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Victory over illness shows one woman value of a horse

Kathleen Killion and her horse, Fellow, kick up a cloud of dust, besmirching the last bucolic pocket of west St. Louis County. Again and again, they maneuver through a series of obstacles that must be gotten over, as opposed to around or through.

Under the tutelage of Danielle Kaiser, Fellow and Killion work through the course. At times, they approach too slow, at others, too fast. Sometimes they take off too far from the obstacle. Other times, they're too close.

After a series of exhortations from Kaiser — "Drop shoulder." "Elbow, elbow!" "Left hand." "Loosen up." — Killion and Fellow find the perfect stride and tempo. They perform flawlessly.

"You're ready," Kaiser said. Just in time for the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show, Sept. 11-16 at America's Exposition Park, 880 Freymuth Road in Lake Saint Louis.

The dust settles back in the ring, restoring calm to the scene, just as Killion's life has resumed a comfortable rhythm. Killion, 40, is director of community health for BJC Health System.

Her life was torn apart four years ago, though, when she was diagnosed with colon cancer and given less than a 40 percent chance to live. In the middle of seven months of chemotherapy, her husband left her.

"Cancer is the modern-day scarlet letter," she said. "Even after my husband left, I thought to myself that as long as I could ride, I could make it through."

Her partner through the ordeal was her horse Danny, originally a gift from actor Robert Duvall to Tom Cruise after the two filmed "Days of Thunder." Cruise subsequently sold Danny, whom Killion found languishing in a stable in Indiana.

Throughout her chemotherapy, Killion continued her regimen of twice-a-week rides with Danny. She finished her chemo just weeks before the '98 horse show but felt compelled to enter.

"Danny knew I really wasn't strong enough, so he made it easy for me," Killion said. "My performance was embarrassing, but I had to prove to myself that I was still alive and had a lot to look forward to."

The next year, Killion won the adult jumper division on Danny. Now 27, he's retired at Hunter's Pointe Barn. Killion has moved on to Fellow, a bigger challenge at age 11.

"We've been dating for seven months now," she said. "We're still getting to know each other."

Though her equine companions have proven more faithful than many humans, the comment is made tongue-in-cheek. Take as deadly serious, though, the equestrian's conviction that her sport is as legitimate as any other. Whereas the driver relies on a machine in auto racing, the equestrian works with a partner that is 10 times his or her weight and has a mind of its own. And, as Killion's story illustrates, jumping provides a novel example of teamwork.

