

At a GLANCE

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sandberg to return to baseball in 1996

Ryne Sandberg, who will become a free agent, is expected to announce his decision later this week, two sources told the AP.

Sandberg was placed on the voluntarily retired list by the Cubs on June 13, 1994, after his sudden retirement from the Cubs at age 34. But the 10-time All-Star, considered one of the best all-around second basemen in the game's history, will return next season at 36.

Sheffield wounded in attempted robbery

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Gary Sheffield was shot during an attempted robbery Monday night when the Florida Marlins outfielder stopped at a traffic light on the way to pick up his child.

Sheffield was wounded — not seriously — in the upper left shoulder, said Marlins spokesman Chuck Poole. Sheffield is to be released from a hospital tonight.

"Gary still had the window up," Poole said. "... apparently he turned away just as the gun went off."

Sheffield's mother and his agent spoke to Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski by telephone.

Sheffield is under contract with the Marlins through 1997. He was sidelined from June 10 to Sept. 1 with torn ligaments in his right thumb.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

NFL

Vikings 14, Bears 6

NHL

Colorado 6, Dallas 1
Winnipeg 3, Detroit 2
Vancouver 4, San Jose 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

A&M Volleyball

Tonight the Lady Aggies will host the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks at 7 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Aggie Soccer

The Aggie Soccer Team will leave begin play in the Southwest Conference Tournament on Thursday in Dallas. The Aggies are the No. 2 seed.

SWC Football

Saturday: Texas Tech at Texas SMU at TCU
Baylor at Miami

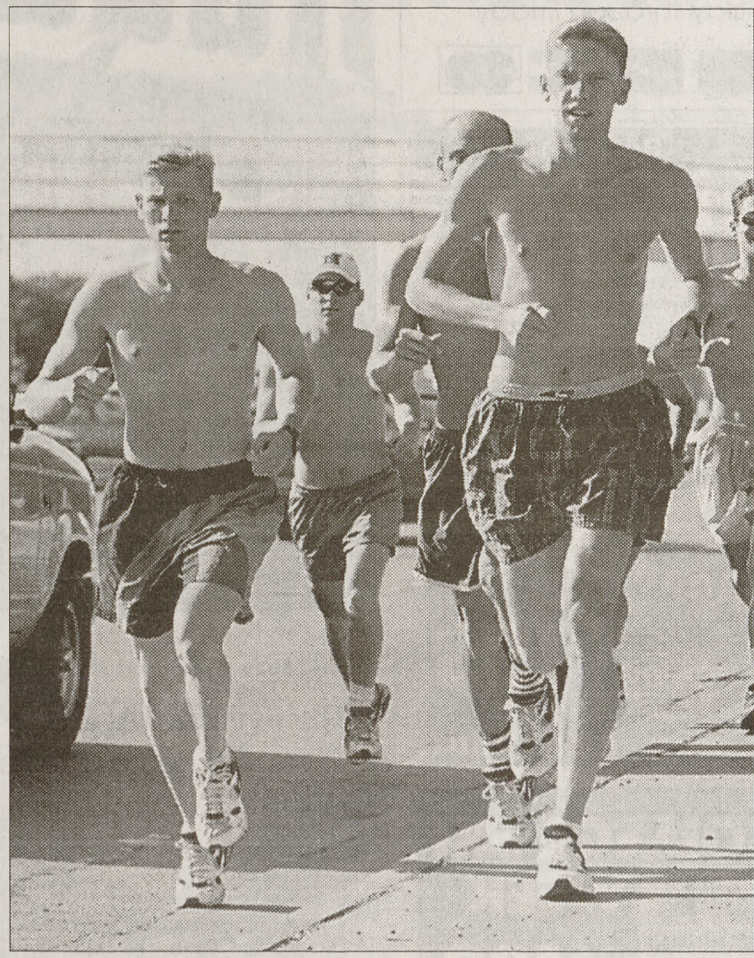
Heavyweight Boxing

Saturday: Evander Holyfield vs. Riddick Bowe
Mike Tyson vs. Buster Mathis, Jr.

NFL Football

Sunday: Oilers at Browns
Monday: Eagles at Cowboys

Priest takes first in SWC Championship



Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

Matt Priest (right) leads the A&M Cross Country Team down Wellborn Ave. Priest took first place in the SWC Championships Monday.

The senior harrier led the Aggies to a second-place finish Monday.

Staff and Wire Reports

Senior Matt Priest became the first Aggie to win the individual title since John Heffner 1966 Monday at the Southwest Conference Cross Country Championships held at Waco.

