

Baseball has a new mediator for the strike

DAVE WINDER



Sports Editor

David, you're probably wondering why we selected you to be the official mediator for the Major League Baseball strike.

(We might be arguing over some stupid things, but even we're not dumb enough to get Clinton involved in this thing.)

"Yes, Mr. Fehr, it has crossed my mind."

(Maybe they'll tell me what animal parts actually make up a hot dog wiener.)

"Well, Mr. Ravitch and I were both impressed with the way you handled similar situations in the past. Especially the time you were able to negotiate a truce between the Derrick the Bully and the Robinson twins back in the 4th grade. An excellent piece of work, Mr. Winder."

(If I keep buttering him up like this, he'll give everything to us and leave the owners high and dry.)

"Thank you very much, you know that was a lot harder than it looked. Derrick just wouldn't budge on his ear thumping agenda."

(If he keeps trying to butter me up like this, I'm going to give everything to the owners and leave the players high and dry.)

"Which is why we called you here, David. We just don't think the owners are going to budge."

(A lot of the players are starting to gripe because they haven't seen a paycheck since early July.)

"David, we owners may look like multi-millionaires on paper, but we are actually as poor as the common man. We don't make large profits. In fact, most of us don't even break even. That's why we need a salary cap so we can institute revenue sharing throughout the league."

(David, we know this whole thing is our fault, but you have got

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Pullig praised, but unproven

Play in Cotton Bowl could show what is to come

By Stewart Doreen
THE BATTALION

Two seasons, two Cotton Bowl appearances. Since becoming a starter, his record is 17-3. Reading those kind of quarterbacking credentials, one would tend to think Corey Pullig is on his way to being mentioned among the all-time A&M greats. But as he enters his junior year, Pullig is still looking to prove himself, while his coaches are praising his accomplishments and his work ethic for the season ahead.

"I think he's not gotten the credit he deserves at this point for what he's done," head coach R.C. Slocum said. "Last year, as a sophomore, he led us to a 10-win season, an undefeated record in the conference and he had a good performance in the Cotton Bowl. Right now, he's had a heck of a career already at Texas A&M, and he's only halfway through it, and that's exciting."

Slocum's enthusiasm is shared by the Aggies' new offensive coordinator, Steve Ensminger. Ensminger, formerly the offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at the University of Georgia, is new to the A&M scene, but is quick to credit Pullig for picking up the system.

"He has a strong arm, is very intelligent, is getting really good at reading defenses and right now, he's throwing the ball where he ought to be throwing it," Ensminger said. "He has enough talent to do whatever he wants to do. The worst thing he can do is not set his goals high enough. I think he can be an outstanding quarterback at this level."

Pullig hopes he can fulfill the leadership needs that have been left behind by the graduating seniors. He brings with him the experience that comes with two Cotton Bowl appearances, the first of which, he admits, he was not ready for.

"Back then, I thought I was ready," Pullig said. "A lot of the offensive linemen took me in and nursed me along when I was wet behind the ears. The team is now looking to me as a leader because I've got more experience than some of the other guys do."

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Junior starting quarterback Corey Pullig gets ready for the upcoming season during A&M fall practice.

Lady Aggie hoops adds new coach

Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M women's basketball team added some championship experience to its coaching staff Monday when Angela Taylor was hired as a women's basketball assistant coach.

Taylor served as an assistant coach at the University of Arizona last season after graduating from Stanford University in 1993.

In her four year career as a guard with the Stanford Cardinals, Taylor's teams won two national championships and appeared in the Final Four three times, while winning four straight Pac-10 conference titles.

Taylor made the Cardinal squad as a walk-on in her freshman year and proceeded to earn a scholarship and the title of Best Defensive Player three years in a row.

During Taylor's time at Stanford, the team compiled a 114-16 record.

Head women's basketball coach Candi Harvey said Taylor's knowledge of both the coaching and playing aspects of the game will make her a valuable member of the Lady Aggies' staff.

"Angela represents the bright future of women's basketball," Harvey said. "She has had the opportunity to get invaluable experience as a coach and has had great experiences as a player. She will no doubt be a great addition to our staff."

Aggie Fact

In the last five NFL drafts, Texas A&M leads the Southwest Conference with 32 players drafted. The University of Texas is second, with 20.

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