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It's Official—Martin Twins' Pilot

By DAVE MONA
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Billy Martin was named manager of the 1969 Minnesota Twins Friday ending speculation which began in May when Martin left his coaching position on the Twins to manage the Denver Bears.

There was no little surprise in yesterday's announcement that Twins' president Calvin Griffith never actually announced that Martin was the new manager.

He just congratulated Martin and wished him good luck.

"You people here in the news media certainly helped the decision," Griffith said. "I'd never seen such a campaign in my life about one personality. I say personality because Billy is a personality. He's one of the better known men in baseball, and I feel that under Billy's guidance and leadership we can produce a winning team.

"I feel that Billy has the ability to be another Casey Stengel. Of course, my brother Billy (Robertson) says that Billy's either going to be the greatest manager in baseball or the worst."

Martin, 40, was wearing a snappy new brown suit and a smile befitting his new position.

"My wife started practicing the 'Star Spangled Banner,'" he said in reference to Mrs. Red Schoendienst's singing the National Anthem before the final World Series game.

Martin signed a one-year contract later yesterday afternoon.

"That's all the longer my contract is," Griffith said. Griffith refused to announce Martin's salary, but both agreed it was "more than Billy expected."

Griffith said a coaching staff would be named after next week's expansion draft meetings in Boston, Mass.

Implicit in Griffith's introduction of Martin was that the Twins now have a manager who would make the players hustle on the more routine plays.

"I don't think it takes any ability to hustle," Martin said. "I demand that a person hustle. As far as fines are concerned," Martin continued, "I hope I don't have any problems with them. I expect to treat the boys just like men until they act like little boys, and if they act like little boys, I guess I'd have to slap their hands a little bit."

Martin said his biggest problem at Denver, where his team registered a 65-50 record, was "getting the umpires to like me." He was kicked out of eight games. But Griffith said that conversations with Martin convinced him that Billy knew the rule book better than any previous Minnesota manager.

Martin said he hoped he wouldn't be kicked out of any games in 1969. "But," he said, "if my players get into a discussion out there, it's part of the manager's job to get between his player and the umpire."

He also said that he would be a demonstrative manager who wouldn't hesitate to put on a glove and show a player how to execute a particular play. "I won't be the kind of manager who spends spring training sitting on the bench," Martin promised.

Martin joined the Twins' organization on June 1, 1961, in a trade with the Milwaukee Braves for infielder Billy Consolo. He played as the regular second baseman that year and turned to scouting in 1962. He joined the coaching staff in 1965 and left the Twins for Denver on May 26.

Minneapolis Tribune Photo by John Croft
BILLY MARTIN, NEW MANAGER OF TWINS
Martin looked over Stadium after appointment

THE GUARD:

Blood and Sweat in the Interior

By MERRILL SWANSON
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There is blood running down his nose from a puncture wound on his forehead. His head is ringing from repeated blows on his helmet.

His uniform is grimy and drenched with sweat as he trots to the line of scrimmage to face a man who outweighs him by perhaps 30 pounds.

"Set," the quarterback barks and he drops to a three-point crouch, feet spread, knuckles on the ground, head up.

"Hut!" He doesn't waver, though perhaps that huge defensive tackle has jumped to one side. "Hut!" He must not tense up, to show in any way that he is coiling to strike. "Hut!" And now he springs, digging his helmet into his adversary's chest, driving with his legs, pushing, straining to move that huge tackle out of the way to make room for the fullback who is careening toward the line.

That is one typical play in the life of a guard for the Minnesota Vikings. It is repeated over and over in various forms as he clears the way for the running game and protects his quarterback.

It is a jarrin gexistence. Like when the defensive tackle swings like a huge bear and cuffs him on the side of the head.

"It's like running into a

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Albert Lea Rips Austin for 19th

By TED PETERSON
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AUSTIN, Minn. — Albert Lea's No. 1 state-ranked high school football team picked up its 19th straight victory and moved closer to a repeat of the Big Nine Conference title Friday night by defeating stubborn Austin 21-0.

The biggest crowd in Austin's history, estimated at 8,000, saw Albert Lea score touchdowns in each of the last three periods.

Albert Lea scored first after gaining possession on a punt at the Austin 26 early in the second quarter.

Two carries by Chuck Sherman and another by Greg Sainsbury advanced to the 14 from where Jay Gustafson, son of Albert Lea coach Jim Gustafson, passed to Randy Bottleson for the touchdown. Al Dietcks placekicked the first of his three extra points.

Albert Lea marched 72 yards to its second touchdown in eight plays, Sherman slashing over from the three.