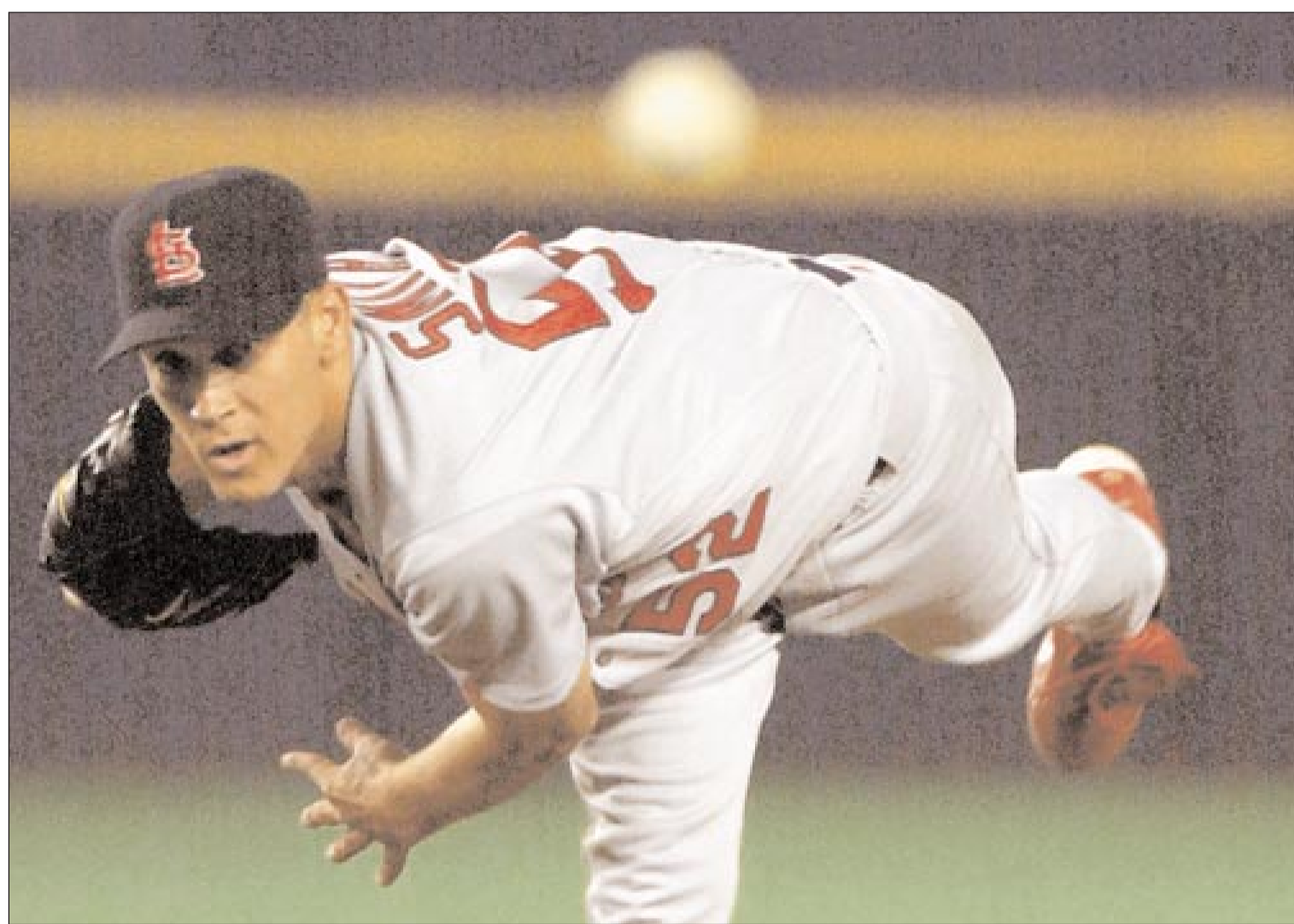
Horse and rider must train, separately and jointly. Killion said her workouts are more demanding than those she endured playing field hockey at St. Louis University. "You have to learn when to put on the gas and when to use the brake," she said. "Well, first you have to find the gas and the brake."

The horses perform specific workouts for endurance, agility and strength, at least four times a week. They jump less frequently, Killion said, "just like a pitcher doesn't pitch every day."

If you lack a ticket for the Cards or Rams or the World Golf Championships that weekend, consider attending the horse show to see a noble example of teamwork in action.

CARDINALS 4, PADRES 0 Up next Padres, 9:05 p.m., today

No fuss, no muss, no hits



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Cardinals pitcher Bud Smith delivers a pitch in the fifth inning of his no-hitter Monday against San Diego.

Rookie Smith's gem against San Diego makes him 8th Cardinal to perform feat

He strikes out seven Padres, gives them four walks

BY RICK HUMMEL
Of the Post-Dispatch

SAN DIEGO — Those who witnessed the Bud Smith-Bobby Jones pitching matchup last week in St. Louis, a fiasco won by Smith's Cardinals 16-14 over Jones' San Diego Padres, would have been caught completely off-guard Monday night.

While Jones (8-17) was a little better than in the previous outing, left-handed rookie Smith was unfathomable. Smith, who had given up 14 earned runs in his previous 14 in-

8 previous Cardinal no-hitters since 1900

Pitcher	Opposing Team	Score	Date
Jose Jimenez	Arizona	1-0	6-25-99
Bob Forsch	Montreal	3-0	9-26-83
Bob Forsch	Philadelphia	5-0	4-16-78
Bob Gibson	Pittsburgh	11-0	8-14-71
Ray Washburn	San Francisco	2-0	9-18-68
Lon Warneke	Cincinnati	2-0	8-30-41
Paul Dean	Brooklyn	3-0	9-21-34
Jesse Haines	Boston	5-0	7-17-24

nings, gave up nothing — runs or hits — Monday as he beat the Padres 4-0.

The Padres also were no-hit by Florida's A.J. Burnett on May 12.

