

Spring training provides fix for baseball junkies

If this isn't the best time of the year for a sports nut, it's pretty close. In addition to the NCAA championships there is baseball spring training. For a baseball fan there is no better place to be than in Florida in the spring.

Spring training is a throwback to an earlier time. Unlike pro football, where training camp is deadly serious and determines whether or not a player is going to have a job, baseball has a more laid-back attitude.

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There's really no reason why those players have to take six weeks to get in shape, no matter how many banquets they attended over the winter.

Why spring training?

So why do it? Simple. It's fun. You go out a couple of times a day and hit fungoes, play catch, run around the outfield and tell the latest Yogi Berra stories.

Example: Yogi and a player are driving to the ball park. After a time the player realizes they are lost. "Yogi, I think we're lost." "Yeah," says Yogi, "but we're making good time, aren't we?"

One of the many charms of spring training is the games are played in ball parks. You remember what a ball park is, don't you? There are still a few left in the major leagues. Wrigley Field, Fenway Park, Yankee Stadium.

But they are dying out. They have been replaced by things called "multi-purpose stadiums." That's someplace where they play football, baseball, croquet, and, saddest of all, soccer.

In Florida the parks are built for the sole purpose of watching baseball, which of course, has always been a very good reason for building a park. The fans are close to the action, not spectators watching a city council meeting.

But ultimately, spring training is for the fans. If you're sitting in a bar in Boston, drinking your third Blatz of the afternoon, (honest, they really drink that stuff in Boston) and you're really tired of reading about the Bruins, news for Winter Haven is a reminder April is almost here.

And, as the world knows, for Red Sox fans April is the month to look forward to. After that it becomes increasingly bleak.

Fortunate Floridians

The fans in Florida are among the more fortunate people in this world. For the month of March anyway. For most of them it's the only chance they have all year to see a major league game. And, for some of them, it's a chance to recall long-ago days in Brooklyn or New York and remember once again the greatness of Jackie Robinson or Joe DiMaggio.

In addition, the old retired types who make up the majority of people who watch the games will possibly be the only ones who get to see any games at all.

That is because of the possible May 29 players strike. Players and management have been sniping at each other for years over the free agent clause—the ability of a player to play out his contract and sign with another team for big bucks.

Shot-putter...

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To do his best, Staub said, he has not only had to overcome injuries but also his size. At 6-0, 220 pounds, he is used to being one of the smaller competitors but he said he has never felt intimidated.

"I love to beat the big guys," he said. "At nationals the other guys are always bigger and stronger. When I'm able to beat them it's really something I enjoy."

Besides his shot put accomplishments, Staub also has competed in the discus and in Olympic weightlifting. He said he may throw the discus for the Huskers during the outdoor season, but it will be a secondary event.

Weightlifting career over

Although Staub uses weightlifting as part of his training program, he said he no longer competes in the sport because of injuries. During his weightlifting career he re-

The issue is whether the team that loses the star should be compensated either with money or with another player.

Negotiations postponed

One year the owners locked the players out of spring camp. Last year a strike was averted when players and management decided to postpone negotiations for a year.

It's too bad because the Chicago White Sox were in first place at the time.

But now the strategy is to name a strike date during the season when it would affect the owners the most. Right in their gate receipts.

So while baseball junkies may get an initial fix of the national pastime, the sports page could be void of box scores in early June until something is settled.

So, cheer up America. Spring training is here. Opening day can't be far behind. In the unforgettable words of Augie Donatelli, "Play Ball!"

corded personal bests of 330 in the snatch and 386 in the clean and jerk.

Staub said he would like to be a strength coach on the collegiate level some day. The physical education major said that after graduation he'd like to stay at Nebraska as a graduate assistant, but he has "no immediate knowledge of where I'll go for sure."

For now, Staub is concentrating on the outdoor season. He said he can throw 66-0 outdoors. The qualifying standard for the NCAA Outdoor Championships is 60-0 and, he said, "I can probably throw that in my sleep."

Staub is ready to move on to outdoor competition, but he said he enjoys his indoor success.

"I'm pretty pleased with nationals," he said. "I just happened to do my best and it worked out real neat. The Lord has really given me a gift, and I'm just glad I'm able to use it."

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personals

Hey 19! Here's to Target, Dec. 8, Chris S., Christmas Prom, Prom, and one year and three months full of happiness. Happy Birthday one day late! Love, Diane

THERESA F. The contest we've been having has been MILES of fun, but win or lose, you're still a great little sis and friend! Your Physically Fit Big Brother, D.A.

Bill, Have fun in Arkansas. Bring me back a present! I'll see you the 29th! Kim

Joan, Knock em dead in the Miss Nebraska pageant this weekend. I know you'll do great. Your roomie and coz, Kristen

Manual Monza, Take good care of your passenger while my mega-tanned operator neglects me in the country club parking lot I'll miss you half as much as he misses her and that's a lot! See you soon, Blue Camaro

Ann, How can I keep my foreign language fresh in my mind after I stop taking the class? Tongue-tied

Bird It will be nice to get away for a while, but I'm really going to miss you. In 282 days we won't have this problem any more. Love you! Babe

Linda, Happy 19th Birthday! Don't take any wooden nickels, okee dokee Partner. Grab

CANDI SCHULTZ Good luck in the Miss Nebraska pageant this weekend. We're all behind you. Love, Phi Mu Sisters

Baby Lisa E. You're not an orphan! Have a great vacation! Love, Cohnhead

Everyone wish Jerome Langel a Happy One-niner Belated Birthday. CK

MOOSE, I hope that the two weeks we are apart, will strengthen our feelings for each other. Love, Garfield

KRIS CROMWELL— I'm sure you won't be around on your BIRTHDAY but may it be The Best Thing anyway. Hope your spring break is GREAT! Guess Who

ATTENTION, Anyone seeing a brown "Meat Wagon" heading south of the border, BEWARE! They are headed for the sand, sun & surf, but most important—the ULTIMATE margarita recipe! Have fun guys! Adios

Happy 22nd Birthday Sheri Love, Dave P.S. Look in your trunk!

TJB, You, Friendship, Smiles, Caring, Sharing, Walking, Talking, TEE HEE & YEEEE! It's all part of something that's made me very happy, guess that's the chance I took when I got to know a weirdo.

Matt Man ELLIS (Child Beater) We've been taking your physical abuse for months now. Beware, we seek revenge. Have a Happy 21st B-Day. The Kids

Chipmunk, Deer and Beagle: Have a good spring break. Get fired up for The Imperials. Turtle

Preptorial Hope you have a happy birthday in Padre and don't get too wild with your fiance-Booze Don't come back if you aren't bringing us some men.

Kim K.F. Happy 19th Birthday! Have a good one! (in your bahamas) Kim K.K.