

Skammer went 30-2 at Villanova

Steve Skammer, a former three-sport standout at Dallas High School has recently completed his career at Villanova University as a member of the Wildcats baseball squad.

Skammer, a four-year letter winner at Villanova and a hard throwing left-handed pitcher, recently established a new Villanova career pitching record for most wins in a career. Skammer pitched Villanova to a 5-2 victory over Richmond in a recent ECAC South playoff game, Villanova's first post-season tournament victory in over 20

years, and established a new Wildcat career pitching mark with his impressive 21-8-1 record. Skammer had an outstanding senior season at Villanova, leading the Wildcats' pitching staff in almost every statistical category. Starting in 10 games, Skammer completed seven games and rolled up an impressive 8-3 record. Pitching 78 2-3 innings, he struck out 63, allowed 76 hits and compiled an impressive 3.77 ERA.

Villanova completed the 1981 spring season with a solid 20-12 overall record and earned its

second consecutive post-season appearance in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) South playoffs.

While attending Dallas high school, Steve earned three varsity letters in each baseball, basketball and football, and earned All-League honors in all three sports. Pitching for Dallas baseball coach Gerry Stinson, Skammer rolled up an outstanding 30-2 pitching record.

Majoring in accounting at Villanova, Steve is one of two children of William and Mary Ann Skammer of Dallas.



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Williams wins contest

Chet Williams, 156 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas, took first place in the Susquehanna River Bassmasters tournament held recently at Lake Wallenpaupack, with six fish weighing in at 10 pound, 12 oz. Sixteen anglers from the local club took 28 bass with a total weight of 461 pounds, all of which were returned to the lake alive.

Bassmasters local chapter competed May 15 at Raystown Lake and out of a field of 220 anglers Williams, and Barry Brunges of Trucksville, finished in 27th and 28th place. Also competing were Mac Brunges, Gerald Carlson, Mike Sell and Tom Stancik.

Williams also finished a respectable fourth in the District VII Open Tournament of the state Bass Federation May 24 at Lake Wallenpaupack.



Chet Williams

WILKES-BARRE FATS

Majors pays a call

by Lee L. Richards
What a surprise I received Tuesday afternoon. I picked up the phone and the voice on the other end sounded quite familiar. He said, "What's going on up in Wilkes-Barre? Are you going to be free tonight?" I finally figured out who it was. None other than Coach John Majors of Tennessee.

He was calling from Philly where he was inducted into the Pop Warner Hall of Fame the night before. He was touring around the country doing promotional work for the Tea Falls and physical fitness.

Coach Majors was concerned about my Dad's health. I told him he was coming along just fine.

So it was up to the airport and a little reunion of sorts since I hadn't been with John since 1979 when the Vols did a number on the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. I wasn't at all happy when he sent several of his assistant coaches packing. While I let him know I wasn't pleased, I've still never found out the real issues involved.

Meanwhile, Coach Majors visited with my family for a spell before we ventured up to Tony Perugini's On South Main Street for some goodies. We were joined by Chris Kirias, a Pitt grad and former member of the Panther grid team. Chris was a real worker for Coach Majors when he first came to Pitt. He and I more or less handled this end of the state in lining up recruiting visits.

During dinner we did some reminiscing about his early days at Pitt.

"It was a span in my life that will always remain very close to me," said Majors. "Those first couple of years were the toughest. I still feel the turning point came in 1975 when we defeated Notre Dame in Pittsburgh. We were over the hump and people sorta knew Pitt football was back. The 1976 season was a once in a life time thing. Teams ranked ahead of us in the polls got beat and we kept on winning. That team was a great group of young men."

The last time John was in Wilkes-Barre was for the St. Patrick festivities in March of 1976. He sure did woo a lot of folks over that night.

"That was without a doubt one of the most enjoyable times I've ever had at a speaking engagement. The people couldn't do enough for me. I'd felt like I knew most of them all my life. I'd sure like to come back for that affair again," Majors said beaming.

Last football season Coach Majors' Vols played against Georgia

which some felt was the national champion. I'm not one of them. He also clashed with USC, Alabama and Pitt. He dropped a one-pointer to Georgia, bowed by two to USC, was handled by Alabama and throttled by Pitt.

He said, "No question Pitt had the best personnel we faced. The guy who triggered them was (QB Rick) Trocano. He added a new dimension with his ability to scramble. Georgia was in the right place at the right time. Especially against Notre Dame which had too many mental errors."

