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Weekend rap-up

Rockets bought by Florida businessman

HOUSTON (AP) — Florida businessman Les Alexander on Friday completed his \$85 million purchase of the Houston Rockets and announced he already had a "major trade" in the works.

Alexander, who has promised to take a hands-on approach to running the NBA team, called the deal "significant" but declined to give more details. "Right now we know and the other team hasn't completed it yet, but it will probably be completed in the next day or two and we'll announce it," he said. "I think it's significant."

Alexander began his effort to purchase the Rockets three months ago, but limited partners Tilman Fertitta and Gary Bradley announced they would match his \$81 million offer and buy the team themselves.

Crow, Baugh enter SWC Hall of Fame

DALLAS (AP) — Sam Baugh jokes that if he were entering college today, he would be swinging a golf club rather than throwing a football.

But when the Southwest Conference quarterback legend reminisces about his days as Texas Christian's "Slingin' Sammy," it's obvious his heart is with a pigskin, not a neron.

Baugh was one of six former conference players, including Texas A&M running back John David Crow, inducted Friday into the first class of the Southwest Conference Hall of Honor.

Also selected were Texas running back Earl Campbell, TCU quarterback Davey O'Brien, SMU running back Doak Walker, and Houston quarterback Andre Ware. All except Baugh won the Heisman Trophy.

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Tomorrow: Rice and Houston

SMU



Freshman quarterback gives recovering team new mobility

From Staff and Wire Reports

SMU returned from the death penalty

in 1985 when the NCAA levied the death penalty against their football program.

Under the leadership of Tom Rossley the Mustangs shocked many skeptics last season by compiling a 5-6 record - 2-5 in the Southwest Conference. Rossley's three-year record at SMU is 6-16, 2-13 in the SWC.

"The biggest turn around for the players was their attitude," Rossley said. "It was such a different attitude from four years ago."

Southern Methodist University is continuing its rise from the grave

in 1989, the team was composed of 74 freshmen. This season, the Mustangs will boast a lineup consisting of mostly upperclassmen, but the offense will be led by a red shirt freshman.

Ramon Flanigan, the 6-1, 170 lb. quarterback from Wichita Falls, will take over the Mustangs' reins.

Rossley said the offense will receive an added dimension with a new quarterback. "We'll be faster and have more big play potential on offense," he said. "Having a mobile quarterback for the first time will also help us." Though the offense might gain more mobility this season, they will have to look for more improvement with almost a complete new

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Price wins St. Jude Classic

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Nick Price, already the leading money-winner on the PGA Tour this year, won his fourth tournament of the year Sunday when his final-round 66 gave him a three-shot victory in the \$1.1 million Federal Express-St. Jude Classic.

It was Price's third victory in as many tour events as he won the Greater Hartford Open and Western Open on consecutive weekends in late June and early July. He also won the Tournament Players Championship in March. No other golfer has more than two tour wins this year.

"I'm just playing well. I'm hitting the fairway. I'm hitting the ball on the green and I'm making putts. There's not much more to say than that," Price said after finishing with an 18-under-par 266 total after four trips around the 7,006-yard TPC course at Southwind.

Jeff Maggert and Rich Fehr finished at 269, one

shot better than Fuzzy Zoeller, who began the final round tied for the lead with Price but faded to a 70.

Price managed to win yet again — and take the winner's check of \$198,000 — despite being on edge throughout the tournament. His wife Sue is at home in Orlando, Fla., about to deliver their second child.

He said when the tournament began Thursday and then said again Saturday, when he moved into a first-place tie with Zoeller, that he would leave if his wife went into labor.

Price's only problem on the course Sunday came when he double-bogeyed the par-3, 231-yard 14th hole after hitting his tee shot in the water. He was leading by four strokes at the time and said the mistake may have resulted from overconfidence. Instead of playing it safe to avoid the water, Price went straight for the flag.

"When you're hitting the ball well, and I'd been knocking the flags down all day, the hardest thing to do is aim away from the pin," he said.

Troubled Frogs still rebuilding ailing program

From Staff and Wire Reports

The TCU football program is still rebuilding under second-year coach Pat Sullivan, who compiled a lackluster 2-8-1 record in '92.

Sullivan's offensive philosophy is drastically different from the run-and-shoot style of his predecessor, Jim Wacker. The transition to a balanced pro-style offense was difficult for players, a problem that was apparent during the first half of the '92 season. But TCU made progress in the second half of the season, defeating the University of Texas 23-14 for the first time in 25 years.

The offense has only four offensive starters returning this year. One of those returning is sophomore quarterback Max Knake, who made various attempts at the starting role as a freshman and is considered the starter for now.

But apparently his starting spot isn't a lock. Sullivan has made comments that indicate the position is still in the air. "It's critical we resolve our quarterback situation," he said. "We not only have to have production from that position, but leadership as well."

Derrick Cullors is another name to watch for. As a backup running back last year, Cullors had only 82 carries but averaged 5.4 per carry and returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown.

The biggest concern on offense is the line. Three starters gone and the offensive line coach, Pete Hoener, is counting on three junior college transfers to step up and fill in the holes.

TCU



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Scoreboard

American League			National League		
Toronto	2	Detroit	1	Florida	5
Milwaukee	9	New York	2	Montreal	4
Boston	2	Baltimore	1	Philadelphia	5
Cleveland	9	Kansas City	5	Pittsburgh	4
Minnesota	9	California	2	San Diego	3
Oakland	9	Texas	5	Cincinnati	1
Chicago	4	Seattle	0	Atlanta	3
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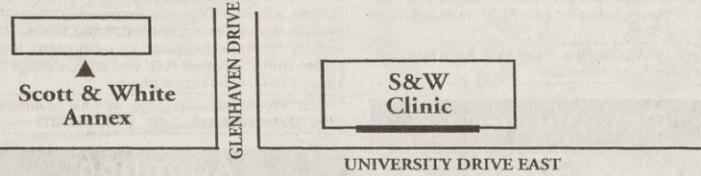
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