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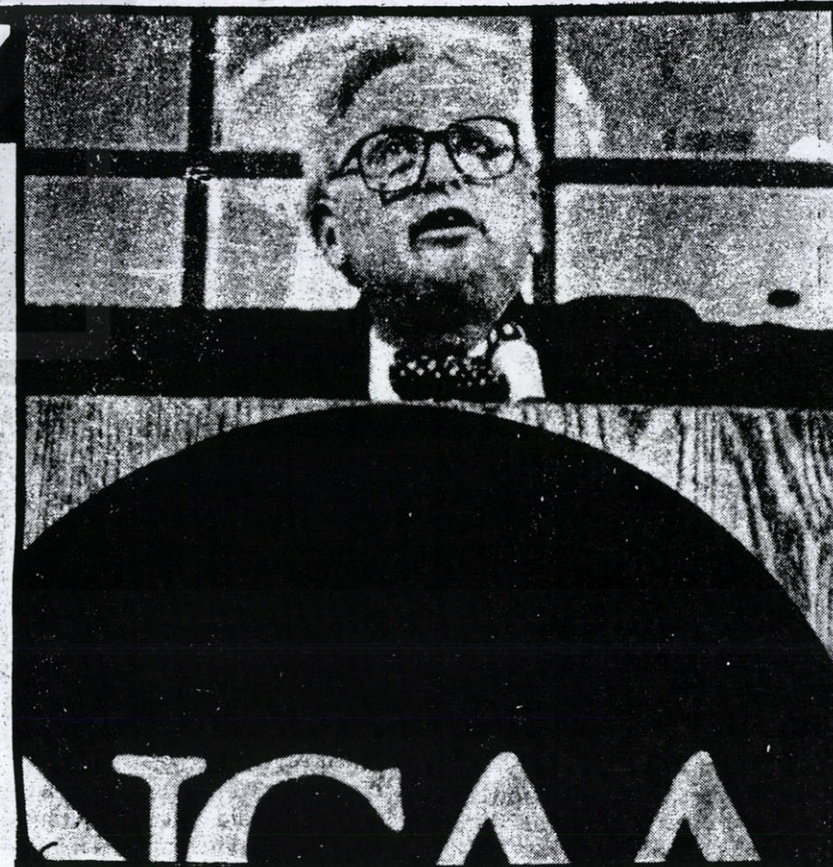
by Alan Boese

## SPECIAL REPORT



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T Jones, Tech AD, left, and others at the recent NCAA forum in Dallas: Eugene Corrigan, Notre Dame AD; Donna Lopiano, women's AD at UT Austin, and Cal Berkely president Ira Heyman.



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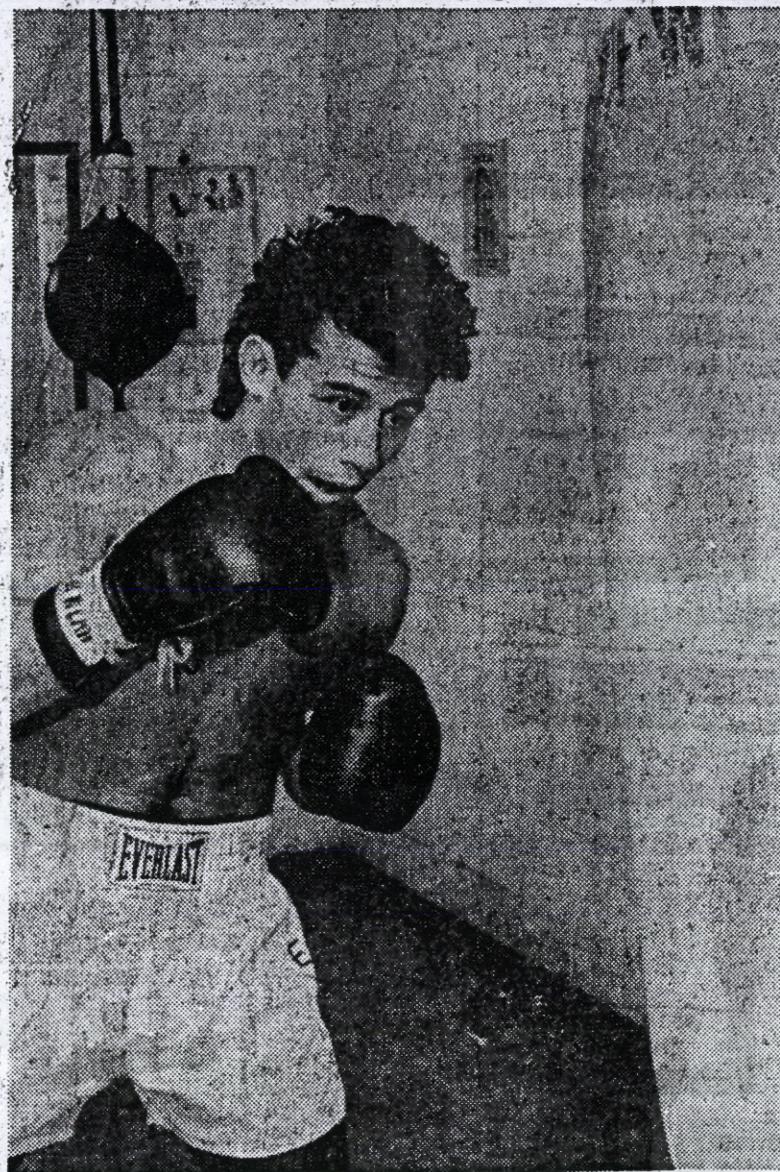
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**BOUNCING BACK** — Lubbock amateur boxer Johnny Almaguer is determined to recover from a recent string of disappointments — the cancellation of a trip to Australia and a pair of losses. (Staff Photo by Ron Robertson)

# Almaguer's Dream Crumbles With Losses, Trip Cancellation

By CHARLES L. EHRENFELD  
Avalanche-Journal Sports Staff

The words stung his ears like his trademark right crosses have stung many of his opponents, hitting their mark with similar knockout force.

Lubbock's Johnny Almaguer was floored for one of the few times in his 11-year amateur boxing career, not by a punch, but by what he had heard.

Edward Hernandez, his close friend, confidant and trainer, as well as the head coach of the Optimist Boys Club-Lubbock Warriors Boxing Team for the past 17 years, had just informed Almaguer that the airplane ride he had dreamed of wasn't getting off the ground.

The plane was to carry him and other American amateur boxers who had been selected by the United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation to represent the U.S. in international competition to Australia.

The trip, which was to feature bouts in Perth on May 19 and in Melbourne on May 23, had originally been scheduled for March 18-21, but was postponed by U.S. coach Roosevelt Sanders after it was discovered the dates conflicted with the state and national Golden Gloves tournaments.

Now Almaguer's not going at all.

Hernandez received correspondence last week from the USA-ABF explaining the cancellation. The letter, signed by USA ABF vice presi-

dent Jim Fox, said in part, "Due to a lack of sponsorship and funds, the scheduled matches are postponed."

"My whole body just felt weak," said Almaguer, explaining his feeling when Hernandez broke the news to him. "I felt light-headed. I was just drained out. I was stunned."

"It's a big disappointment. I feel really let down. The first thing that came to my mind is that I'll have to start from the bottom again. Now I'm just like another person out in the streets."

The news of the trip's cancellation comes on the heels of his loss to Charles Trigg of Houston in the light-weight finals of the State Golden Gloves boxing tournament in Fort Worth on March 14. Along with the loss went Almaguer's state crown, a crown which took him 11 years to wear.

"I thought I won the fight," Almaguer said. "But if they think he (Trigg) was the best man, then he was the best man. It was just a bad night."

Within a span of three months, the 21-year-old lost both his state title and the international trip, a trip he once called "a dream come true."

But the dream has now become a nightmare for the 5-foot-8, 132-pounder. Struggling to regroup after the setback at the state Golden Gloves tourney, Almaguer attempted to move up a weight class (139 pounds) last week and dropped a 3-2 decision to Odessa's Michael Hernandez, the

regional Golden Gloves champion and a state Golden Gloves quarterfinalist.

"He said he didn't feel like he could make 132 any more," Edward Hernandez said of the weight change. "We're just going to have to have a serious talk. He's going to have to fight at 132. His body just isn't built to handle that extra weight."

Almaguer, who sports a 225-17 record with 71 knockouts, said he was in the best shape of his career before the state Golden Gloves tournament. But he may have been in the worst shape at 139.

"I thought I was sacrificing too much getting down to 132," Almaguer said. "I wanted to try 139, but I wasn't in condition. I can adjust to any style and any strength. The only thing that hurt me in the fight was that I wasn't in shape. I wasn't in condition. But we learn from our mistakes."

Almaguer still insists that he can fight at 139. That is, if he chooses to retain his amateur status.

"Right now, I'm confused," Almaguer said. "Disappointed and confused. It makes me wonder if it's time to move on. I don't know if I want to continue my amateur career and take another shot at an international title or try to turn pro."

