Planet Emmitt

Cowboy's Smith takes to big screen promoting his line of Reebok shoes

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DALLAS - Coming soon to a movie theater near you: Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith and his new line of Reebok footwear.

Smith, winner of the last two NFL rushing titles, is featured in a commercial for Reebok's Preseason collection. The spot will be seen on 4,200 movie screens in more than 120 markets, Reebok officials said.

The shoe company is spending \$7 million to promote Smith and Chicago White Sox first baseman Frank Thomas in two separate black-and-white ads meant to give viewers the feel of being part of the action in a professional game.

"Things move so fast in this game. It seems like you never get to know people. Hi, I'm Emmitt. Nice to meet you," Smith says as he bowls through a defender.

Smith's commercial debuted last weekend at showings of The Last Action Hero, starring Schwarzenegger. Arnold Smith's ad will remain in the-

aters for three more weeks.

But it may be a while before
Smith gets to promote the shoes
on his main stage.

The defending Super Bowl champs haven't signed Smith for the upcoming season, though they need him more than ever now that quarterback Troy Aikman underwent back

surgery last weekend. Smith also is featured in the Reebok Preseason Workout Guide, a 12-page booklet developed for athletes and coaches preparing for outdoor team

Million dollar players - 'average Joe Tuesday, Jo

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HOUSTON - Imagine if you can go into the bank armed with an \$80,000 paycheck Not \$80,000 for the year, or even \$80,000 for the month. Try \$80,000 every two weeks.

For most, that's a bi-weekly figure too high to conceptualize. However, that's roughly what your favorite million-dollar baseball player hauls in twice a month.

Most people don't realize it, but ballplayers are paid just like the average Joe," said Chicago-based agent Barry Meister, who represents Mark Portugal, Xavier Hernandez, Juan Agosto and Tom Edens of the Astros.

The procedure is basically the same. It's just that the numbers are so much bigger. But the deductions are also a lot bigger.

Most major league teams offer players the option of having their salaries paid over a six-, nine -or 12-month period. Meister said most players opt for the six-month plan.

Take a player whose annual base salary is \$1 million. If he chooses to be paid over a sixmonth span, his bi-weekly checks will total \$83,000 and some change before deductions. Incentive clause bonuses are paid at the end

of the year in one lump sun.
"People would be surprised how normal

the financial life of a ballplayer is," Meister said. "They're concerned about the tax codes and paying bills just like everyone else is.

'I recently talked to a player who makes \$2 million a year and he was concerned because his washer and dryer just went out. Their concerns are just like ours, just on a larger scale."
Some players prefer to be paid by direct de-

posit, while others get their checks hand-delivered by the team's traveling secretary somewhere around the 1st and 15th of the month.

Trying to deposit a check that large tends to

turn a few heads at the bank. "I can remember going to the bank with a \$10,000 check and having the teller say 'What are you doing with that?," said former Astros relief ace Joe Sambito, who now works for Alan and Randy Hendricks' sports management firm. "I eventually explained it to them,

but they were a little hesitant to take it.' In addition to the large salaries players receive, major league rules require teams to give each player \$60 a day in per diem while the team is on the road. The per diem is considered taxable income.

There are even times when the ballclub will ick up the tab for a player who has been fined, but that isn't usually the case.

'When a player is fined, he usually just writes a check to the league office," said Tom"I recently talked to a playe who makes \$2 million a yes and he was concerned beca his washer and dryer just w

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my Tanzer, who represents Astros cent er Steve Finley. "And if a player gets su ed, a lot of teams refuse to pay him games he missed. The policy differs from

There was a time when deferred pa were popular, but new tax laws hav that practice almost nonexistent. W ferred payments, the player would a take less money up front for a greater over the long haul.

"You don't see as many deferred pay as you used to," Meister said. "The tax laws are now, it's just too difficult

compensation."

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Construction

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rooms, an archery/multipurpose room, two spas, a 50 meter swimming pool capable of housing an NCAA tournament, a large room for banquets and dances, and an indoor rock climbing structure. And that's just inside.

Outside, the complex will be home to four sand-pit volleyball areas, three basketball courts, and an outdoor activity area

Corrington explained the aim of the complex to be all-encompassing. He said that the focus of the new complex is to provide everyone with an opportunity to

vice, double-faulting to lose the

game after the umpire changed a

lineswoman's out call on a return

by Karbacher on the previous point. Karbacher held to 4-1 and

"My shot selection and inten-

sity at the right points were still a

little foreign to me at that stage,"

Agassi said. "I wasn't quite com-

fortable. I just wasn't feeling

bacher dug himself into trouble

with a double-fault to 0-30. Kar-

bacher made two errors off

strong backhand returns by

five straight games, dropping only four points in the last three games of the set.

back, I started getting in the com-

petition and really enjoying it,

and I knew from that stage on it

would only get better," Agassi

said. "In the beginning you're scared it will snowball, and

you're a little nervous he'll hit

some good serves at the right

time, and the next thing you

and Karbacher was dealing with

was a big problem, because I got

tired," said Karbacher. "Every-

thing is much harder when you

cannot breathe well. And then if

you play hard, you go, like, 'huh,

huh,' and you miss the next

Agassi was soon up two sets,

"At the end of the match it

know you're down two sets."

a lingering case of bronchitis.

