

SPORTS BRIEFS

Eight players join 12th Man tradition

Baseball Hall of Famer receives liver transplant

DALLAS (AP) — Mickey Mantle early this morning underwent a liver transplant that doctors said was needed to save his life, hospital officials said.

A liver donor was found late Wednesday and once tests showed it was compatible with the 63-year-old Hall of Famer, surgery began around 4 a.m., said Jennifer Jones, a spokeswoman at Baylor University Medical Center.

Mantle's liver has been deteriorating because of a small malignant tumor, years of alcohol abuse and a long dormant hepatitis C infection, doctors said.

Marlins record first-ever series win against Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Greg Colbrunn hit a three-run homer in the first inning and John Burkett ended a four-game losing streak with six strong innings, leading Florida to a 8-3 victory Wednesday and the Marlins' first series win ever over the Astros.

Burkett (4-5) didn't allow a base runner until he walked Craig Biggio to start the fourth inning and after Dave Magadan hit into a double play, Jeff Bagwell got the first hit, a solo homer over the left field fence.

UT fans upset at lack of tickets for Notre Dame

AUSTIN (AP) — A limited number of tickets provided to Texas for the Longhorns' game at Notre Dame this September has some school faithful upset about who will get to go to the game.

Notre Dame is providing 5,000 tickets to UT, and there is at least three times as many Longhorns' supporters trying to get tickets. The game is Sept. 23 at South Bend, Ind., and most of the seats provided to UT are in the end zone.

A policy developed by the athletic department and approved by school administrators gives priority to those alumni who have contributed the most money to the Longhorn Foundation over the past year.

A number of people have called into radio shows complaining that the policy caters to the wealthiest alumni and ignores longtime supporters who have given smaller amounts.



File Photo

The 1995 12th Man Kickoff Team is comprised of eight walk-ons. The Aggies' kickoff squad has not given up a touchdown since 1990.

The squad was chosen from a field of 160 this spring.

By Lee Wright
THE BATTALION

On the final day of Texas A&M's spring football practice, eight players learned they would be returning to the team for the fall.

They were not high school blue-chippers courted by several schools across the country.

In fact, the players were not even guaranteed the chance of playing more than once or twice a year.

So, why were these eight men so thrilled to make the cut?

They had just become members of the 1995 A&M 12th Man Kickoff Team.

The 1995 Texas A&M 12th Man players are: Kip Amedo, Garret Carrey, Spencer Earl, Thomas Little, James Muniz, Ben Puig, Shawn Reynolds and Jeff Rogers.

The Kickoff Team was started in 1993 by former A&M head coach Jackie Sherrill, who used an group of walk-ons as the kickoff coverage team. That year they allowed opponents only 13.1 yards per return.

In 1990, head coach R.C. Slocum changed the team so that one walk-on player represented the entire squad. In the five seasons since the change, the Aggies are yet to give up a kickoff return for a touchdown.

Amedo said part of the thrill is not knowing when a Kickoff Team player will go into a game.

"I don't know which game or which actual kickoff I will have the opportunity to play in," Amedo said. "As far as I know, the process is totally random, unless the coaches have a special list of our kickoff duties. But we don't know which game or games we will have the opportunity to play in."

The eight 12th Man players began early in the semester as walk-on prospects for the football team. In a walk-on class of approximately 160 men, the athletes were tested in such categories as the 40-yard dash time, the vertical leap and the 20-yard shuttle.

After the initial cut before spring break, approximately 20 walk-ons were left. Fifteen tried out for the 12th Man team.

The coaches began to test these athletes on their overall ability to play football. On the last day of spring training practice, eight players learned they were chosen.

Rockets shock Magic in OT thriller

Olajuwon's tip-in puts the Rockets up 1-0 in the NBA Finals.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Once the Houston Rockets got to overtime, their experience and Hakeem Olajuwon were all they needed.

Olajuwon's tip-in of Clyde Drexler's miss with three-tenths of a second remaining in overtime Wednesday night lifted Houston to a 120-118 victory over the Orlando Magic in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

Olajuwon had four of Houston's 10 points in overtime and finished with 31, winning the first round against Shaquille O'Neal, who had 26 points and 16 rebounds and nearly won the game for his young team.

But the Magic's Nick Anderson missed four free throws in the last 10 seconds of regulation, allowing the Rockets to send the game into overtime.

The Rockets won for the sixth straight time on the road in the playoffs, tying a playoff record.

