies over several cities and a concert of honking horns lasted into the morning.

But in East Berlin, about 5,000 youths watching the game on a huge television screen across from the Parliament building began hurling bottles and demolishing concession stands when it ended.

A group of 500 neo-Nazis shouting epithets against foreigners rampaged on the main square, Alexanderplatz, chasing Vietnamese workers and ransacking a bar frequented by homosexuals, police and witnesses said.

A group of about 200 skinheads later tried to attack a house occupied by a leftist group, and fought pitched battles with police.

Twelve were arrested and three people were seriously hurt, police said.

In Hamburg, about 400 hooligans and skinheads clashed with police with rocks and bottles. Fifty-four police officers were injured and 88 people were arrested, according to police.

All-Star matchup could mirror 1990 baseball season's highlights

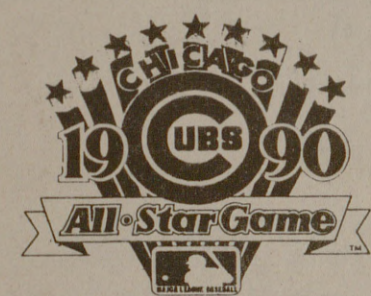
CHICAGO (AP) — So if the first half of the season is any indication, what will the All-Star Game bring?

Maybe a no-hitter, for starters. Randy Johnson, who pitched one of six no-nos in the majors this year, will be at Wrigley Field on Tuesday night. But the fewest hits a team has ever gotten in All-Star play is three, last done in 1968 when Don Drysdale, Juan Marichal, Steve Carlton, Tom Seaver, Ron Reed and Jerry Kosman held the Americans in check.

Or, maybe, a lot of home runs. Home runs are up in both leagues so far, especially in the National. Ryne Sandberg and Andre Dawson of the Chicago Cubs each have a chance to become the first players to homer in their own park at an All-Star Game since 1972 when Hank Aaron did it in Atlanta.

Perhaps a fight, instigated by a brushback pitch. There have been a lot of those this year, but there hasn't ever been a basebrawl at the All-Star Game — although Rickey Henderson did stare at Nolan Ryan after getting knocked down in the 1985 event.

There's always a chance for an injury. Orel Hershiser, Rick Reuschel and Glenn Davis are among several



All-Stars last year who have been hurt this season, and Ted Williams, Dizzy Dean and Harmon Killebrew are among the Hall of Famers being injured in All-Star Games.

How about something surprising? On opening day, few would've thought the Chicago White Sox or Cecil Fielder would've been doing so well. Baltimore reliever Gregg Olson was a good bet to do well, but not Atlanta rookie catcher Greg Olson — maybe they'll face each other.

Some New York-style commotion might fit in nicely. Already manager Davey Johnson of the Mets and Bucky Dent of the Yankees have been fired, and Yankees owner George Steinbrenner's meetings with Commissioner Fay Vincent have been the talk of every town.

"That is not baseball," Vincent reminded everyone this week, trying to keep the focus on the field.

And that's where it will be when the Americans, hoping for their first three-game winning streak since 1946-49, attempt to dent the Nationals' 37-22 edge.

At least for a day, off-the-field matters won't matter. No one will care about Jose Canseco getting \$23 million; the fans will only wonder whether he can get around on Rob Dibble's fastball.

There won't be any comment when Cal Ripken Jr. doesn't play every inning. Seeing Alan Trammell replace him at shortstop will be fine.

Of course, even at the All-Star break, there's bound to be trade talk — about the deals that were made and the ones that might be, like the hot Mike Marshall-to-the-Orioles rumor.

How interesting now that John Franco and Randy Myers are on the same team for one game and that Cleveland's Sandy Alomar Jr. will be facing his brother and former teammate, San Diego second baseman Roberto.

LSU freshman shuns pros, seeks degree instead

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Had he been so inclined, Shaquille O'Neal of San Antonio could have been counting his money now and thinking up ways to spend it.

Instead, he's sweating out the hottest part of the summer in an aging, stuffy fieldhouse just for the fun of it.

