

Padres let go of talent, let down fans

The recent actions of the San Diego Padres have signaled a change from baseball's historical past.



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The story of dramatic change began when the San Diego ball club shipped off John Kruk to the Philadelphia Phillies.

Kruk has been a .290 hitter or better each of the past three seasons and has been a leader on that team over the same period. In this spring's expansion draft, the Padres continued to let talent go as they chose not to protect Benito Santiago, who was quickly acquired by the Florida Marlins. Then, out of nowhere, the Padres chose to deal both the home run champion and the National League's best hitter from last season.

Fred McGriff and Gary Sheffield were both dealt from the Padres to their respective teams, Atlanta and Florida, for lower minor league prospects who have not proven themselves. Both of these moves were done so that the club could lower its payroll significantly.

Monday night, the Padres continued to lower their payroll by trading Bruce Hurst and Greg Harris to the Colorado Rockies, again for minor league prospects. Hurst, who had won 14 games or more each of his last four seasons with the Padres, has been hurt this season, but has been activated and is ready to continue pitching. Harris had stabilized the Padres' pitching staff, throwing mostly in middle relief situations.

The Padres have made some wholesale changes, only to stockpile their team with raw, unproven talent from the minors. Fathom the Padres' lineup had they not traded their entire team over the past four years. McGriff at 1st, Roberto Alomar at 2nd, Tony Fernandez at Shortstop, Gary Sheffield at 3rd, Tony Gwynn, Joe Carter and John Kruk in the outfield, and Benito Santiago at Catcher. Not only that, their bench would have All-Star Bip Roberts and White Sox 2nd Baseman Joey Cora.

Oh well. I guess the Padres can only hope to win a gamble that has seen some of the National League's talent disappear from their own lineup. The only Padres who remain from four years ago are Andy Benes and Tony Gwynn.

The worst thing about all of these trades is the passing of an era in baseball. Years ago, when salaries were not as astronomically high as they are today, players would remain with one team throughout their entire career. With the exception of a few scattered blockbuster trades, Willie Mays-type players would never have been traded. Gary Sheffield, Fred McGriff and Kevin Mitchell are all examples of this kind of a trade being made in modern baseball.

The culprit of this fiasco is of course free-agency, but look at what it has done to the Pittsburgh Pirates, for example. Gone are Bonds, Bobby Bonilla, Doug Drabek, Jose Lind, Sid

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Just looking for a hit Wallace gets psyched for Raiders' season

By KEVIN LINDSTROM

The Battalion

AUSTIN — Aaron Wallace, linebacker for the Los Angeles Raiders who played at Texas A&M from 1986 to '89, is looking forward to this season as atonement for last year's failures.

Wallace is beginning his fourth year in the NFL. He is with the Raiders at the Dallas Cowboys training camp at Saint Edwards University in Austin.

Despite a minor groin pull suffered last Saturday in a scrimmage, Wallace said he is ready to start in the season opener against Green Bay.

"I haven't been able to go full speed yet, but I'll be starting against Green Bay," he said. "The preseason is always hard because everybody is going to be fighting for playing time and positions on both teams."

Wallace said the team is trying to re-

focus after a disappointing season last year.

"It was a slap in the face," he said. "It really woke us up."

Wallace said last year's failure resulted from overlooking teams and a low level of concentration.

"Everybody at this level is good and you have to come out to play every Sunday," he said. "We didn't do that last year. To be successful this year, we need to make less mental mistakes and be ready to play every game."

Wallace said he personally wants to play a more attacking style of defense.

"I hope we do more blitzes," he said. "I've only had four or five sacks the past couple of years because we haven't blitzed as much, but the coaches have been talking about opening things up a little."

Wallace said he needs to improve his level of concentration.

"I need to cut down on mental errors," he said.

With Joe Montana moving from San Francisco to the Kansas City Chiefs, Wallace and the Raiders will see him at least two times this year.

"I'm looking forward to playing Joe Montana," Wallace said. "That is going to be an interesting challenge."

Wallace played with Bo Jackson during the 1990 season, the same season Jackson suffered the hip injury that ended his football career and threatened his baseball career.

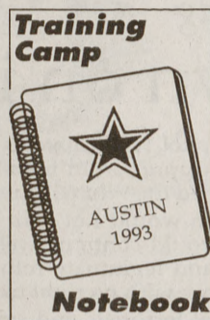
Wallace reflected on Jackson's success in recovering from the injury.

"I'm glad for Bo. He is such a great competitor," he said. "I've never seen

anyone who could run over a team the way he did."

"It's great that he is doing well in baseball, especially after that kind of injury," he said. "I just wish he was able to play football a little longer."

Jackson is currently the designated hitter for the American League West leading Chicago White Sox.



Notebook

Cowboys' tight end predicament darkens

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AUSTIN — The Dallas Cowboys tight end situation got even darker Tuesday when second-stringer Fallon Wacasey suffered a separated shoulder during practice against the Los Angeles Raiders.

Wacasey, a free agent from Tulsa, had replaced Alfredo Roberts who underwent surgery for a broken right foot received in Monday's scrimmage against the Raiders.