Coach Majors is really into tennis. He's not that avid about golf anymore. I kidded him about getting stiff shafted clubs several years ago when I noticed them in his office at UT. He admitted that his scores haven't been as consistent since he's been swinging the new sticks.

John Majors is still the bundle of enthusiasm that I first met back in 1973 when he took over the reins at Pitt. Things haven't been a bed of roses at UT. He took the Vols to one bowl but he hasn't whipped 'Bama and his won-loss record is little over .500. His first two games in September are on the road at Georgia and USC. That's a tough nut to crack. I'll guarantee you the Bulldogs better be ready for a rock'em-sock'em contest, cause John T. has a way of getting his people ready.

Coach Majors emphasized several times during the evening how delighted he was that the members of the UNICO Club was going to honor my Dad.

"Luke was a heckuva coach. I've run across people all over Pennsylvania that knew him and had nothing but the highest regard for his coaching ability. I'm just sorry I'll be overseas or I'd have been here that

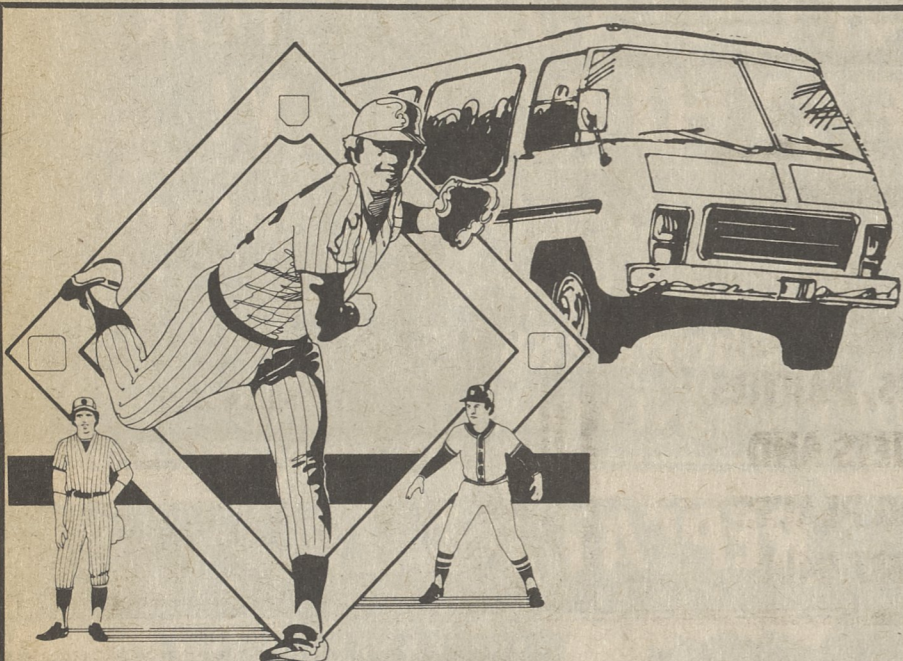
day," said Majors.

It was good getting back together again just talking about our families and football and the good times. While I might not agree with John's reasons for sacking my friends, he's still got a way about him that you gotta respect and like.

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Jimmy Smith has two ducats for the U.S. Open Golf tourney next week and I'd liked to have gone myself but I'll be busy with helping the UNICO crew prepare for the East-West All Star game...Miss Connie Jones has been doing some picture taking for me of some of the All-Stars. She's a Wyoming Sem grad and is quite talented...Russ Stone still keeping the Tuesday night loop running smoothly at Irem Temple Country Club.

Already Lake-Lehman grid fans are quizzing about new Coach Mike Lowery. I heard Mike handled himself very smartly in front of the athletic committee. He's an aggressive guy. I can't really take into consideration what he did at Bishop Hoban simply because he received little support and nobody has been able to win in the roundball and swimming oriented school. He'll have to direct his attention to the lower grades to build up some interest. He'll have very little experience personnel returning to work with, too. It's going to take time.

What a round of golf Ed "Fuzzy" Rome carded last week at Fox Hill in a pro-am. Irem team of Pro Barry Feis, Rome, Mark Gashunas and Bob Bachman won team title, but Rome's record-tying 67 was the talk of the day. Ed, a former Dallas athlete, told me he could have shot two or three shots better if a few more of his putts fell.



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Jennings letters

Blair Jennings of Dallas earned his first varsity letter with the men's tennis team at Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, Pa.

A freshman economics major, Jennings is the son of Mrs. Louise Moore of 67 Grandview Ave., Dallas, and Roger Jennings of Atlanta, Ga., and a graduate of Wyoming Seminary Day School.

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