Austin attempted a fourth-down-and-one situation from its 22 and lost on downs on its own 21 with 4:43 left in the final period.

In four plays, one a pass, Sainsbury moved the ball to the three. Despite a five-yard penalty, Albert Lea scored two plays later when Sainsbury drove around his own left end with 50 seconds showing on the clock.

ALBERT LEA 21, AUSTIN 0

Albert Lea	0	7	7	7—21
Austin	0	0	0	0—0

AL—Bottleson 14 pass from Gustafson (Dietcks kick).
AL—Sherman 3 run (Dietcks kick).
AL—Sainsbury 4 run (Dietcks kick).

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TD Elation Rick Webb, left, Alexander Ramsey quarterback, leaped for joy and tossed the football into the air after he raced 34 yards for the only score of the game as Ramsey beat Mounds View 7-0 Friday in a battle of Suburban Conference unbeatens. Coming up too late was Mounds View's Chip Brunn (40). The victory gave the Rams the Suburban loop lead. *(NEWS REPORT, Page 18).*

North Stars Rip Oakland 5-1 in Opener

By DWAYNE NETLAND
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OAKLAND, Calif. — Minnesota opened its National Hockey League season Friday night with an impressive 5-1 victory over Oakland.

Only 5,856 fans turned out for the inaugural game in Oakland's new regime which offered new owners, coach, general manager and a flock of players.

Instead it was the North Stars who commemorated the occasion, scoring three times on power plays.

The North Stars had a strong first period, scoring twice on power plays for a 2-0 lead.

Bill Goldsworthy had the ironic distinction of scoring Minnesota's first goal of the new season, a backhand shot on a pass from Larry Hillman at 9:40 of the opening period.

The irrespressible Goldie had a comparatively poor training camp, and came very close on two occasions to being sent down to Memphis.

But the big wing was there at the right time on that play, and then Ray Cullen, another holdover whose training camp play had not sparkled, deflected Larry Hillman's shot in at 18:12.

In the early minutes of the second period the Stars had complete command of the play. They went up 3-0 when J. P. Parise rapped in Wayne Connelly's rebound at 2:05, and just missed a couple of other good opportunities in the next five minutes.

Oakland finally stirred the restless fans, thanks partially to some North Star carelessness. Claude Larose lost the puck near midice to Billy Harris, and after a seal rush

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Mayer Ready to Face Illinois

By JON ROE
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Today is more than University of Minnesota Homecoming for Barry Mayer.

For the Fargo, N.D., sophomore, it is part of a boyhood wish come true. Barry Mayer will be Minnesota starting left halfback today when the Gophers meet Illinois at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Two years ago, Mayer was in the stands when the Gophers played Ohio State.

"I never thought then," said Mayer Friday, "that two years later I'd be playing halfback for Minnesota. In a way, it just doesn't seem possible even now."

But Mayer makes dreams come true. Gopher coach Murray Warmath said it best when he talked to the Big Ten skywriters before the season started.

"Barry Mayer is the type of boy every man would like to have as a son," Warmath said.

Barry Mayer has 210 pounds tightly stretched over a 6-foot-2 frame. He was a standout all-around athlete at Fargo Central, where, beside playing football, he was a member of the 440 and 880-yard relay teams, put the shot and threw the discus.

At Minnesota he is studying aeronautical engineering and maintains a B-plus average.

"There used to be a picture of the Minnesota game in every Sunday paper when I was in high school," recalled Mayer. "I'd look at those pictures and think about playing for the Gophers.

"After I saw the game against Ohio State, I decided Minnesota was the place for me, although several other schools had talked to me."

Mayer didn't play in the first two Gopher games this fall, but did play most of the second half against Wake Forest last week. He carried the ball once and caught three passes, including one where he turned a possible loss into a five-yard gain by breaking a tackle.

"When I saw that I was the first string halfback Monday," said Mayer, "I told myself I'd have to give it my best during practice this week. I went over all my assignments, studied films of Illinois' defense and tried to improve my blocking."

A grin spread across Mayer's face when he mentioned blocking.

"Jim (Carter, the Gophers' fullback) and I kid each other about that. He's so much better a blocker than I am I always tell him that I should just carry the ball and let him block for me. But I'm going to do my best to block for him against Illinois."

Mayer admitted he felt some butterflies yesterday as he thought about starting in the Gophers' first conference game of 1968.

"I'm pretty sure that when the first contact is made the butterflies will disappear."

GOPHER NOTES: The only doubtful player for the Gophers today is tight end Ray Parson. He has been troubled all week by a chronic ankle sprain. Other players who were injured against Wake Forest are expected to be ready.

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