At 18, O'Neal is the nation's hottest pro basketball prospect. Although the Louisiana State center has only one year of college behind him, many think he would have been the first pick in last month's NBA draft.

But O'Neal insists he never gave the pros a second thought this year. And he's equally insistent about remaining at LSU for four years.

"Most players come out because their family has financial problems," said O'Neal, playing for the South at the U.S. Olympic Festival. "My family is doing real fine. We don't have any problems. So I want to stay in school and get my degree."

The pros have been drooling over O'Neal since he left high school. He's a remarkable physical specimen — 7-foot-1 and 285 pounds, powerful yet agile. Seconds after one of his thunderous, two-handed dunks, he's quick enough to be in position at the back of the press.

As a freshman, O'Neal was sixth

nationally in blocked shots (3.6), ninth in rebounds (12.0) and averaged 13.9 points a game while shooting 57.3 percent. He blocked 12 shots in one game and set a school record for blocked shots in a season with 115.

And the scary thing, says LSU coach Dale Brown, is that O'Neal is just scratching the surface.

"Shack's got unlimited ability," said Brown, coach of the South. "This may sound self-serving, but Shack has a wonderful talent, attitude and mentality. He's not the kind who's going to be a prima donna and stop."

For his part, O'Neal says he doesn't plan to stop.

"I'm the kind of player that gets better, not worse," he said. "If I keep working hard and keep practicing, the best will come later."

"I don't have any trouble working out on my own and pushing myself. I just say to myself 'I want to be the best. I want to sign the biggest NBA contract.' I just work on things I have to work on."

That work ethic comes from growing up in a military family. O'Neal's father is an Army drill ser-

geant and his word around the house is final.

"Back when I was 8, 9 and 10, growing up in Newark (N.J.), my father used to tell me not to do things and don't ask why," O'Neal said. "He'd say don't go to school and act like a clown."

"Sometimes, I'd go act like a clown because I wanted to make a girl laugh. If my father would come and catch me, he used to tear me up — spank me. He told me to do something and I didn't do it, so I got punished for it."

Pistons' Rodman lauds inmates at commencement

MILAN, Mich. (AP) — No robe. No pomp and no circumstance. Dennis Rodman came to the Milan Federal Prison dressed more for a pickup basketball game than a commencement speech.

But Rodman, the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year, had words for the 36 inmates receiving associate degrees and 21 inmates receiving bachelor degrees through Cleary College's Prison Extension Program.

"You can't quit," Rodman told the graduates, other inmates, Cleary

ball cap that bore the inscription, "Pistons Champs: Back to Back." Rodman talked a language that could be understood on the inside.

"There is no other world but this one, man, and there is a great world out there waiting for you. This world needs you, they don't need you six feet under," he said.

Rodman, a key to the Pistons second-straight NBA title last month, filled in at the prison for teammate William Bedford, who had a scheduling conflict. Rodman happily accepted the invitation.

"A lot of guys are afraid to come in here," he said. "Not me. I love it. I love talking to these guys. Hell, man, it could just as easily have been me in here."

"I'm just like you and you are just like me," Rodman told the inmates.

Seven years ago, Rodman spent two weeks in a Dallas jail for stealing 20 gold watches. It was 1983; Rodman was making \$3.50 an hour working the midnight shift at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. He was bored, frustrated and unhappy.

Because Rodman never sold the watches, and all were recovered, charges against him were dropped.

Rodman told inmates how he twice was thrown out of his house by his mother and how he lived on the Dallas streets for three and four months at a time. "Most of my old buddies from back home are either dead, in prison or running," he said.

He told the graduates that Milan didn't have to be the end of the world.

"This world needs you, they don't need you six feet under."

—Dennis Rodman, Detroit Piston star

College faculty and about 40 visitors and guests at the June 20 commencement.

"There is no place like the outside world. You have to realize that. You are lucky to have people here to help you and steer you in the right direction."

The 57 graduates were the most receiving post-secondary degrees at one time in the history of federal prisons, Dan Dunne, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C., said Tuesday.

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