

Ricky Williams article draws fire

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — John Ed Bradley has been bombarded with threatening and obscene phone calls since Sports Illustrated published his critical article about Saints running back Ricky Williams this month.

"I've made sure not to say anything negative about the writer because I just knew him for two days, and I actually got along with him pretty well," Williams said Wednesday. "I really wasn't in the mood to do the interview and maybe that's why he had a hard time."

to despoil a popular figure. This writer has a history of this and enjoys humiliating sports figures." He noted an article Bradley wrote about history of Saints coach Mike Ditka in which Ditka also criticized New Orleans.

never had the mother of a professional athlete call me like that." Williams said he never discussed the article with his mother. "My mother is her own person and if that's what she saw fit to do, that's her business," Williams said.

Williams said he was sorry to hear anyone giving Bradley a hard time. The calls poured in after Bradley's phone number, along with his letter asking Williams to meet agent, Leland Hardy, for an interview with Williams, showed up on the Internet. Williams and Hardy both said they had no idea how that happened.

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Both brothers want their twins to do well, yet at the same time their competitive spirits make winning the top priority. For three games and close to a dozen meetings, the Gremminger twins will be less than two feet apart — Jesse at bat, Jason catching. It is then that the questions will be answered.

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the first time in his life and battling against injury. So when Jesse accepted a scholarship at the University of Kansas, it was little surprise to those who knew that Jason decided to leave baseball in favor of life at Texas A&M.

Meanwhile Jesse's numbers took a dip with the Jayhawks. Batting .279, he has had five doubles, two homers and 22 RBI.

"I've made a name for myself," Jason said. "That's how we wanted it, to be thought of as different — not just put together as a pair. It's always been the Gremmingers. It's never been just me or just him."

After nine months apart, the Gremminger twins will face the scrutiny all over again on Friday night. Who's better? Jason would say he is. So would Jesse. The question that matters is who will be better this weekend?

Yet a summer away from the game soon change his mind, and in the fall of 1999, Jason earned his own position in the Big 12 as a walk-on for the Aggies.

"I've had some good, decent years in college," Jason's struggled," Jesse said. "Now he's been rejuvenated at A&M."

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