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First round draft choice

Dallas signs Thomas Henderson

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League signed first-round draft choice Thomas Henderson of Langston University to a multi-year contract Thursday and the former small-college All-America said he is going to use his bonus to build his parents a home in Austin, Texas.

"The Cowboys have a reputation of being a low-paying club but they gave me a fantastic deal . . . more money than I've ever had in my life," said the 6-2, 216-lb linebacker.

Henderson was actually the second first-round pick for the Cowboys. They selected All-America lineman Randy White of Maryland as the No. 2 pick in the nation and he has yet to sign.

Dallas obtained the rights to the White pick in a trade with the New York Giants for quarterback Craig Morton.

The swift Henderson, who has run several 40-yard dashes in 4.4 seconds, said he has agreed to play in the All-America college game in Lubbock in June.

"I haven't heard from the all-star people that hold the game in Chicago, but I would just as soon go to camp as play in that game anyway," said Henderson.

Henderson said he also had been courted by the Hamilton Tigercats

of the Canadian Football League but wasn't very impressed.

"They sent me an application to fill out with an unstamped envelope," Henderson said. "I put a 10-cent stamp on it and sent it back

to them, saying I didn't care to play."

Although terms of the contract were not announced, Cowboy official Gil Brandt said Henderson received a hefty bonus.

Henderson received a standard

contract which says he has to make the team. Coach Tom Landry has never given a rookie a no-cut contract because he feels a new man must make the grade.

Henderson said, "I feel like I can start for the Cowboys in the first

year. I'm a confident person. I've been a no-name but everybody knows who I am now."

Henderson was not selected to play in any post-season games last year because Langston had a 14-1 record.

Cowboy assistant coach Jim Tubbs said, "Henderson is one of the finest linebackers I have ever seen. We will play him on the inside. He has all the tools to be a really excellent player."

Henderson said he negotiated with Dallas for two months but never heard from the struggling World Football League during the period.

Women tracksters visit Waco for championship

By PAUL McGRATH Staff Sports Writer

The Texas A&M women's track squad is on the road today as it competes against Baylor and Sam Houston State for the zone championship.

Coach Connie Karcher feels A&M "will be a strong second" and could possibly overtake the Bears with some luck. "I'm pretty confident we'll give them a better run for their money. I think we'll give them a better showing," she said. Karcher says her squad will score more points than they did against the Bears in the A&M Invitational held last Saturday, mainly because there will be only three teams present. She thinks some of her women who finished lower last week may take higher spots this week.

Karcher seems confident her quartermiler, Marsha Mitchell, can repeat her first place performance in the College Station meet. She also has hopes her shot put and discus entrants, Sandra Lyman and Lucy Neiman, can go one-two if Baylor's Suzie Snyder does not compete.

Marty Alexander will represent the Aggies in the long jump and Margaret Grant competes in the high jump in two more events that Karcher expresses high hopes for.

The women have had a small epidemic of leg injuries this week with shin splints and pulled muscles taking toll of several members of the team. Rita Koontz will be off both relay teams and Jo Beth Greben is suffering somewhat but will run.

Another event the women may prove strong in is their mile relay quartet of Jane Weisenfelder, Sharon Boyle, Debbie Wootan and Mitchell. However the foursome

finished fourth behind both Baylor and Sam Houston last week.

A&M finished third behind Baylor last weekend in the meet A&M hosted and appears to be the stronger team on paper. However, the Aggies have the potential to pull an upset.

The top three finishers in each individual event will advance to the state meet held in San Marcos next weekend.

Pizza Hut Classic has all-star line-up

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Twenty of the nation's finest senior collegians will be in action here Tuesday night (April 15) when the fourth annual Pizza Hut Basketball Classic unfolds at the Las Vegas Convention Center. A sellout crowd of more than 6,200 is expected.

Heading the East stars in the NCAA and NAIA-sanctioned charity event will be three-time unanimous All-American David Thompson of North Carolina State. The leading scorer in Atlantic Coast Conference history with 2,309 points, Thompson led all voting for spots on the two teams with support on 611,423 votes.