He's toying with the idea of training at Robin Blake's new headquarters in Lubbock, if and when it opens.

See ALMAGUER Page 3



During those three years, Guererro has completed 598 of a pos-  
hour slower than he did last year when he started from the third row.

## Almaguer Determined To Rebound

(Continued From Page One)

But his boyhood dreams of being an Olympic champion are still in the back of his mind.

"I still have the dreams," Almaguer said. "That's why I'm confused. Right now, I'm at my peak, and in boxing that doesn't stay around too long. You're in your peak from age 22 to 30."

"I'm looking at every aspect. I feel that it might be time to turn pro, but I don't want to make any hasty decisions."

His litmus test could very well be the box-offs for the U.S. Sports Festival, which will be held June 8-14 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The same box-offs will also serve as the qualifying bouts for the Pan American Games and the North American Championships.

"He has to get his priorities straight," Hernandez said. "He has

control of his future. All I can do is train him. He can redeem himself in one tournament, but he has to go back to the basics."

Almaguer said his performance at the box-offs could decide his fate.

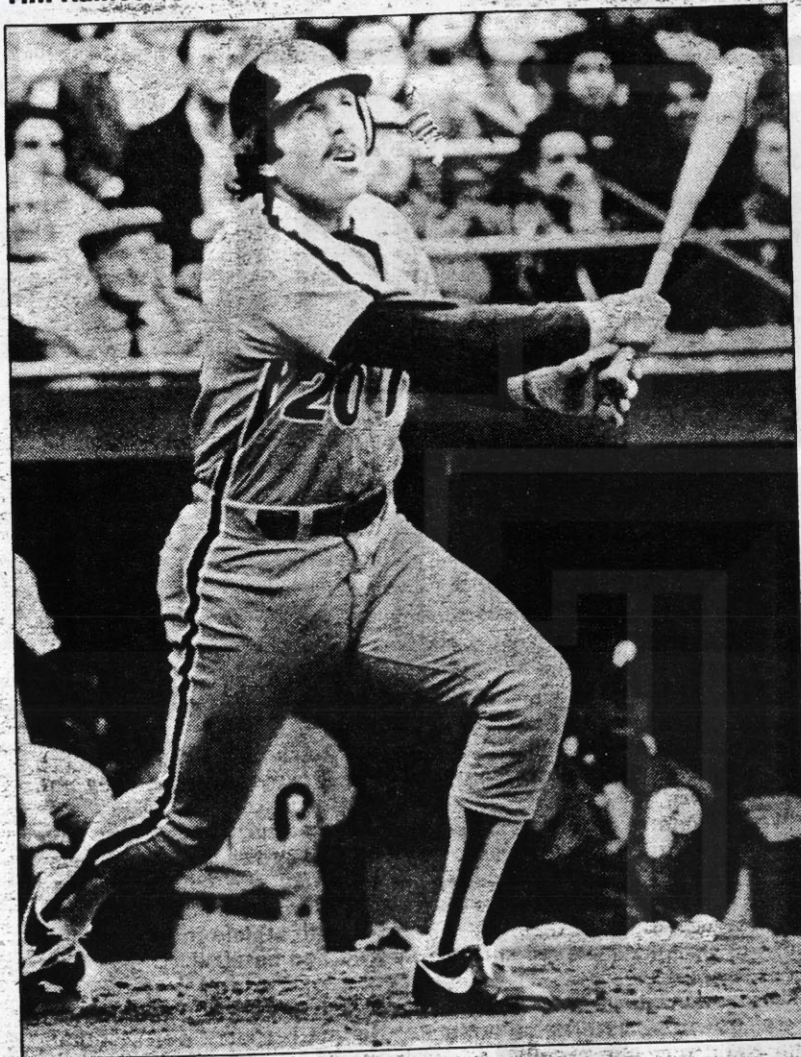
"I want to go to the box-offs, and I'll base my decision on how I do. Every sport has its ups and downs. You have to experience both to be a winner. But I have a will that won't quit. I know that I'll battle back."

—Ted Andrews





Tim Raines



Mike Schmidt

1. Fernando Valenzuela
2. Mike Scott
3. Dwight Gooden

Also receiving votes (in alphabetical order): Mike Krukow, Bob Ojeda, John Tudor and Floyd Youmans.

### N.L.'s Best Relief Pitchers

1. Todd Worrell
2. Lee Smith
3. Roger McDowell

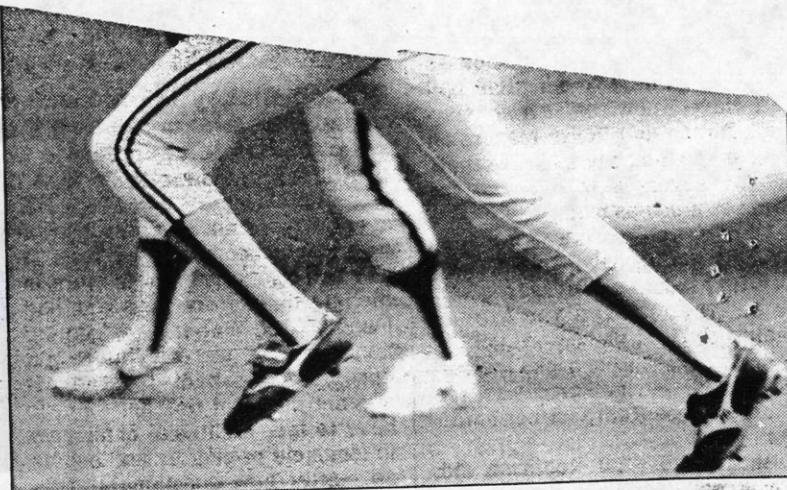
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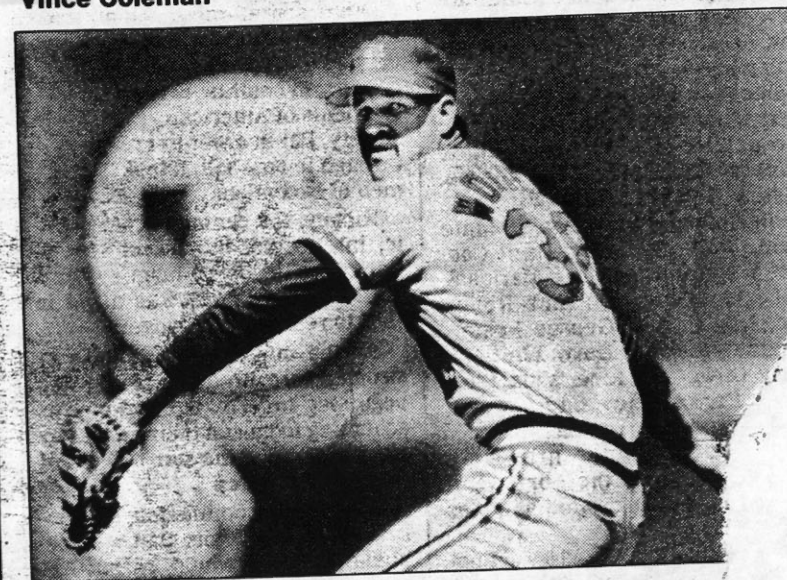
1. Vince Coleman
2. Tim Raines
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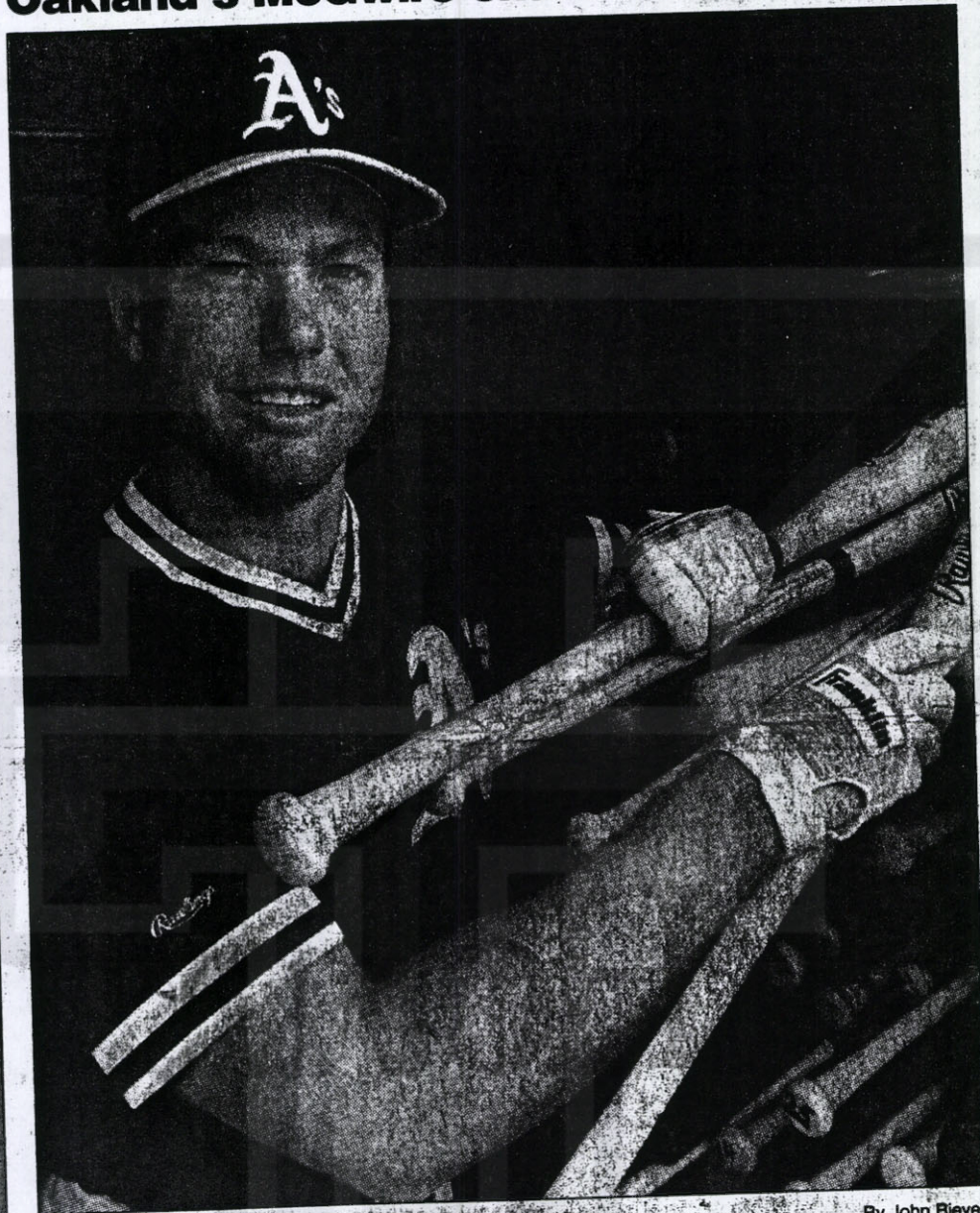
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# Oakland's McGwire chases maris record