Priest's time of 24-minutes and 37 seconds was the fastest winning time at the SWC meet since 1990.

"It's quite an honor to be the first Aggie to win this race since 1966," Priest said. "Winning the SWC was one of the goals I set for myself this year. I didn't think I had it won until I crossed the finish line. I didn't know how far back Brian (Keim) was, so I was running scared the whole way. Things really started to come together in the last two weeks of workouts and, today was the strongest I've ever felt in my life."

Priest trailed Southern Methodist University's Duncan Cragg for the first part of the 5-mile race but burst into the lead at the midway point and cruised ahead of runner-up Baylor's Brian Keim who finished in 24:56.

Last year, Priest finished fourth and went on to qualify for the NCAA Championships, but he wanted this year to be different.

"Last year, it came down to

four people over the last half-mile, and I got beat," Priest said. "I didn't want that to happen again. This is definitely a positive way for me to end my SWC career. Now I want to get ready for regionals, qualify again for nationals and make All-American."

Priest's finish contributed to the A&M men's second place finish with 50 points. SMU won the meet with 38 points. This 12-point margin was the closest that A&M has come to winning the title since the team last won the title in 1962.

"I can't say enough about how our guys ran today," A&M Head Coach Greg Hinze said. "We were picked to finish fourth in the preseason and third earlier this week. We had the meet won at the midpoint, but that's why you run five miles. Everybody gave it all they had and as a coach that's all you can ask."

Hinze was honored as the SWC men's coach of the year.

Junior Brian Piper finished ninth (25:42) and joined Priest on the All-SWC squad, while freshman Scott Lengefeld placed 11th (25:47).

On the women's side of things, senior Shannon Etchberger finished fourth in the with a time of 17:55, earning All-SWC honors and leading the Lady Aggies to a fourth-place team finish with 90 points.

SMU's Katie Swords won the title for the second straight year to lead the Lady Mustangs to the title with their runners tak-

ing the top three places.

"I knew I had to get out early and keep the leaders in sight," Etchberger said. "I was aware of the people behind me and I knew they would be coming hard. I told myself to not let them get close. I kept thinking about it being my last SWC race. As a team, we ran with some confidence and just missed getting third by a few points. This is a young team so we were happy with how they ran."

Senior Cecille Sangalang finished 14th (18:37) and sophomore Kari Wyatt took 21st (19:01).

Freshman Amy Stanberry, who was the team's No. 2 runner for most of the fall, pulled out of the race because of a stress fracture in her foot suffered two weeks ago.

"We have had to take it easy with Amy the last couple of weeks and it showed today," Hinze said. "This course is too tough to expect to run well on after not training. Our other women really stepped up. No one expected Kari Wyatt to finish in the top 20, the Sangalangs ran as well as they have all year and our freshman, Kjirsten Diltz, ran very well. We're looking forward to the district meet and hopefully we can get some people qualified for nationals."

The NCAA District VI meet will be Nov. 11 at Texas A&M University Golf Course and the Championships will be held in Ames, Iowa, on Nov. 20.

Former A&M standout makes living in majors

Scott Livingstone has played for Detroit and San Diego.

By Kristina Buffin
THE BATTALION

He came, he played and then he went to the Chickens.

Former Aggie baseball player Scott Livingstone returned to College Station on Saturday to take in an Aggie football game, play in the 1995 Texas A&M baseball Old-Timer's game and then participated in a favorite Aggie pastime.

Livingstone, who now plays for the San Diego Padres, returned to Olsen Field along with many other former players for a game in which the maroon faced off against the white.

"I started playing at these alumni games three years ago with Chuck (Knoblauch)," Livingstone said. "The field is in great shape, and it is good to be playing here again, we always have a great time at these games. Once an Aggie, always an Aggie."

Livingstone was recruited by A&M out of Lake Highlands High School in Dallas in 1984, where he earned All-American accolades.

"He was pretty visible high school player," A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson said. "He has the magic. He hits well and is definitely a great player. When he was signed, we were surprised that he did not play right away. He was an All-American and he worked hard."

Despite his reknown at the

school these days, Livingstone almost made, what is considered one of the biggest sins to an Aggie, he almost chose to attend the University of Texas.

"Texas had the better opportunities," Livingstone said. "But I had a better relationship with A&M and they were more up front about everything."

In his career at A&M, Livingstone hit .343, had 50 home runs and drove in 228 runs, 33 of which won the game for the Aggies.

"He is an outstanding player," Johnson said. "He was a starter, an All-American, and played professionally for the USA Baseball team in his junior year. He is a top kind of player."