Roberts will be lost at least two months. No one's sure how long Wacasey, who originally was a sixth-round draft pick of the Cowboys two years ago, will be out.

The injury left free agent Jason Burleson of Texas and Todd Young of Penn State as the only other tight ends on the squad.

It made even more critical the Cowboys search for another tight end. "I wouldn't rule out a trade for a tight end," said Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson. "We're investigating a lot of areas. We were concerned about our depth and now we have Alfredo and Fallon out."

Celtics' Lewis dies after second collapse

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WALTHAM, Mass. — Reggie Lewis, the Boston Celtics star who collapsed during a playoff game this season from a heart ailment, died Tuesday night when stricken while shooting baskets in a light workout.

The 27-year-old captain fell to the gym floor late Tuesday afternoon at the team's practice facility at Brandeis University. There was no organized team practice.

Local paramedics found him in "complete cardiac arrest" and he was pronounced dead at 7:30 p.m. EDT at Waltham-We-

ston Hospital.

"We've lost a very treasured member of our family today," Celtics senior executive vice president Dave Gavitt said from the team's offices. "It's a time of incredible grief."

Gavitt called Lewis "a gentle, kind, wonderful, considerate guy who just had so much to give to the city of Boston."

Lewis went to Brandeis at about 4 p.m. He was admitted in critical condition at Waltham-Weston Hospital at 5:41 p.m., said Nick Dileo, the hospital's vice president of patient care services.

Amir Weiss, who was at the Brandeis gym, said Lewis was not doing anything too strenu-

ous. "When I looked over, Reggie was on the floor," he said. "We went over to look at him and he was gasping for air."

He said Lewis was limp and shaking and, after a few minutes, "he stopped breathing."

Deo Djossou, a senior on Northeastern's basketball team, said he spoke with Lewis on Sunday about plans to start working out with about 12 local college players.

Djossou said they were to begin practicing Monday, but the session was pushed back until 6 p.m. Tuesday because many players didn't have transportation. He said Lewis had been taken from Brandeis when the

players arrived.

Lewis, a first-round draft pick out of Northeastern in 1987 and Boston's top scorer the past two seasons, originally was diagnosed with a career-threatening heart disorder after he collapsed April 29 against Charlotte.

The 6-foot-7 swingman got a second opinion that he was suffering from a nerve ailment and might be able to resume his career.

Lewis, the Celtics' first-round draft pick in 1987 out of Northeastern, had not participated in any team practices since his collapse April 29 and was preparing for a pickup game Tuesday.

Less-popular sports get day in sun at Olympic Festival

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SAN ANTONIO — Figure skating and swimming are over. Basketball had the day off. Boxing, gymnastics, diving and track and field come later in the week.

Tuesday was for some of the smaller sports at the U.S. Olympic Festival. Sports like archery, rowing and speed skating, where the athletes perform with as much zeal as anyone else but just don't get noticed as much.

It was also a day of practice for the basketball teams. The North men and South women both concluded pool play undefeated Monday. The men will play the West for the gold Wednesday night and the women will meet the East.

"I think the North team is physically the best team in the festival," West men's coach Kelvin Sampson of Washington State said Monday night after losing 117-102 to the North.

"Thank God we have practice Tuesday. At least we'll be able to work on some things. If we come back and win on Wednesday, nobody will remember this game."

The North, behind Roney Eford of Marquette, overcame an early deficit to win Monday's game. Eford scored 22 points and had nine rebounds, while North Carolina recruit Jeff McInnis had 19 points.

The North trimmed an 11-point first quarter deficit to three by the end of the period, then surged ahead to lead by nine at halftime. The North led by as many as 20 in the second half. Now it will seek its first festival gold medal since 1985.

"I expect a whole different game on Wednesday," said North coach Pete Gillen of Xavier.

The East women should have an idea of what to expect from the South's Crystal Robinson. The forward from Southeastern Oklahoma State scored 17 points in Monday's 85-63 victory over the East and is the tournament's leading scorer with 17.6 per game.

The South also forced a festival-high 32 turnovers, scoring 34 points off those mistakes.

"We had good defensive pressure, and our post defense was much better," South coach Amy Ruley of North Dakota State said. "Any advantages will be neutral-

ized (Wednesday) because we both have a day to recover."

The South is the defending festival champion and has won six gold medals.

Wednesday is the first day of the diving competition, which has its usual strong field. The 48 divers on hand qualified for the festival by finishing in the top four on the 1-meter springboard, the top 10 on the 3-meter springboard or the top 10 on the platform at the National Indoor Championships.

Seven former Olympians are in the lineup, led by 1992 3-meter gold medalist Mark Lenzi. That list includes Phoebe Mills, who was a gymnast at the 1988 Olympics.

The 1-meter is making its festival debut.

Scoreboard

National League		American League	
San Diego	8	New York	5
Philadelphia	10	Toronto	6
Montreal	8	Chicago	7
New York	4	Milwaukee	3
Houston	6	Texas	1
Atlanta	(late)	Seattle	10
		California	15
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