**SUPERSTAR:** Mark McGwire is staying cool about his stunning major league debut and the possibility he'll break Roger Maris' 61-home-runs record. 'If it happens, it happens.'

By John Biever

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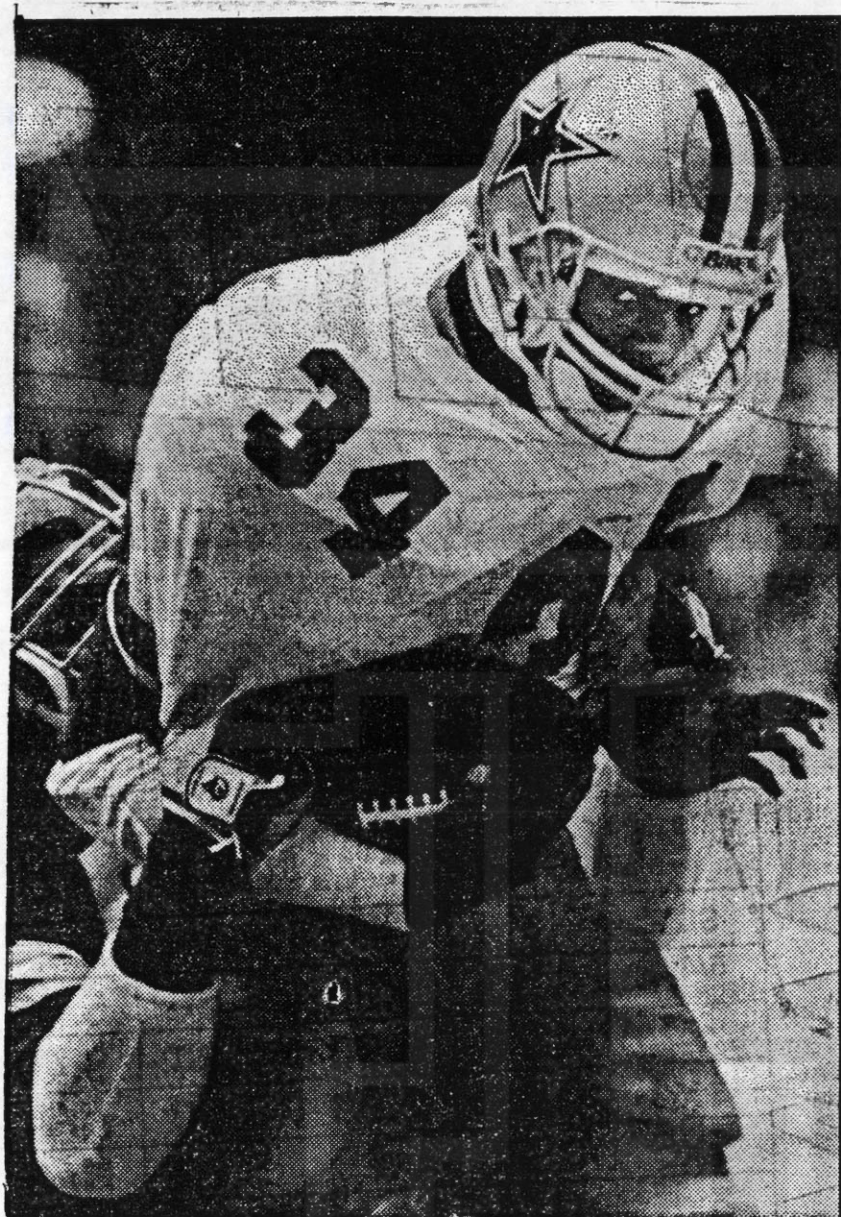
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# BASEBALL/COLLEGES/HIGH SCHOOLS



Associated Press

At 5-7 and 207 pounds, Kirby Puckett hardly looks like a graceful, big-league center fielder.

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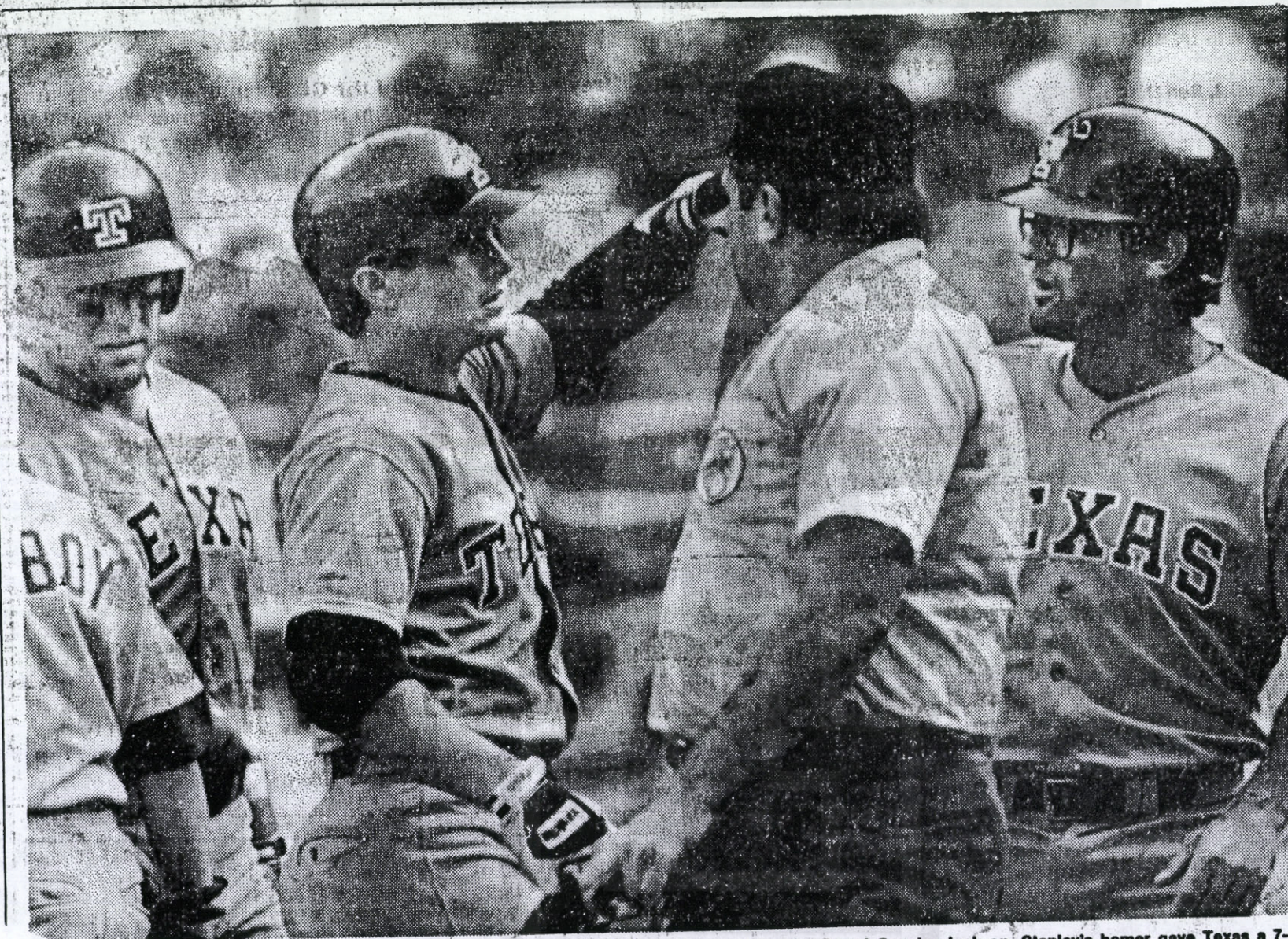
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## RANGERS UPDATE

By Tracy Ringolsby/Staff Writer of The News



Catcher Mike Stanley is congratulated by teammate Darrell Porter (left) and umpire Derryl Cousins (center). Stanley's homer gave Texas a 7-0 lead, and the Rangers went on to win the first game of a doubleheader, 9-0.

