

Brawling, trash-talking is 'Little League' problem

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Boys will be boys. Or in the case of Major League Baseball and the National Basketball Association, boys will be no-brained, million-dollar goons.

In the last six weeks or so, basketball and baseball have come to resemble boxing than any other sport. Brawls by the Bulls and Knicks, Hawks and Heat and about every other inside pitch in baseball have focused the sport's spotlight on fighting, and more specifically, why there are so many fights.

Players and coaches say they have to play aggressively to be competitive. Derrick Harper, the ex-Dallas Maverick guard (now playing for the New York Knicks), was recently suspended for two games fighting in the Chicago series.

He recently told Randy Galloway of the Dallas Morning News in a radio interview that he was sorry if he hurt his team, but that he "has to be tough" and that he "would never back down."

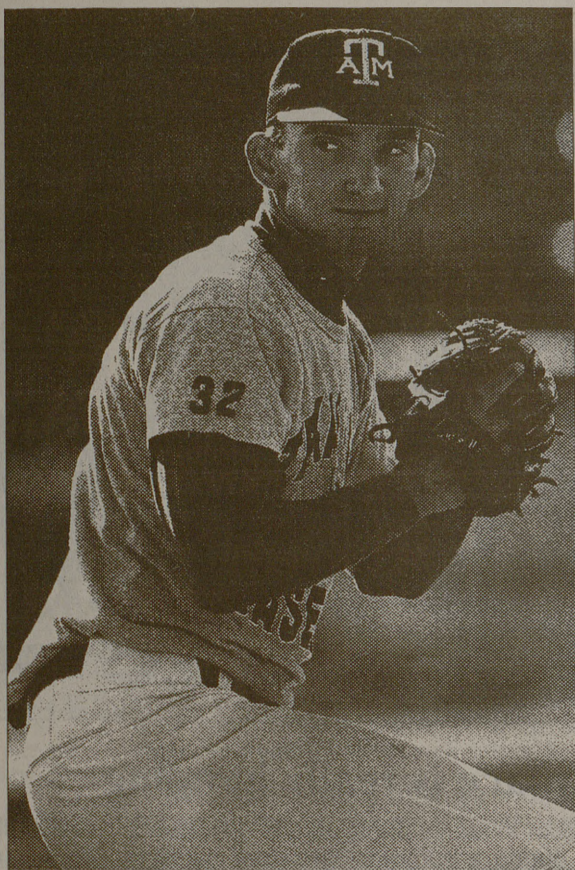
Many fans and media-types argue that penalties are not strict enough, and thus encourage bench-clearing brawls. Sports Illustrated said basketball and baseball should follow hockey's example.

In the National Hockey League, if a player leaves the bench to participate in a brawl, he is automatically suspended. If players were penalized for leaving the bench, Sports Illustrated argues, there would be less fights.

However, there is another explanation as to why players want to throw down so often, and it is probably the one closest to the real reason there are so many fights: trash-talking.

The art of trash-talking is as old as sports, itself. It ranges from 8-year-olds telling each other that, "My daddy can beat up your daddy,"

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File photo/THE BATTALION

Kelly Wunsch made baseball history by striking out five batters in an inning for the Beloit Brewers.

Aggie pitchers make major mark

Former A&M hurlers Wunsch bound for Hall of Fame, Granger making Royal entrance

By Joshua G. Arterbury
THE BATTALION

Some might think it is a long way from Olsen Field to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, but for one former Texas A&M pitcher it's just a throw away. Well, maybe a few curveballs away.

Kelly Wunsch is now an honorary member of the Hall of Fame, receiving the honor after he struck out five Springfield Sultan's in one inning during a Beloit Brewers baseball game on April 15.

He is the first starter and the third pitcher in recorded history to strike out five batters with only three possible outs. Two of the strikeout victims reached first base on wild pitches.

Wunsch seemed confident in his pitching, but hesitant about the honor.

"I had my good stuff that day, and I was on a roll," Wunsch said. "But The Hall of Fame? I said, 'You have got to be kidding me.' The first thing I did was call home to tell my parents."

Beloit Brewers broadcaster Brett Dolan notified the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York of Wunsch's accomplishment.

The officials in Cooperstown immediately requisitioned Wunsch's cap, an 8x10 photograph and an autographed ball to be put on display in the Hall of Fame for the next three years.

Brian Parker, a pitcher for Texas A&M who played with Wunsch during his stint as an Aggie pitcher, said he wasn't surprised by the remarkable feat.

"I'm not shocked at all," Parker said. "I'm sure it was pretty tough to do, but Kelly's got a nasty curve ball that's almost unhittable."