Robert "Bud" Smith, a Bellflower, Calif., product, pitched the Cardinals' ninth no-hitter since 1900 and is the eighth Cardinals pitcher to do it. The last two have been crafted by

rookies, with Jose Jimenez no-hit-

ting Arizona at Phoenix on June 25, 1999. That was the last no-hitter tossed by a rookie.

Smith, 21, fanned seven and walked four, including Rickey Henderson twice.

There were a few tough plays for Cardinals defenders. Shortstop Edgar Renteria made the most prominent, dashing in to field a short-

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The Yankees' Mike Mussina came up just one out shy of throwing a perfect game Sunday.

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Shortstop Edgar Renteria, who has 21 errors this season, makes key plays to preserve Smith's no-hitter. **D7**

hop grounder off Ryan Klesko's bat for the second out of the ninth.

Right fielder J.D. Drew made a strong play to end the sixth. He had to traverse the bullpen mound, then plucked Klesko's foul ball before it went out of play.

The Padres' Bubba Trammell flied to Albert Pujols at the warning track in the seventh, and Renteria made a lunging grab of D'Angelo Jimenez's liner in the sixth.

Renteria also moved smartly to his left for a smash by pinch-hitter Tony Gwynn with one out in the eighth, and third baseman Placido Polanco stretched for pinch-hitter Wiki Gonzalez's high hopper to end the eighth.

Smith had two no-hitters last year for Class AA Arkansas, both seven-inning affairs, before he was promoted to Class AAA Memphis. He is 4-2 this year for the Cardinals after winning for the first time since July 26, a span of six unsuccessful starts.

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Quarterback Martin takes long, winding road back to St. Louis

He's made four NFL stops between stints with Rams

BY JIM THOMAS
Of the Post-Dispatch

For the first time in four years, Jamie Martin was back at Rams Park. Sure, the place looked familiar. But don't even ask if Martin has his old locker stall.

"I don't know," Martin confessed Monday.



Martin
112 NFL passes

That's Martin. There was Washington later in '97; Jacksonville in '98; Cleveland in '99; back to Jacksonville in 2000; and now back to St. Louis.

He has covered a lot of real estate since his release by the Rams on Aug. 17, 1997. Remember that old Johnny Cash country tune, "I've Been Everywhere?"

Throw in his previous stint with the Los Angeles and St. Louis Rams from 1993 to 1996, and the paperwork reaches staggering proportions. By unofficial count, Martin has been signed 11 times in the NFL, been released six times and been granted unconditional free agency on three occasions.

Martin has been on a practice squad and active rosters. He spent a year in NFL Europe, playing for the Amsterdam Admirals. (His backup there was Will Furrer, not Kurt Warner, as incorrectly reported in Monday's Post-Dispatch.)

Martin also has logged time on the injured reserve list and the physically unable to perform list. So a lot of dead trees have gone into the paper trail that chronicles Martin's career.

Over that span, he's thrown only 112 regular-season passes in the NFL. But he's had enough talent, and has shown enough when he got that rare chance to play, to always find work.

Some things have changed since we last saw Martin in a Rams uniform. His wife, Kelly, a former Rams cheerleader, has hung up her pompons.

"We're done with that," Martin says.

They now have a son, Jack, who turned 3 in June. Their faithful canine companions, Chip and Clark, are alive and well, albeit four years older.

Martin never thought he'd be back after getting cut by Dick Vermeil in 1997.

"Not really," he said. "Obviously, I didn't expect Mike Martz to be back here as a head coach a couple years later with a Super Bowl. But things happen, and you never rule out anything in the NFL the way

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Sampras defeats Rafter and will face Agassi next

Disproving detractors who contend he's washed up, Pete Sampras won a rare fourth-round showdown of former champions at the U.S. Open, beating Pat Rafter 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-4.

Seeded 10th, Sampras will face No. 2 Andre Agassi for the 32nd time in the quarterfinals on Wednesday. **D2**

Former champion Pete Sampras is encouraged by his performance.

Bonds' home run pace

Through 138 games Bonds has hit ...

58 HRs
He is on a pace to hit ...

Monday
1 for 4 with a solo homer

68 HRs

55 HRs
He was on a pace to hit ...

64 HRs

Through that point in '98 McGwire had hit ...

55 HRs
He was on a pace to hit ...

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