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By Tracy Ringolsby  
Staff Writer

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## Schmidt joins 500 club

Mike Schmidt became the 14th player in major league history to hit 500 home runs with a three-run home run Saturday at Pittsburgh. Only four players (Babe Ruth, Harmon Killebrew, Jimmy Foxx and Willie Mays) have reached 500 home runs in fewer at-bats than Schmidt's 2,118. The major league baseball players who hit 500 career home runs:

■ **Henry Aaron (755)** — Played with Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves (1954-74) and Milwaukee Brewers (1975-76). Named to Hall of Fame in 1982. Hit his 500th in his 15th season. Averaged home run every 16.4 at-bats for his career.

■ **Babe Ruth (714)** — Played with Boston Red Sox (1914-19), New York Yankees (1920-34) and Boston Braves (1935). Named to Hall of Fame in 1936. Hit his 500th in his 16th season. Averaged home run every 11.8 at-bats.

■ **Willie Mays (660)** — Played with New York/San Francisco Giants (1951-52, '54-72) and New York Mets (1972-73). Named to Hall of Fame in 1979. Hit his 500th in his 14th season. Averaged home run every 16.5 at-bats.

■ **Frank Robinson (586)** — Played with Cincinnati Reds (1956-65), Baltimore Orioles (1966-71), Los Angeles Dodgers (1972), California Angels (1973-74) and Cleveland Indians (1974-76). Named to Hall of Fame in 1982. Hit his 500th in his 15th season. Averaged home run every 17.1 at-bats.

■ **Harmon Killebrew (573)** — Played with Washington Senators/Minnesota Twins (1954-74) and Kansas City Royals (1975). Named to Hall of Fame in 1984. Hit his 500th in his 18th season. Averaged home run every 14.2 at-bats.

■ **Reggie Jackson (549)** — Played with Kansas City/Oakland Athletics (1967-75), Baltimore Orioles (1976), New York Yankees (1977-81), California Angels (1982-86) before returning to Oakland this season. Hit his 500th in his 18th season. Averaged home run every 17.4 at-bats.

■ **Mickey Mantle (536)** — Played with New York Yankees (1951-68). Hit his 500th in his 17th season. Named to Hall of Fame in 1974. Averaged home run every 15.1 at-bats.

■ **Jimmy Foxx (534)** — Played with Philadelphia Athletics (1925-35), Boston Red Sox (1936-42), Chicago Cubs (1942, '44) and Philadelphia Phillies (1945). Hit his 500th in his 16th season. Named to Hall of Fame in 1951. Averaged home run every 15.2 at-bats.

■ **Ted Williams (521)** — Played with Boston Red Sox (1939-42, '46-60). Hit his 500th in his 19th season. Named to Hall of Fame in 1966. Averaged home run every 14.8 at-bats.

■ **Willie McCovey (521)** — Played with San Francisco Giants (1959-73, '77-80), San Diego Padres (1974-76) and Oakland Athletics (1976). Named to Hall of Fame in 1986. Averaged home run every 15.7 at-bats.

■ **Eddie Mathews (512)** — Played with Boston/Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves (1952-66), Houston Astros (1967), Detroit Tigers (1967-68). Hit his 500th in his 16th season. Named to Hall of Fame in 1978. Averaged home run every 16.7 at-bats.

■ **Ernie Banks (512)** — Played with Chicago Cubs (1953-71). Hit his 500th in his 18th season. Named to Hall of Fame in 1977. Averaged home run every 18.4 at-bats.

■ **Sam Rice (500)** — Played with New York Giants (1926-47). Hit his 500th in his 18th season. Named to Hall of Fame in 1951. Averaged home run every 18.5 at-bats.

■ **Phil Maffei (500)** — Played with Philadelphia Phillies (1972-87). Hit his 500th in his 18th season. Averaged home run every 14.7 at-bats.



By Rusty Kennedy, AP  
**GAME WINNER:** Mike Schmidt gets a pat from coach Jim Davenport while rounding the bases on home run No. 500.

the 21-day disabled list after asking the club for help. Commissioner Peter Ueberroth has advised the Giants, that consistent with policy, Milner will be

ble telecasts last weekend. ... Mets infielder Dave Magadan, on the disabled list since spring training because of a lymph-node ailment, was activated

Saturday became only the 13th player in the 87-year history of the American League to strike out five times in a nine-inning game.

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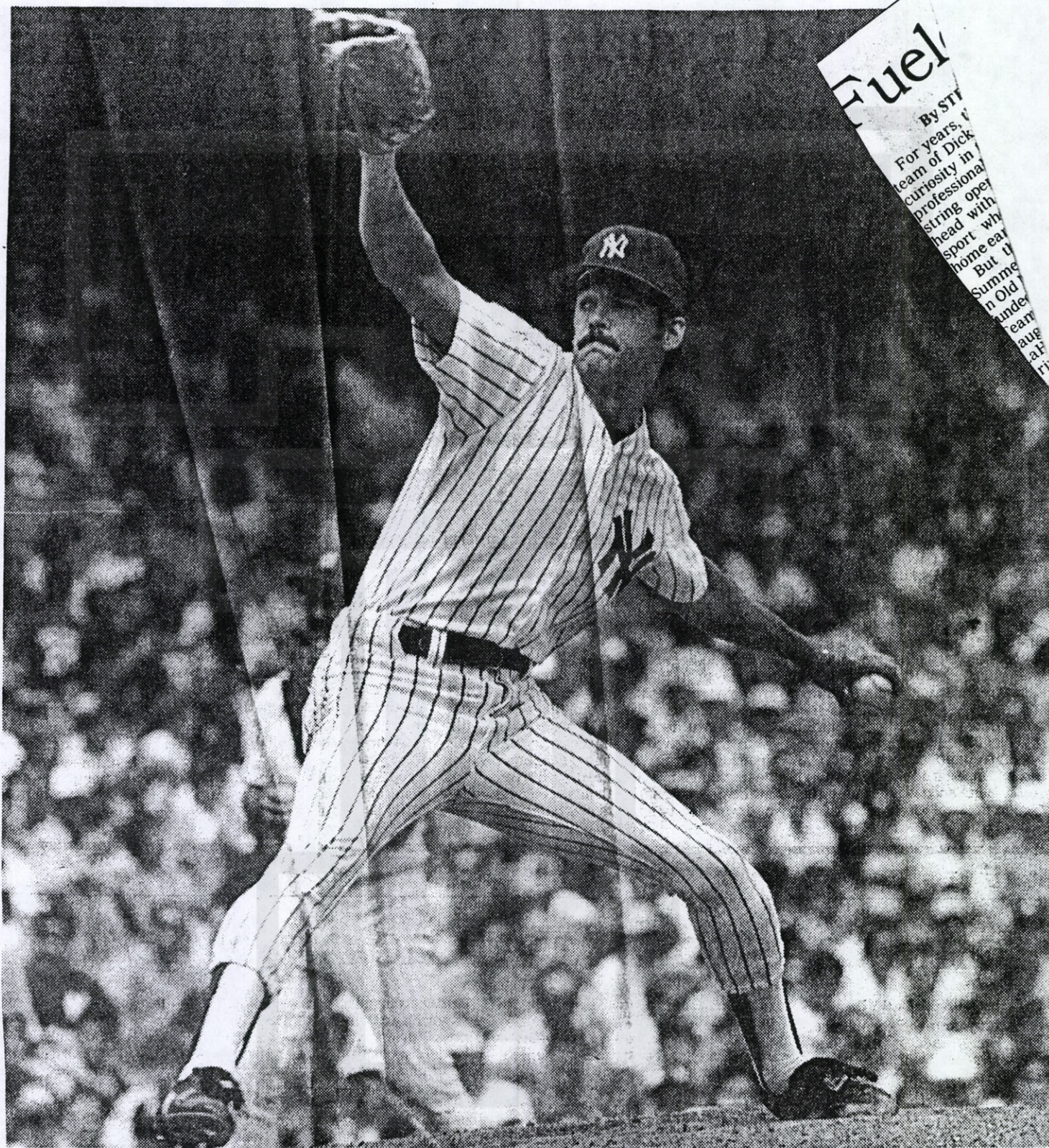
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Ron Guidry, who had 14 strikeouts in six and two-thirds innings, pitching against the White Sox yesterday at the Stadium. The New York Times/Larry C. Morris