Helping the USA team win the silver medal in the Pan American Games in the summer of 1987 was not all that Livingstone accomplished in his junior year. He was named Southwest Conference Player of the Year while leading the team with a .403 batting average.

Livingstone was first drafted out of high school by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 6th round, however he decided to come to A&M first. After his junior year he moved up and was drafted in the third round by the Oakland Athletics.

Despite all of these transactions, Livingstone played out his senior year at A&M and is now involved in the Padre organization.

"I'm trying to do my best," Livingstone said. "I'm excited about playing for an up and coming team. Hopefully, I won't be able to come to the (Alumni) game next year because we will be playing in the

World Series."

This season, Livingstone hit .337 when San Diego put him in the lineup primarily as a pinch hitter.

"When he started at third base hit consistently hit .300," Johnson said. "He has been an absolute hitter. As a pinch hitter, he hit .270 which is phenomenal."

Despite his efforts, Livingstone has not had his big break yet. In December 1994, in the Padres' blockbuster trade with the Houston Astros, one of the players swapped was Ken Caminiti.

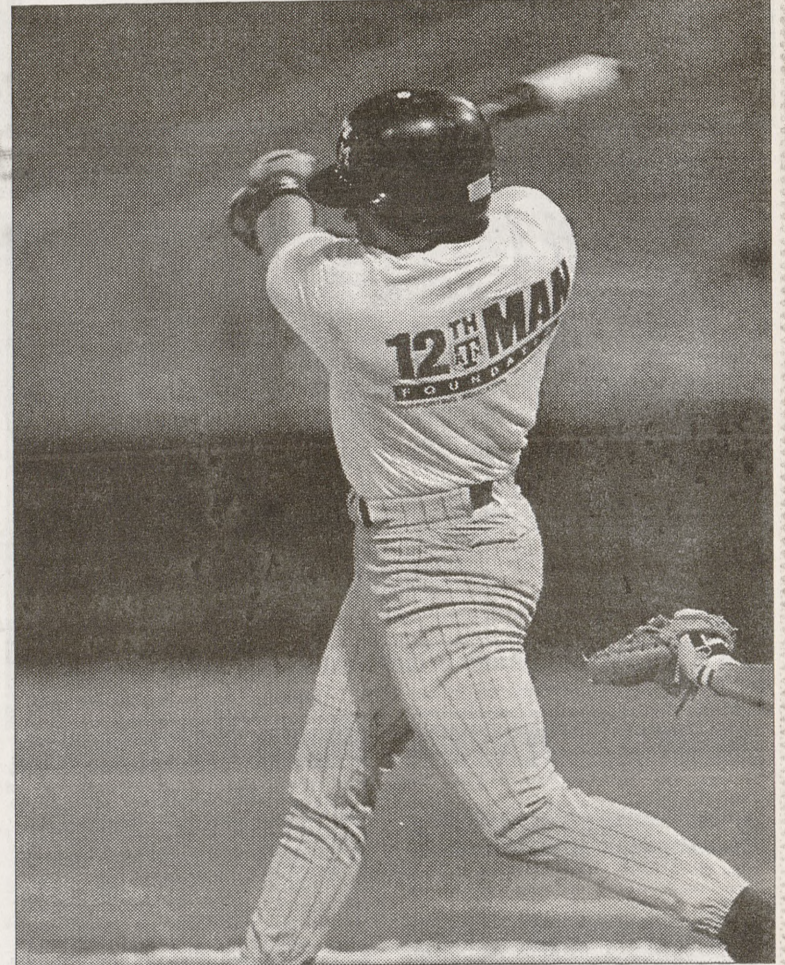
Because Caminiti came in as the starting third baseman, Livingstone has not had a chance to gain any kind of hitting consistency.

"He hasn't had the opportunity to show his stuff yet," Johnson said. "He has been in the wrong place at the wrong time. He can hit .300 consistently if he is left in as a starter. He has just not caught a break yet. Every time he plays, he has played well."

At Saturday's game, several players from teams of the 1990s — including Chad Alexander, Robert Harris and Billy Harlan — also played.

Livingstone said that he is happy to offer any advice to players that are trying to make their break into the big leagues.

"They (the younger players) feel that it's kind of hard for them to talk to a big leaguer," Livingstone said. "I like to talk to and see the younger players and tell them that it is all about opportunities, breaks and whether or not you work hard."



Evan Zimmerman, THE BATTALION

Former A&M third-baseman Scott Livingstone takes his cut at the plate during Saturday's Old-Timer's game at Olsen Field.

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