“Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turnout”

John Wooden, Legendary UCLA Basketball Coach

My most memorable sports “comeback” was a very transformative experience. I remember it as if it occurred yesterday.

I was a 10-year old in the right field bleachers watching my hometown’s little league all-star team being decimated by a much better club in a regional championship game. We were losing 6-0, it was the bottom of the 6th (and last) inning, my hometown squad was at bat with two outs and, after a late rally, the bases were loaded. Up to that point, everyone on the team had played in the game except for Steven Roey. Although an all-star, Steven was quite small for his age, and he wasn’t particularly athletic. He couldn’t hit, field, or throw very well; moreover, his “all-star” selection had been heatedly opposed by other, more capable players (and their parents). He was on the team for only two reasons; he could bunt with uncanny ability, and he could run fast.

Conceding defeat, and as an act of benevolence, the coaches allowed Roey to pinch-hit. Steven did what everyone from my hometown expected...he bunted and ran as fast as he could to first base. He was safe, and one run scored. The next batter walked and another run scored. The next batter hit a single and a third run scored. In fact, before anyone could fully comprehend what was happening, six runs had crossed homeplate and the score was tied. It was still the bottom of the 6th inning, there were still two outs, the bases were still loaded, and Steven Roey was, again, at bat.

Everyone held their breath. Hometown fans, the opposition, the umpires, the concession stand vendors, and even the field crew now expected Roey to bunt. Yet he bunted to perfection, and then was a blur getting to first base. As you have undoubtedly surmised, he was not only safe, the seventh (and winning) run scored! Steven was mobbed by a throng of elated teammates and fans who had quickly forgotten that his place was supposed to be at the end of the bench.

In the mist of this jubilation, I walked away with several life lessons that remain with me to this day. First, how much you’re able to do does not always matter. Second, it does matter that whatever you do, you do well. Third, the true strength of any team lies in the diverse skill sets of its members. Finally, always try hard...because it’s never really over until it’s over.

New Research Fellows

In July, Andrew Patton, MD began a research fellowship with the department. Dr. Patton completed his medical degree at Louisiana State University, and a surgical internship at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga.

In September, Danielle Casagrande, MD began a research fellowship with the department. Dr. Casagrande completed her medical degree at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, NY and is a 2013 graduate from the DOSR orthopaedics resident program.


Panchbhavi VK. Author response. Foot Ankle Int. 2013 Aug;34(8):1186. The fate of syndesmotic screws. [Foot Ankle Int. 2011]. Re: "the fate of syndesmotic screws". [Foot Ankle Int. 2013]


Panchbhavi VK. Gold Medal Award—Ram Janam Sulakshana Pandey Oration. 26th IFASCON (Indian Foot & Ankle Society Conference), Gurgoan, India, Aug 30th – Sep 1st, 2013.

Panchbhavi VK. Total Ankle Replacement. Live surgery demonstration at Medanta - The Medicity Hospital, telecast at the 26th IFASCON (Indian Foot & Ankle Society Conference), Gurgoan, India, August 30th 2013.


Panchbhavi VK. Missed/Malunited Lisfranc: What to Do? Invited International Faculty Talk, at the 26th IFASCON (Indian Foot & Ankle Society Conference), Gurgoan, India, Aug 30th – Sep 1st, 2013.

Panchbhavi VK. PTTD/AAFFD Stages 1 to 4: Surgical Management, My Experience. Invited International Faculty Talk, at the 26th IFASCON (Indian Foot & Ankle Society Conference), Gurgoan, India, Aug 30th – Sep 1st, 2013.

William L. Buford, Jr., PhD, PE was appointed the position of Professor Adjunct with the DOSR. Dr. Buford recently retired after 22 years as UTMB faculty and Director of the Orthopaedics Biomechanics Laboratory.

The Chair’s message from our previous Newsletter entitled “Moving the Needle,” by Ronald Lindsey, MD, was featured in the August 2013 issue of the UTMB Health System Friday Focus.

For the second year, David Yngve, MD, was a featured sponsor for Mikey’s Guide, a parent resource that provides information on special camps, activities, classes and events in the Houston area for children, teens and adults with disabilities.

Matthew Mays, MD ’07, completed a Sports Medicine and Arthroscopic Surgery Fellowship at the Southern California Orthopaedic Institute in Los Angeles. Dr. Mays is currently at the Memorial Hermann Richmond Bone & Joint Clinic in Katy, TX.

Chad Conner, MD ’09, completed a Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Southern California Orthopaedic Institute (SCOI), Van Nuys, CA. Dr. Conner is currently at the Waco Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Clinic in Waco, TX.

Thu-ba Leba, MD ‘12, completed a Fellowship in Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery at Shriners Hospital for Children at the University of California, Davis in Sacramento, CA. Dr Leba is currently at the Children’s Hospital Central California in Madera, CA.

Daniel Weglein, MD ‘12, completed a Trauma Fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center, Department of Orthopaedics, Dallas, TX. Dr. Weglein is currently at the Baylor Medical Center at McKinney in McKinney, TX.
On Saturday, July 20, UTMB hosted its third annual **Sports Screening** event at the Specialty Care Center at Victory Lakes. This special community outreach event provided school sports and athletic activity screening physical examinations for area youngsters. Regional students were screened by 69 medical volunteers from many of the UTMB clinical departments/services including Orthopaedics, Family Medicine, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Physical Therapy, Otolaryngology, Pediatrics, Ambulatory, and the Community Based Clinics.

**Grand Rounds**

On Wednesday July 17, 2013, **Eric Meinberg, MD**, Assistant Clinical Professor, Orthopaedic Trauma Institute, University of California San Francisco Medical Center, San Francisco, CA, presented a lecture entitled “Intraoperative Radiation Exposure: How Concerned Should You Be?”

On Wednesday, September 11, 2013, **David Lionberger, MD**, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, presented a lecture entitled “Merits and Miseries of PSI & CAS in Total Knee Replacement.”
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32nd Annual GWN Eggers Lectureship

April 3-5, 2014
The Galveston Island Convention Center

Upcoming Events

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