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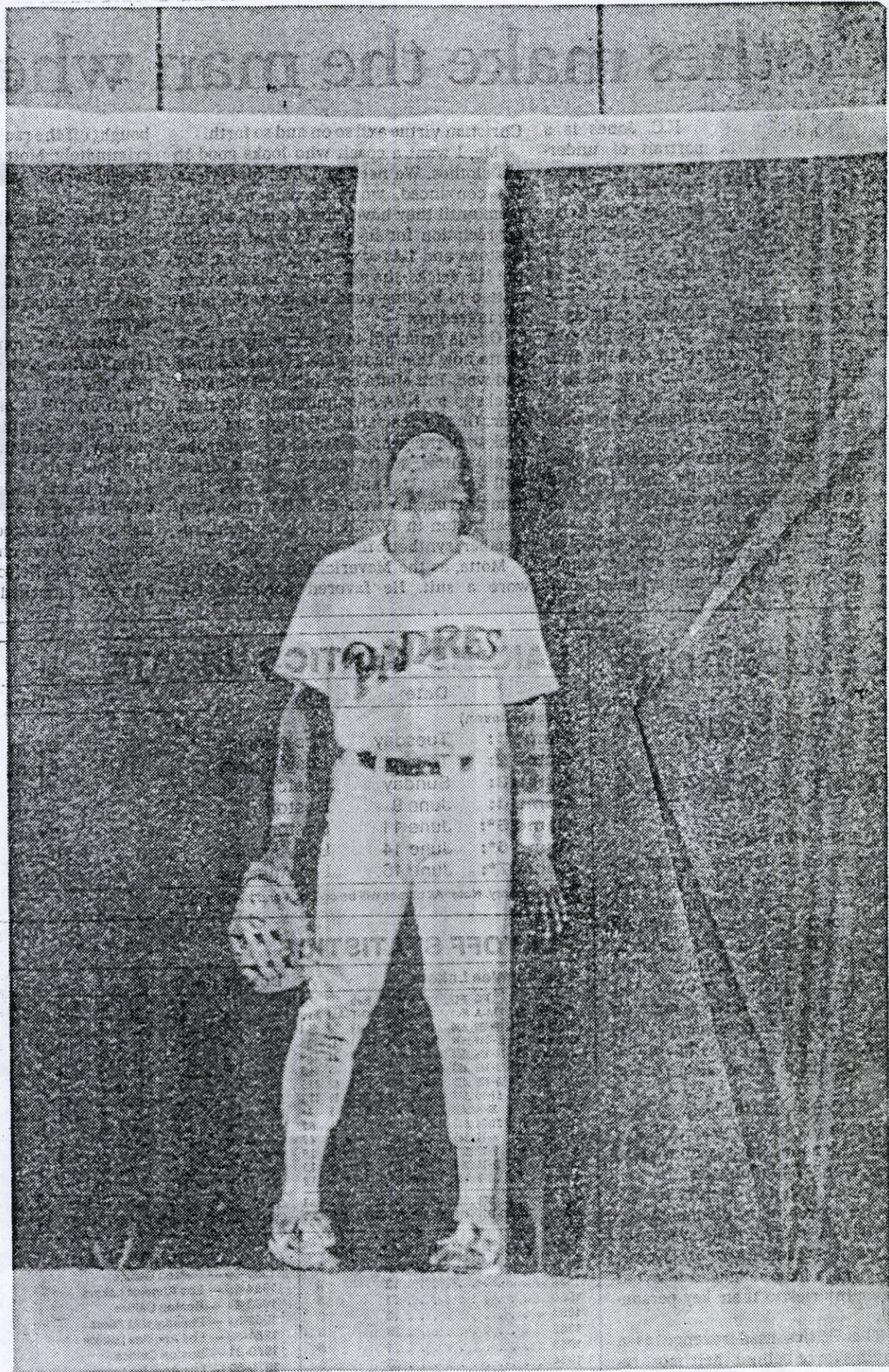
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**49ER OUTNUMBERED:** Roger Craig flies into Patriots Brent Williams, left, and Andre Tippett in 49ers' 29-24 win. (Story, JC)

By Robert Deutsch, USA TODAY



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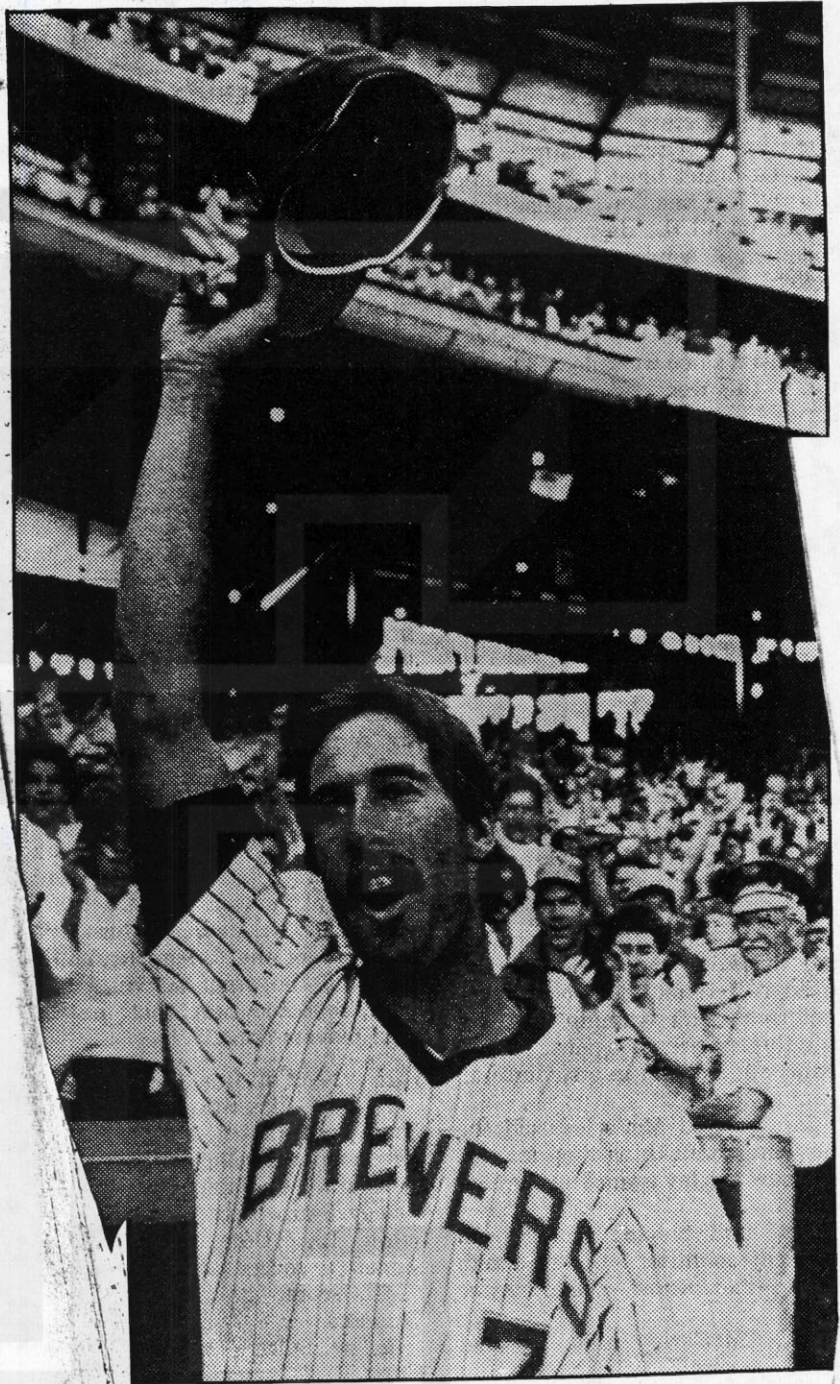
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world strength of a certain kind—of course with intelligence and developed skills—determines masculinity. Just as a boxer is his body, a man's masculinity is his use of his body. It is also his triumph over another's use of his body. The Opponent is always male, the Opponent is the rival for one's own masculinity, most fully and combatively realized. Sugar Ray Leonard speaks of coming out of retirement to fight one man, Marvin Hagler: "I want Hagler. I need that man." Thomas Hearn, decisively beaten by Hagler, speaks of having been obsessed with Hagler: "I want the rematch badly . . . there hasn't been a minute or an hour in any day that I haven't thought about it." Hence women's characteristic dislike of boxing per se coupled with an intense interest in and curiosity about men's fascination with it. Men fighting men to determine worth (i.e., masculinity) excludes women as completely as the female experience of childbirth excludes men. And is there, perhaps, some connection?