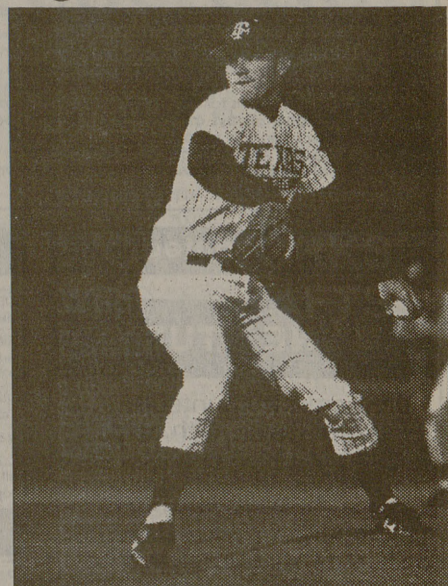
"It wouldn't surprise me if he threw three in the dirt that fooled every hitter, he's got that kind of stuff."

The Milwaukee Brewers, impressed by his career at Texas A&M, chose Wunsch in the first round of the 1993 draft.

Wunsch went 7-2 with a 4.45 ERA for the Aggies in 1993. He also recorded 110 strikeouts in 87 innings, second only to Jeff Granger.

The former A&M standout is currently pitching for the Brewers' Class A affiliate of the Midwest League.

Wunsch is 2-2 with a 5.04 ERA in five appearances with the Brewers, and leads the team with 31 strikeouts



File photo/THE BATTALION

Jeff Granger has played on Kansas City's minor and major league teams.

in 25 innings. A&M head baseball coach Mark Johnson was pleased to hear about Kelly's honor. "I think it's wonderful that Kelly Please see Pitchers/Page 4

Clubs build winning traditions with 'non-traditional' sports

Non-scholarship A&M teams notch national achievements

By Brian Coats
THE BATTALION

Although they do not receive as much publicity as football or basketball, several Texas A&M sport club teams consistently have done well at national competitions.

Underfunded and virtually unpublicized, club team athletes strive to be the best in their chosen sport.

Consider some recent achievements:

- The women's handball team and women's polo team are national champions.
- The men's lacrosse team has lost only three games in five years. They were undefeated this year.
- The men's soccer team finished third at nationals, losing to Brigham Young University 3-1 in the semifinals.
- The women's gymnastics team finished fourth at nationals, the cycling team 17th and the weightlifting team fifth.

Sean Gilligan, the treasurer and a "midge" on the lacrosse team, said the team is successful because the players truly love the sport.

"We had a bunch of players come in about four years ago who made an impact because they work hard," he said. "It is all based on desire."

Kyle Greenwood, a polo team athlete, echoed Gilligan's belief that many club sports at A&M are successful because all the players love to play.

"Everyone wants to win," he said. "We spend a lot of time practicing."

Club sports are unique in that supporters can become participants. All the clubs encourage participation, from the beginner, just wanting to learn more, to those with more advanced abilities.

Gilligan said the lacrosse team encourages everyone to come out.

"We practice Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.," he said. "If someone wants to come watch or play, we would love to have them."

Besides desire and love of the game, another common theme running through many of the clubs is funding, or more specifically the lack of it.

"More money would help," Gilligan said.

Most clubs charge dues to help support expenses incurred from travel and competition. These range from \$5 for badminton to \$250 for polo. The average is about \$30, according to the Department of Recreational Sports.

Paula Opal, an assistant director for recreational sports, said although most of the clubs complain about lack of funding, they do receive support from student services fees. She said this help is generally

enough to get a team to and from competition, as well as a place to stay.

"The University chips in for normal competition...a team has to fund-raise if they want to travel to nationals," she said.

Opal said the major fund-raising teams are soccer, lacrosse and rugby.

With so much success, can A&M students and fans expect any of the club sports to become NCAA-supported scholarship sports? Probably not, Opal said.

"I don't see any sports being picked up," she said. "Most of the club sports are non-traditional to Texas. If we were in the Midwest or Northeast, it might be different. The fact is football, basketball and baseball pay the bills."

Opal said if anyone is interested in playing, supporting or watching club sport teams, they should come by or call the Department of Recreational Sports.

"I know the clubs would love the support," she said.