That mark tied the 1991 Chicago Bulls. The Rockets also tied a record for total

playoff road wins with eight, the same number won by the 1981 Houston team.

Robert Horry, who blocked Dennis Scott's 3-point attempt at the buzzer in regulation, hit two 3-pointers to start the overtime and a hook shot by Olajuwon gave the Rockets a 118-115 lead.

After a timeout, Scott in-bounded to O'Neal, who got the ball back to Scott, and his 3-pointer from the left side tied it with 5.5 seconds to play.

Following another timeout, Drexler took the inbounds from Horry, drove hard to the bas-

ket and put up an off-balance layup that Olajuwon tipped in off the glass with three-tenths of a second remaining.

Brian Shaw in-bounded from mid-court and threw the ball off the backboard as time expired.

With its high score and frenetic pace, the game was nothing like last year's grind-it-out Game 1, in which the Rockets grappled their way to an 85-78 win over the Knicks. In that series, neither team ever hit 100 points, the first time in NBA history that has happened.

Violence blurs sports, life

SHELLY HALL

GUEST COLUMNIST



"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."

Apparently, someone told all the nursery school children who learned this simple rhyme.

Words definitely hurt some players on the baseball scene a couple of weeks ago.

By now, most of the sports world has heard about the skirmish between minor league baseball teams the Durham (North Carolina) Bulls and Wilmington (Virginia) War Hawks.

As usual, words were changed, a batter changed the mound, everyone punched and a mass of injured bodies was left grace the "field of dreams."

The plea, "Stop the violence!" has been heard over the news, often with sports figures preaching the message.

The publicized theme of the ballpark that night "Stop domestic violence."

Stopping domestic violence could be quite a challenge when athletic models assume that society's rules don't apply to them.

Sure, these players completely get away with their offenses. They receive the appropriate fines sports executives like place on offenders.

But a ballpark, where the smell of fresh popcorn fills the air and the sight of

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Student Parking Garage Information

This year students are not required to renew their parking garage privileges. PTTS will be automatically renewing students who meet the following requirements:

- * are enrolled in Fall '95 classes no later than July 1, 1995
- * are on the housing list no later than July 1, 1995

Fees will be charged the first week of September.

Fall Parking Permit News:

Students who are not enrolled and/or are not on the housing list by July 1, 1995 will be dropped from their parking garage assignment and access card deactivated on August 20, 1995. Student parking permits and bus passes purchased for the fall of 1995 are valid through May 31, 1996. Students who preregister for parking permits and bus passes before July 1, 1995, will receive them in the mail on or around August 10. Please verify your address with the Fiscal Department.

The price of parking permits has changed from what is listed in the registration booklets due to the approval of price changes made by the Board of Regents. The new prices listed below will be effective Fall '95.

Option Code	Types of Permits and Prices	
10	Commuter Student.....	\$75
30	Resident Student.....	\$75
09	Night Permit.....	\$35
12	Motorcycle/Moped.....	\$35
	Summer Permit (Effective Summer '96).....	\$55
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Lot).....	\$100
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Number Space).....	\$200
	Garage Roof.....	\$180
	Garage (Inside).....	\$240
	Garage (Priority).....	\$270
	Zachry Basement.....	\$270
15	Bus Pass.....	\$110*

*Students may obtain a free night permit if a bus pass is purchased.

Summer Parking Permit News:

Option Code	Cost of Summer Parking Permits:	
15	Bus Pass.....	\$55
32	Summer Student Parking.....	\$20
12	Motorcycle/Moped.....	\$11.72
09	Night Parking.....	\$15

*Parking permits and bus passes purchased for the summer are valid through August 27, 1995. Summer permits are non-refundable. Bus passes are non-refundable in Summer Term II. During Summer Term I, the bus pass refund is \$27.50.

Visitor Garage Parking:

Visitor Parking per Hour.....\$.60 Visitor Parking per Day.....\$4.80
*This will be effective in the 1995 Fall Term.

PARKING NEWS:

June 5 - 9 The university Center and South Side Parking Garages will be reserved for the 4-H Roundup. PTTS encourages all permit holders to park in their designated lots.

The north side of PA 63 (Olsen Field) will be under construction until June 16, 1995, for lighting renovations. The on-campus bus stops will be temporarily moved to the south side of the lot.

BUS NEWS:

There will not be a Yell Practice or Twelfth Man bus route during the summer. Rudder, Fish Camp and Old Army will continue to run during the summer but at a reduced amount of buses.

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