In any case, raw aggression is thought to be the peculiar province of men, as nurturing is the peculiar province of women. (The female boxer violates this stereotype and cannot be taken seriously—she is parody, she is cartoon, she is monstrous. Has she an ideology, she is likely to be a feminist.) Boxing's very vocabulary suggests a patriarchal world taken over by adolescents. This world is young. Its focus is youth. Its focus is of course *macho*—*machismo* raised beyond parody. To enter the claustrophobic world of professional boxing even as a spectator is to enter what appears to be a distillation of the masculine world, empty now of women, its fantasies, hopes, and stratagems magnified as in a distorting mirror, or a dream.

Here, we find ourselves through the looking glass. Values are reversed, evaginated: a boxer is valued not for his humanity but for being a "killer," a "mauler," a "hit man," an "animal," for being "savage," "merciless," "devastating," "ferocious," "vicious," "murderous." Opponents are not merely defeated as in a game but are "decked," "stiffed," "starched," "iced," "destroyed," "an-



nihilated." Even the veteran sportswriters of so respectable a publication as *Ring Magazine* are likely to be pitiless toward a boxer who has been beaten. Much of the appeal of Roberto Durán for intellectual boxing aficionados no less than for those whom might suppose his natural constituency was that he seemed truly to want to kill his opponents: in his prime he was the "baby-faced assassin" with the "dead eyes" and "deadpan" expression who once said, having knocked out an opponent named Ray Lampkin, that he hadn't trained for the fight—next time he would kill the man. (According to legend Durán once felled a horse with a single blow.) Sonny Liston was another cham-

pion lauded for his menace, so different in spirit from Floyd Patterson as to seem to belong to another sub-species; to watch Liston overcome Patterson in tapes of their fights in the early 1960s is to watch the defeat of "civilization" by something so elemental and primitive it cannot be named. Masculinity in these terms is strictly hierarchical—two men cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

At the present time twenty-year-old Mike Tyson, Cus D'Amato's much-vaunted protégé, is being groomed as the most dangerous man in the heavyweight division. He is spoken of with awe as a "young bull"; his strength is prodigious, at least as demonstrated against fairly hap-



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Arkansas tight end William Winston (left) and coach Ken Hatfield are interviewed by two television stations at the same time Friday during the SWC kickoff luncheon at the Hyatt Regency. The Razorbacks are the coaches' choices to win the 1987 championship.

The Dallas Morning News: David Leeson



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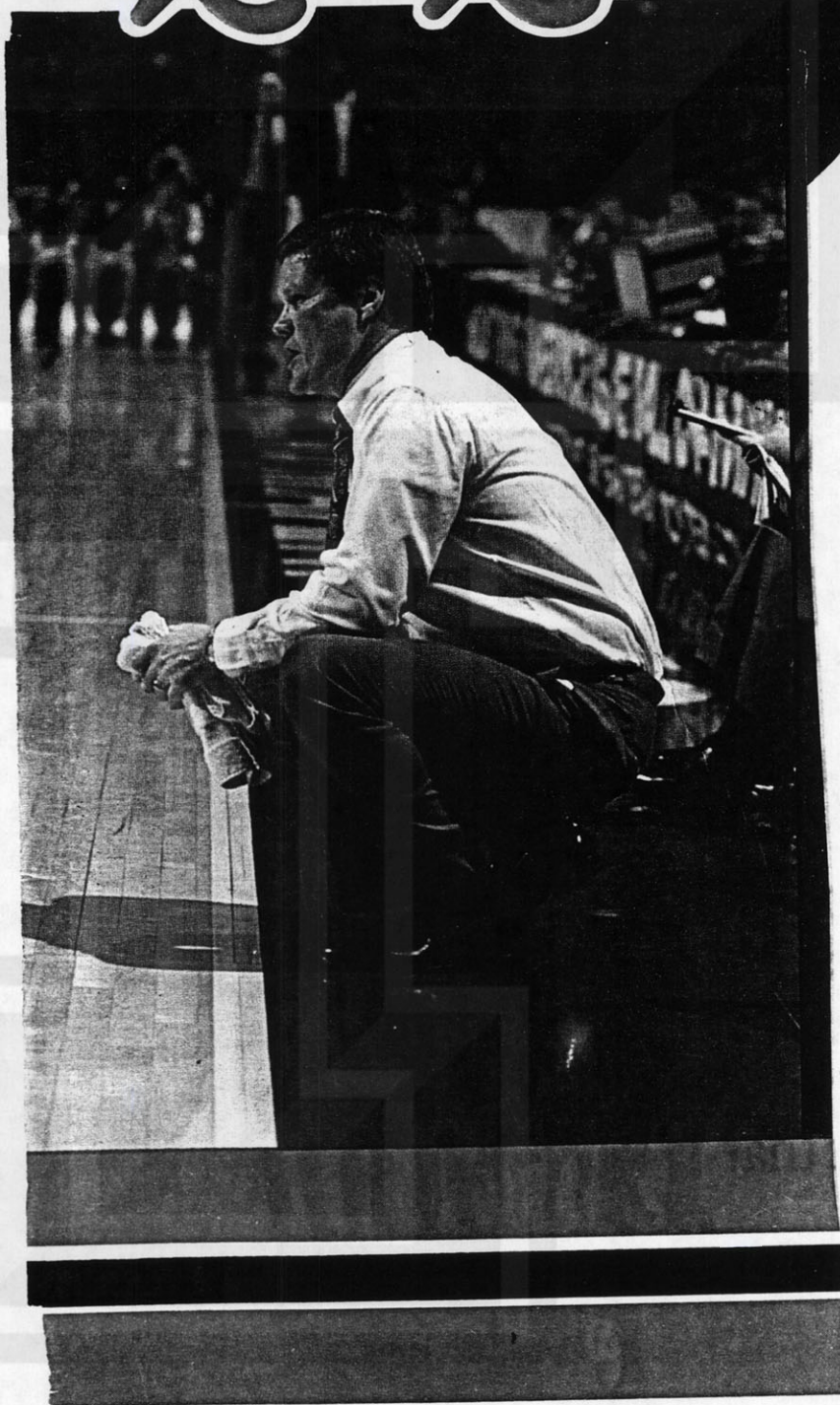


The name of Gerald Myers is not a household word in many parts of the country when it comes to talking about college basketball, but just mention his name in the Southwest Conference and the usual reaction is something along the lines of "... top coach in the league."

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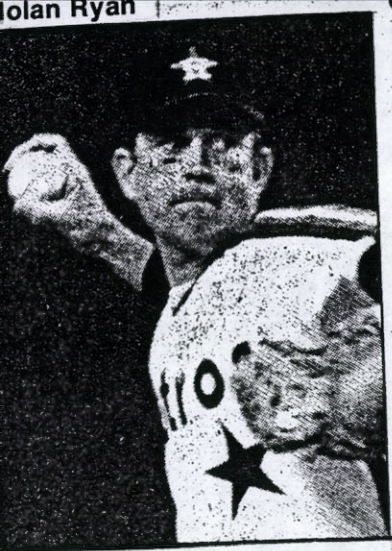


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By Pete Fisher, AP

**CROWDED AT HOME:** Boston's Ellis Burks slides across the plate as the ball eludes Texas catcher Mike Stanley while on-deck hitter Jim Rice scampers to get out of the way.

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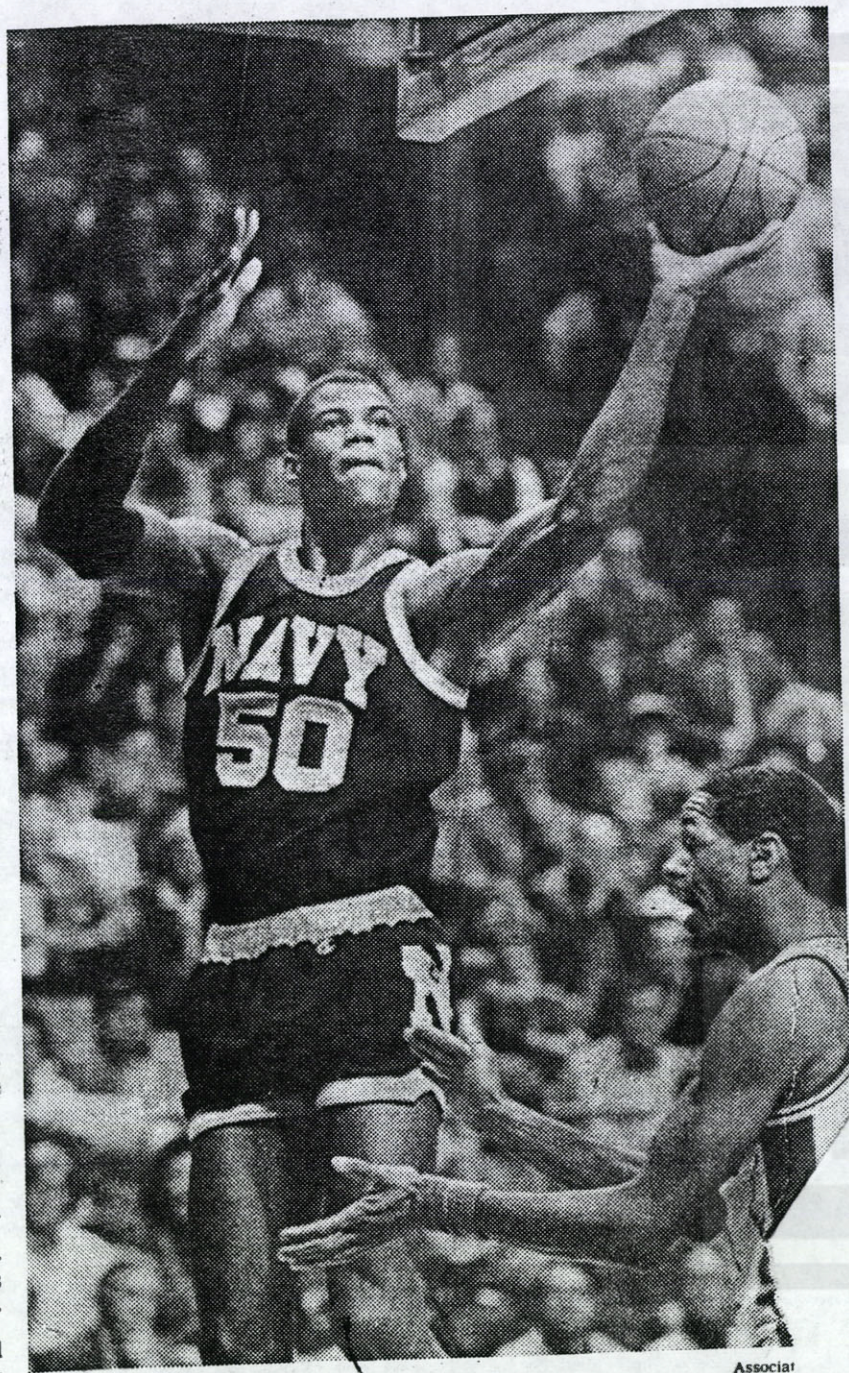
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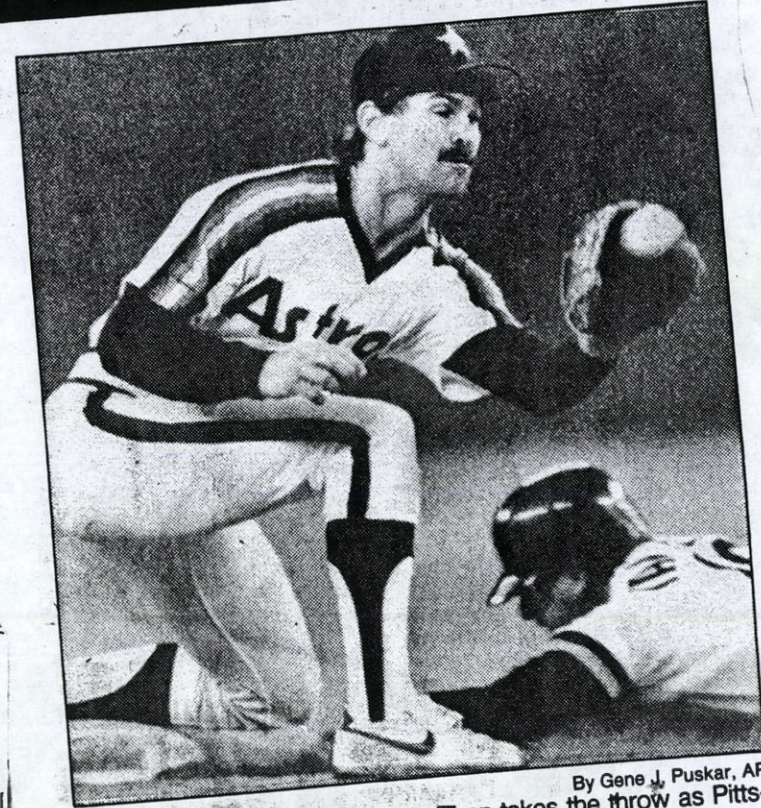
Although his career is nearing its end, Reggie Jackson



By Robert Deutsch, USA TODAY  
**TOP PICK:** NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle shares a laugh with No. 1 selection Vinny Testaverde of Miami (Fla.).

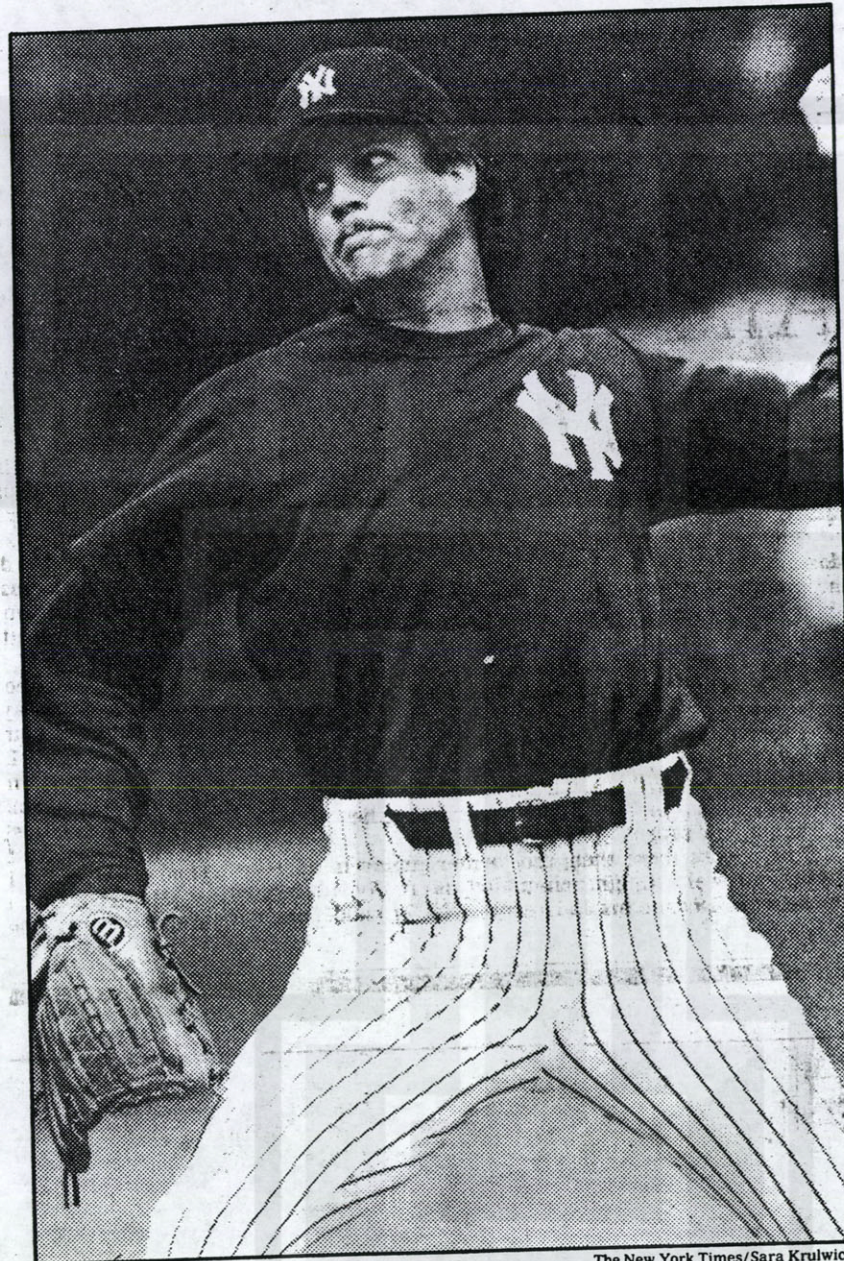


**CANDY MALDONADO**  
Hurt hand against wall



By Gene J. Puskar, AP  
**TARDY TOSS:** Houston's Dickie Thon takes the throw as Pittsburgh's Andy Van Slyke slides into second with a stolen base.  
second. Dodgers 1, Phillies 0.





The New York Times/Sara Krulwich

Dennis Rasmussen: "I want to be thought of as a consistent pitcher."

### Rasmussen, 1986

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Bob Ojeda: "How do I stay so calm? On the field, it's a game."

### Ojeda, 1986

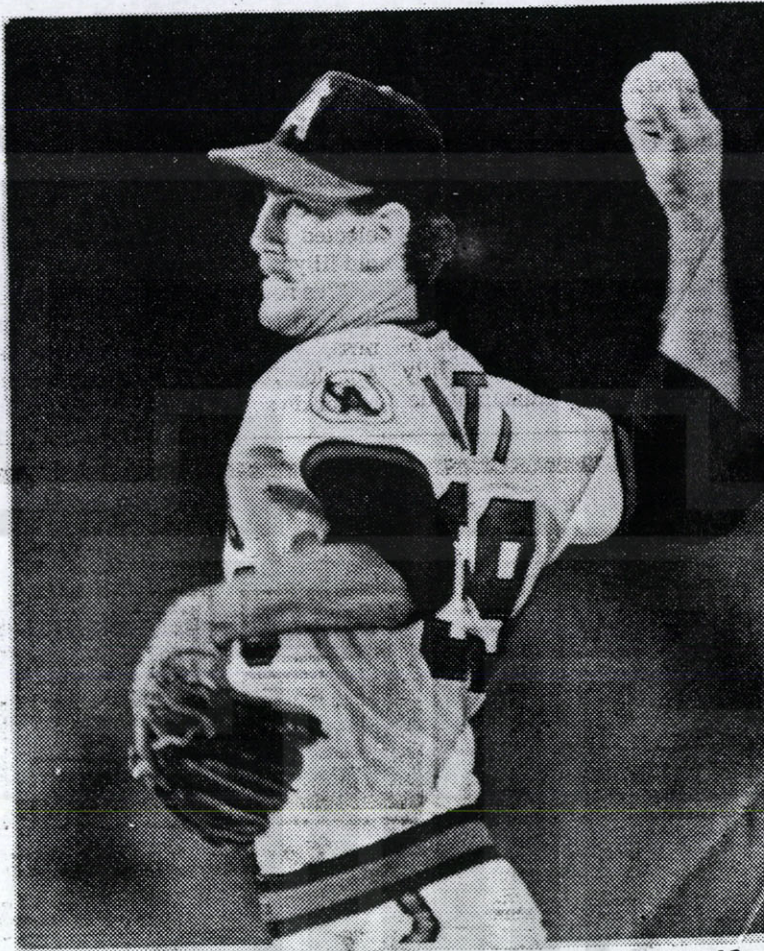
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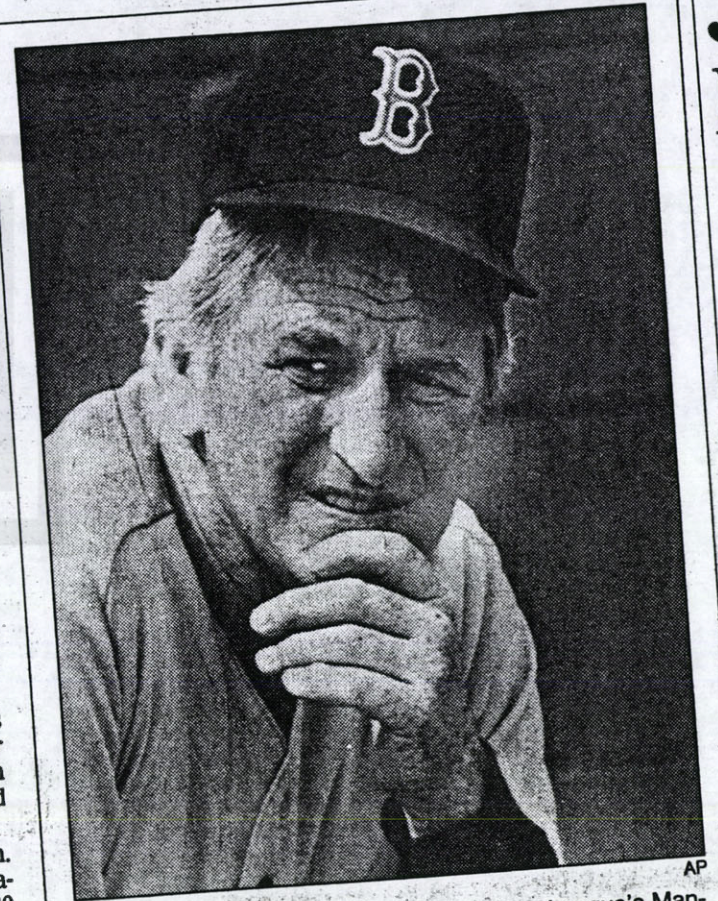
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Atlanta shortstop Rafael Ramierz stretches out, but fails to grab a liner off the bat of San Diego's Tony Gwynn in the sixth inning on Sunday.



Associated Press

California's Ken Witt, who allowed four hits and struck out six, shows the form he used in defeating the Rangers, 6-1, Wednesday night.



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**JOHN McNAMARA**, the American League's Manager of the Year after leading the Boston Red Sox to the pennant despite dire predictions, managed 14 seasons in the minor leagues and then made the major leagues with Oakland in 1969. He has also managed in San Diego (1974-77), Cincinnati (1979-82) and California (1983-84) before moving to Boston in 1985.

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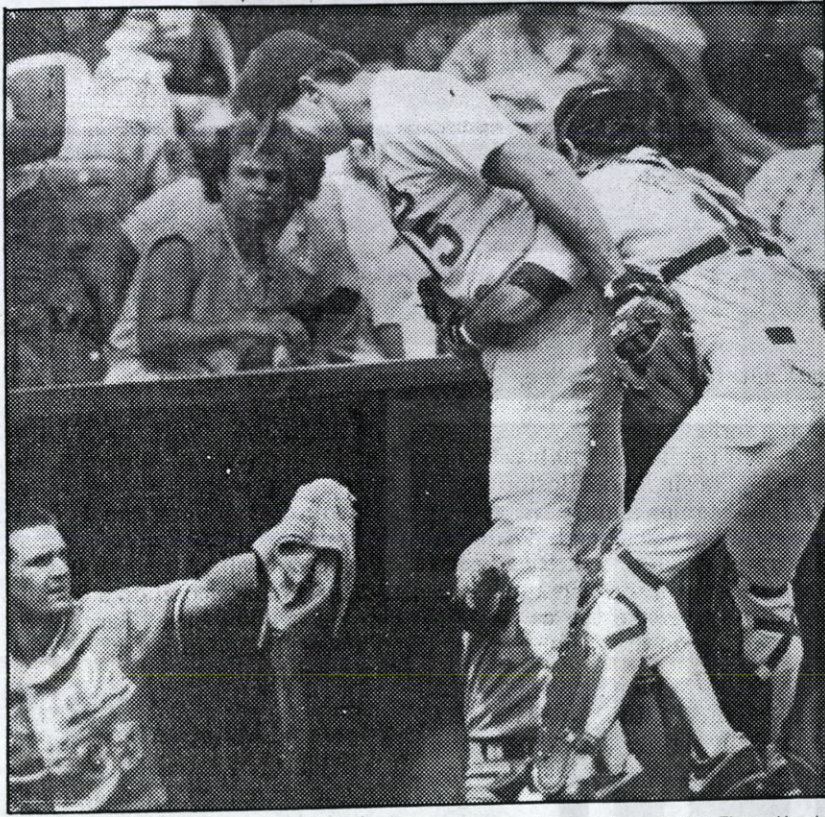
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Louis DeLuca/Dallas Times Herald

Rangers catcher Geno Petralli makes a saving catch of teammate Larry Parrish during Sunday's game. Parrish's efforts weren't enough to catch the foul pop-up.

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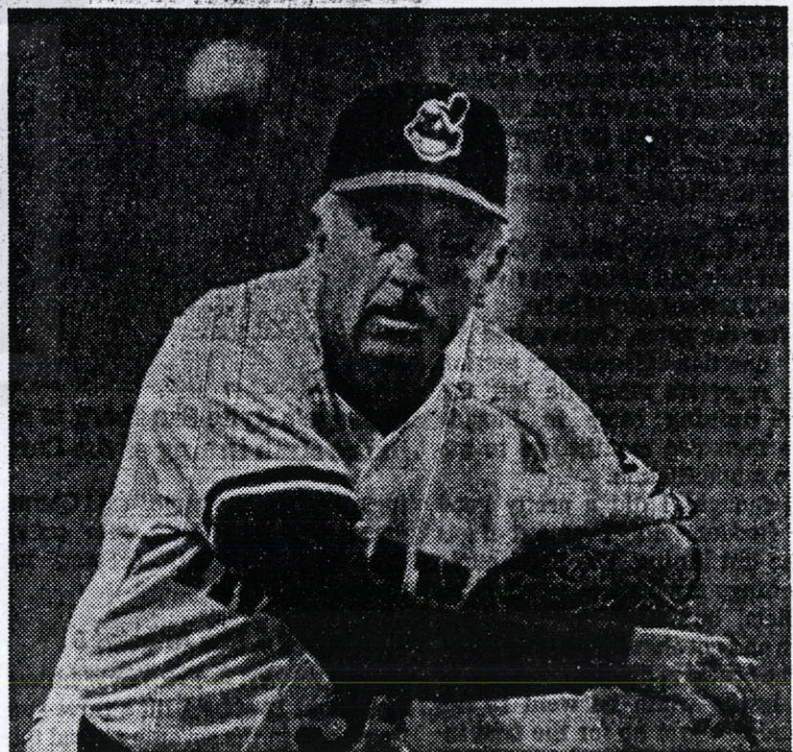
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