DANCE

Beginning Country & Western Dance
Mon. June 6, 13, 20, 27
6-7:15pm
Mon. July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1
6-7:15pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Ballroom Dance
Tues. July 5, 12, 19, 26
6-7:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Jitterbug
Wed. June 8, 15, 22, 29
6-7:15pm
Wed. July 6, 13(7:30), 20, 27, Aug 3
6-7:15pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Bellydance
Mon. June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18
7-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

MUSIC

Beginning Guitar
Mon. June 6 - Aug 1
7-8:30pm
Tues. June 14 - Aug 2
7-8:30pm
Wed. June 8 - July 27
7-8:30pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Drum Training
Wed. June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13
7-8:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Intermediate Guitar
Tues. June 14 - Aug 2
8:30-10pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Voice Training
Mon. July 18, 25, Aug 1
6-8:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

POTTERY

Beginning Pottery Wheel Throwing
M/W, June 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22
5:30-7:30pm
M/W, June 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22
7:45-9:45pm
T/Th, June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23
5:30-7:30pm
T/Th, June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23
7:45-9:45pm
Sat. June 18, 25, July 9, 16
9-12noon
M/W, July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
5:30-7:30pm
M/W, July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
7:45-9:45pm
T/Th, July 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21
5:30-7:30pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

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International Wines
Tues. June 7, 14, 21, 28
7-8:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Wines of America
Tues. July 5, 12, 19, 26
7-8:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Bike Maintenance
Tues. June 7, 14, 21, 28
7:30-9:30pm
Tues. July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2
7:30-9:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Diamond Buying
Wed. June 15, 22, 29
7:45-8:45pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Billiards
Sat. July 9, 16, 23, 30
2-4pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Spiritualism
Thurs. June 30 - Aug 4
7:30-9:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Basics of Investing
Tues. July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug 2
7:30-9pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Beginning Sewing
Mon. June 13 - July 25
6-9pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Pablo Picasso Style Print Making
Tues. July 5, 12, 19
6-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Cake Decorating
Mon. June 6, 13, 20, 27
6-9pm
Mon. July 11, 18, 25, Aug 2
6-9pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Photography
Thurs. June 9, 16, 23, 30
6-9pm
Mon. July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

B&W Darkroom
Tues. June 14, 21, 28
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Video Camera Methods and Techniques
Thurs. July 7, 14, 21, 28
7-9pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

LANGUAGES

Chinese
T/Th, June 14 - July 21
6:30-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

English as a 2nd Language (ESL)
M/W, June 13 - Aug 3
6:30-8pm
\$50/student \$55/nonstudent

French
T/Th, June 14 - July 21
6:30-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

German
M/W, June 13 - July 25
6:30-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Italian
M/W, June 13 - July 25
6:30-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Japanese
M/W, June 13 - July 25
6:30-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Russian
T/Th, June 14 - July 21
6:30-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Spanish I
M/W, June 6 - July 18
6:30-8pm
T/Th, June 14 - July 21
6:30-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Spanish II
T/Th, June 14 - July 21
8-9:30pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Sign Language
T/Th, June 7 - July 7
6-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Sign Language for Children
Wed. June 8 - July 27
5:30-6:30pm
\$35 class fee

COMPUTERS

Intro to Macintosh
Mon. June 13
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Mon. July 11
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Pagemaker 5.0
T/Th, July 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
7-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Microsoft WORD
T/Th, June 14, 16, 21, 23
7-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

SELF HELP

Personal, Family & Home Protection
Thurs. June 16, 23
6-8pm
Thurs. July 14, 21
6-8pm
\$10/student \$15/nonstudent

Self Defense
Tues. June 7, 14, 21, 28
6:45-8:45pm
Tues. July 5, 12, 19, 26
6:45-8:45pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Public Speaking
Mon. July 11, 18, 25
6-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Intro to LAW
Thurs. June 23 - July 28
6-8pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

CPR
M/W, June 6, 8
6-10pm
M/W, June 27, 29
6-10pm
M/W, July 25, 27
6-10pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

Stress Management
T/Th, June 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
6:30-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

First Aid
M/W, June 13, 15, 20, 22
7-9pm
M/W, July 11, 13, 18, 20
7-9pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

ARTS/CRAFTS

Painting I
Thurs. June 9, 16, 23, 30
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Painting II
Thurs. July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug 4
6-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Special Topics for Drawing & Painting
Mon. June 6, 13, 20, 27
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Drawing I
Tues. June 7, 14, 21, 28
6-8pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Drawing II
Tues. July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug 2
6-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Drawing for Kids
Wed. June 8, 15, 22, 29
6-8pm
\$35 class fee

Watercolor
Wed. July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 3
6-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Calligraphy
Thurs. June 9 - July 21
7-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Matting & Framing
Wed. June 15, 22, 29
6:30-8:30pm
Thurs. July 14, 21, 28
6:30-8:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Etched Glass
Tues. June 21
6-9pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent

Stained Glass
Thurs. June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7
6-9pm
Wed. July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 3
6-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Leaded Glass
Tues. July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug 2
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

WOODWORKS

Woodworking I
Mon. June 6, 13, 20, 27
6-8pm
Tues. July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2
6-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Woodworking II
Wed. July 13, 20, 27, Aug 3
6-8pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Indian Bow Making
Tues. June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5
6-9pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent