

Baseball bloopers top spring action

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Major League Baseball players are making big news already and the spring training games haven't even drawn to a close. This year it isn't news about players arguing with coaches over salaries or playing time, but it's about sexual harassment and foul ball injuries.

NEW YORK METS' PITCHER David Cone has been in the spotlight for allegedly forcing two women to watch him masturbate. This supposedly happened in the bullpen and in a motel room. All of this comes during a season when the Mets should have a stacked offense and an untouchable pitching staff. Maybe Cone misunderstood the hype which said the only way the Mets won't win the National East is if they beat themselves.

ANGELS' PITCHER MATT KEOUGH and Pirates' All-Star Barry Bonds received hospital treatment for

getting struck in the head with batted balls. Keough was hit with a foul line drive and Bonds was smacked in the right eye during batting practice. So much for the warning "Heads up!!!"

THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES are

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enjoying one of their best Grapefruit League seasons ever. This may not be a good sign for the regular season though. The Orioles started spring 4-0, before losing to the Phillies. This may have been a blessing because the last time Baltimore was 5-0 in the spring, they lost 100 games that year. There is no way that will happen to this year's Oriole club, because they will get 18 easy wins by just playing the Indians.

THE NCAA TOURNAMENT featured a classic confrontation, when top-seeded

Duke faced off against the Fighting Camels of Campbell in the first round. Many people believed that the winner of this game was going to win the tournament. I believe this would have been Campbell's first national championship.

THE QUOTE OF THE ISSUE goes to TNT announcer Hubie Brown for his comment during the Lakers-Blazers game. The Lakers had found out hours earlier that James Worthy would be lost for the rest of the year due to knee surgery. This would come at a time when they were playing with an out-of-shape Vlade Divac, and without Sam Perkins. Brown said "If Sedale Threatt should go down, there may be a shutout here tonight."

LET ME "GIV" YA A TRIVIA. Who invented the seventh inning stretch?

IRAN BARKLEY RECENTLY DEFEATED THOMAS HEARNS in a 12-round boxing match. The headlines read "Barkley defeats Hearns," and I thought Sir Charles had finally found a sport where he

couldn't act like the true jerk he is, but he wouldn't fit into the boxing mold because he hasn't raped anyone. Yet.

THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE decided to put an end to the instant replay for next season. However, I think they are still reviewing it up in the booth.

WAYNE GRETZKY IS THIRD in the NHL in points, but is minus 12 in the plus/minus department. Similarly, Brett Hull is the leading goal scorer and is at minus 2. So, is the best offense a good defense?

ANSWER TO THE TRIVIA QUESTION. President Taft once attended a baseball game during his term in office, and stood up in the seventh inning of the game to stretch. Everyone in the stands also stood up, in respect for the president, and it steamrolled from there.

UNTIL NEXT ISSUE...May your favorite NBA basketball team get the first lottery pick.

Dugout Doodles

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Extra Inning: 7

The following are the original locations and the nicknames of the teams in parenthesis from the March 2 contest:

1. Boston Braves (Atlanta Braves)
2. St. Louis Browns (Baltimore Orioles)
3. Atlanta Flames (Calgary Flames)
4. Brooklyn Dodgers (Los Angeles Dodgers)
5. Washington Nationals (Minnesota Twins)
6. Kansas City Scouts (New Jersey Devils)
7. Philadelphia Athletics (Oakland Athletics)
8. Cincinnati Royals (Sacramento Kings)
9. New York Giants (San Francisco Giants)

The winners of the March 2 contest were Sean Donnelly, who is working on his master's in ENG EPC, and Ed Kovler. The 1991 Score rookie baseball and football sets will be given away as prizes. The first winner to claim his prize gets first choice.



Photo by Karen Putt

Lion hurler Darren Rissmiller delivers a pitch, as first baseman James Truhe awaits a putout during Wednesday's game at nationally ranked Elizabethtown.

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Gallaudet earns split with Lions

MAR. 21 - A tired and flat Lion squad exploded midway through the first game for a 12-1 victory, but wasted a chance for a sweep in D.C. with a 7-5 loss in the second game.

In the opener, the Lions used five back-to-back hits in the fourth to break open a scoreless tie. James Truhe (1-2), Lapinas (2-3), Buddy Dodson (2-3 with 5 RBI's), Jeff Phelps (2-4) and Kory Shope (2-4 with 2 RBI's) singled and scored consecutively in the fourth to give the Lions a 5-0 lead.

The Lions also scored three times in the fifth, and four times in the seventh for the win. Lapinas went the distance, giving up no earned runs and improved his record

to 2-0 in game one.

The Lions picked up a 4-0 lead in the third inning of game two after singles by Mark Ginther and Mick Michalik, and a double by Kirk Smith.

The Bisons fought back, scoring four times in their half of the inning to tie the score. The Bisons scored twice more in the fifth and once in the sixth for a 7-4 lead.

The Lions tried to stage a comeback in the seventh, when Truhe singled home Adams to pull within two. However, the Bisons took the air out of the Lions' tires and held on for the win.

Todd Hall and Smith, who each had two RBIs, and Gallagher (2-4) were the Lion standouts in game two.

Nationally ranked Blue Jays beat Lions

MAR. 25 - The Lions played their best game to date against 17th ranked

Elizabethtown, but could get no offense in a 4-0 loss.

The Lions' bats could manage only four hits in the nine inning affair, but their pitching held the Blue Jays in check.

Crafty righthander Rissmiller cruised until he allowed the first Jay's hit in the fourth, which eventually scored on an obstruction call. He ran into trouble in the fifth, but only gave up four hits in five innings.

The Blue Jays scored twice in the fifth, after three consecutive singles, and pushed an unearned run across in the sixth to end the scoring.

McDonald relieved in the sixth, surrendering one hit in two innings of work. Lapinas rounded out the pitching repitroire and did not allow a hit in the final two innings.

Lisbinski, Adams, Rissmiller and Phelps had the only hits for the Lions.