"As soon as I got the break

Agassi completed his string of

After Agassi held again, Kar-

went on to take a 5-2 lead.

good yet."

Agassi

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participate in recreational sports, but as evidenced by the 15,000 square foot weight room, the emphasis is more on the serious workout participants.

"It will provide opportunities for sports and recreations," Corrington said. "In most facilities like this, there are about one million participants per year. Right now we're at about 300,000 so we hope to pick up substantial participation.'

Women's Athletic Director Lynn Hickey explained the need for such a complex and how it will be beneficial for all students.

"It's been needed for a long time," Hickey said. "It will be a benefit to the athletic department with the new natatorium and soc-

Sullivan

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no where to be found in any of-

fensive categories. The All Star

balloting in its present form is

Mark McGwire is on the dis-

The fans aren't the only peo-

ple to blame for all of this mess,

the league officials have made

their own mistakes. Their

biggest mistake is believing that

a team that brings in 10,000 fans

a game can compete with a team that sells out 60,000 nightly. It is

almost impossible for the Cleve-

land Indians to give ample sup-

cer fields. We're real excited." Deware Field House, current

but both Corrington and Hickey agree that the demolition is in the best interest of the student and the building itself. "How the current rec center has survived is beyond me," Hickey said. "You hate to see it

go, but with the new swimming and basketball facilities to be added, we're real happy about it." Corrington sees Deware's demolition as something that is needed, but he believes that the

move is due mostly in part to an architectural safety precaution. There are some real structural spectively.

port to their more than deserving outfielder Albert Belle. Yes,

other fans around the league can

vote for whomever they want, but when Dave Winfield is seen

by a sell out crowd nightly and

Belle and the Indians can barely

get a car load of fans to their

games it is easy to see who will

So what is the answer to all of this? The fans should not have

the final say in who starts the All Star game. It should run just like the NFL votes on its All Pro

team. The players and coaches

vote on each position and can

only vote for opponents players,

not their own. These are the

people that see each player day

Mark McGwire is on the dis-

loose out in the end.

abled list.

problems with Deware," (a ton said. "It would have come down at some time."

home of the existing facilities, is scheduled to be demolished after Corrington forecasts the new complex is completed, problem in accessing the na cility as parking will be acce records as to everyone, thereby ince the average participation dramatically.

"It will have easy accessabe fun to use," Corrington 'It's an open and dynamic ty. It's a very exciting but and we're looking forward opening.

The demolition of the standing Deware will also be companied by the Downs N rium. Both structures have cornerstones of the athletic and fraud dating back to 1924 and 3 days.

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Mark McGwire is on the abled list and the fans All balloting should be the ne go. Each year there are a players voted on to the All team that just don't deserve honor. It doesn't matter wh is, the fact remains that there better players out there at time and the fans are chea themselves out of the best b ball they could possibly The all star game is not a po larity contest. It is suppose honor those athletes that h

Fanatic

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But such sports-inspired street rumbles are not unique to Chicago. Earlier this month, hockey fans joined crowds outside Montreal's Forum for a rampage following the Canadiens' Stanley Cup victo-

ry over Los Angeles. Stores were trashed along with police cars, buses and subways. Some 115 people were arrested and 168 were injured, including 49 police officers. In February, a rally celebrating the Dallas Cowboys' Super Bowl

der arrest. Groups of youths among the crowd of 400,000 attacked bystanders. The past decade has seen similar disturbances in Detroit and San Francisco. While troubling,

victory left 18 injured and 26 un-

such incidents are not new. Fighting and vandalism associ-

ated with sports were common in the 19th century. Authorities in this country and Canada even banned boxing in many places because of violence that followed

The University of Missouri's Charles Korr, an expert on the social history of sports, recalls living near the baseball stadium in Philadelphia, watching angry fans reacting violently to an umpire's disputed call. "The biggest thing that's new

is the ability to instantaneously see the riot taking place in Mon-treal," Korr said. "People see that, and in their minds they say, 'We got to show them we are as happy as the people in Montreal about our victory."

Soccer hooliganism is rampant in Europe, where Dutch fans have even tossed bombs at each other. Korr said British police now use a sophisticated network of informers and computerized projections to determine where best to mar-

shal their forces each week "If you walk to a first div match, you'll see the police! the streets, at other matches see nobody," Korr said.
What motivates fans to

had outstanding seasons

those with the most endor

lence? Lapchick believes b part of a crowd gives some cense to misbehave. "It's a situation where p

act in ways they wouldn't day-to-day basis," he said." think that they can do on this ticular night something they do on another night." Bruce Kidd, a sports histo and political scientist at the

versity of Toronto, calls it a si tion of "permissive misrule."
"It's a moment of social lew ing," he said. "People say, "for guys won everything than at least the same of for a moment we can act

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