

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

Answering The Mail: Ed Musial, who saw Coastal Plain League action for the Fayetteville Cubs in 1946, was indeed Stan's brother. He never made it to the Majors, but in our circuit proved outstanding.

He came to bat 317 times in 91 games, and connected for 106 baseknocks. They included 15 doubles, 7 triples, and 5 homers. His .334 batting average put him in a tie with Greenville's Ray Carlson for fourth in the standings.

Incidentally, the loop's top hitter that season was New Bern's Vern (Moose) Shetler, who clouted the ball at a .362 clip. Vern swung for the fences, and his 146 hits included 20 homers, 11 triples and 31 doubles.

Getting back to Ed Musial, he was one of two Coastal League performers who failed to reach the heights attained by famous older brothers. Kinston's Joe Greenberg, brother of Hank,

was the other unfortunate lad. It wasn't a case of being overlooked. Major league scouts kept close tab on the Coastal Plain, and more than 25 of its players graduated to the Big Show. Ed and Joe simply didn't have what Stan and Hank had.

Nowhere is fame more fleeting than in the world of sports. George Allen, heap big chief of the Washington Redskins, can testify to that. Hardly the most personable guy around, he was nonetheless widely acclaimed until recent weeks.

Losing to Miami in the Super Bowl changed that. Once hailed as a man who could work miracles with aged gridders, he has witnessed drastic dwindling of his popularity with scribes, commentators, and fans.

To further increase Allen's insomnia, various members of his coaching staff have seen fit to resign. It is doubtful that this would have occurred if the Redskins had trounced the Dolphins in the game of games.

Long ago, in baseball, someone started the saying that "One day they yell for you to take off your cap, and the next day they yell for you to take off your uniform." In short, sports fans are a fickle lot.

Ironically, denunciation isn't restricted to well paid pro athletes. Some of the loudest jeers are hurled at hapless amateurs.

Garden Time

Gypsy, Medallion Rose Selections Described

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Last week we announced the All-America Rose Selections for 1973 and described one, ELECTRON. This week we will give attention to the other two, GYPSY and MEDALLION.

GYPSY seems to fill all the requirements for a red rose. It is a gleaming, brilliant scarlet and compounds this asset with a beautifully classic shape of bud and flower and as an extra bonus, adds a delightful, light, spicy fragrance.

This variety comes from a long line of famous ancestors whose outstanding qualities seem to have combined to create this intensely glowing variety. In fact, Gypsy has an ancestry of six All-America winners and is the first hybrid tea, in the red shades, to win an AARS award since Mr. Lincoln in 1965. The pollen parent was Comanche from which it inherits its strong growth and the orange infusion intensifying its scarlet coloration.

The plant is described as being broad, compact and sturdy. The long stems support a constant supply of large, five-inch, fully double, fiery scarlet blooms.

MEDALLION is a distinctive winner and is reported to have "the largest blooms" of any variety ever to receive an AARS award. With seven to eight inch blossoms, it equals or exceeds in size flowers of Peace, South Seas and First Prize. The fragrance is mild, fruity and pleasing, making all three of the 1973 winners fragrant -- an asset that will be welcomed by rose lovers everywhere.

The huge blooms are formed by up to 35 petals of apricot pink or buff. The color is very delicate and will vary in intensity with the seasons and geographical location in which grown.

The plant of Medallion is very vigorous, attaining a height of from four

to six feet, depending upon the area in which grown, and the management plan. It is well branched, producing many 12 to 18 inch stems ideal for cutting.

As many as 45 roses have been counted on an individual plant at one time. The light green foliage is dense, attractive and has good disease resistance.

The parents of Medallion are South Seas x King's Ransom. No doubt the huge flower size comes from South Seas and the underlying golden sheen of the bloom is inherited from King's Ransom.

If you wish to try these 1973 winners, let me know and I will send you the address of a source of supply; if you cannot obtain plants from local suppliers.

EVALUATE PLANTS

In selecting shrubs and trees for homeplantings, North Carolina State University specialists suggest that you consider the year-around effects, not just a single feature such as the flower, fruit or autumn color. Know the ultimate height, growth habits, form, texture, rate of growth and cultural requirement.

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