Joining Thompson at forwards for the East will be Southeastern Conference player of the year Kevin Grevey of Kentucky, All-Big 10 selection Steve Green of Indiana and Ohio Valley Conference player of the year George Sorrell of Middle Tennessee. Manning the East pivot will be the ACC's most accurate field goal shooter, Bob Fleischer of Duke, and the Big 10's No. 3 scorer, C. J. Kupec of Michigan.

At guard for the East will be Naismith Hall of Fame award winner Monte Towe of NC State, two-time All-ECAC pick Mel Utley of St. John's, All-SEC selection Glenn Hansen of Louisiana State and Illinois State scoring leader Rick Whitlow.

Providing backcourt strength for the West will be All-Americans Gus Williams of Southern Cal and Lionel Hollins of Arizona State. Also at guard will be West Coast Athletic Conference player of the year Ricky Sobers of Nevada-Las Vegas and two-time St. Mary's scoring leader Maurice Harper.

Sharing time at center will be Stanford's all-time leading rebounder, 7-foot Rich Kelley, and Kansas' No. 7 career scorer, 6-foot-10 Rick Suttle.

West forwards will be Houston's No. 2 career scorer and playmaker Louis Dunbar, All-NAIA pick Ike

Devore of Midwestern (Texas), two-time Utah State scoring leader Jimmy Moore and Missouri Valley Conference scoring kingpin Ken (Grasshopper) Smith.

Coaches will be NC State's Norm Sloan and Washington's Marv Harshman.

A nationwide television audience will be watching with Jim Simpson doing play-by-play and Kansas coach Ted Owens providing analysis.

Pirates rip Cubs, 8-4 in first game

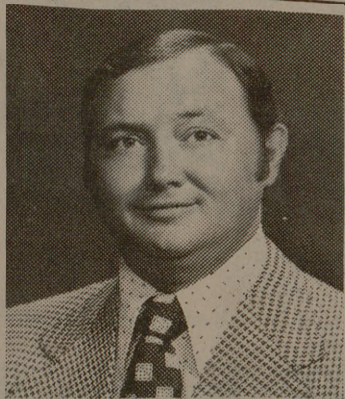
CHICAGO (AP) — Willie Stargell's second home run of the game broke an eighth inning tie and helped the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs in the season's opener for both teams.

After Stargell's leadoff homer, Dave Parker singled and Manny Sanguillen followed with another homer. The Pirates added a fourth run on singles by Frank Taveras and Rennie Stennett sandwiched around a sacrifice.

The Cubs erased a four-run deficit in the fifth with a four-run outburst in which the key blow was Rick Monday's two-run double off starter Dock Ellis.

The Pirates jumped into a 4-0 lead in the first three innings. After a pair of solo homers in the first by Richie Hebner and Stargell, Pittsburgh got two more off Cub starter Bill Bonham in the third. Hebner was hit by a pitched ball and scored on Al Oliver's double. Stargell's single then scored Oliver for a 4-0 Pirate lead.

Stargell had four hits and three runs batted in for the day.



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Black Contributions Included in Study

Outstanding accomplishments by Blacks must be considered in forming any contemporary definition for the word HERO.

Heroes Clothing Store (Northgate) has already offered a \$25.00 gift certificate for the best definition submitted by mail or in person prior to April 26. Heroes has also offered a certificate good for \$1.00 toward future purchases of \$5.00 or more to every person who submits an entry in person.

Today Heroes has announced that more ideas are needed prior to a conference scheduled for this weekend — thus someone who submits a definition this week will be selected to receive a \$10.00 gift certificate. All entries will still be eligible for the \$25.00 at the end of the contest!

The entire contest is being covered by KTAM RADIO — where you will hear on-campus interviews, phoned-in responses, and lots of controversy. KTAM DJ's will make the final decisions — and they are giving away prizes of their own.

Come in Friday — have a lemondrop — pick up your \$1.00 certificate — trade a few ideas — and get in an entry that can win the \$25.00 for you. The contest is getting hotter — someone has to win — it might as well be you!

 Louis Armstrong	 Malcom X
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 Sly Stone	 Martin Luther King

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ENTRY FORM

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A's, Norris beat Chisox with 3-hitter

OAKLAND (AP) — Rookie Mike Norris pitched a three-hitter in his first major league appearance and slugger Reggie Jackson belted a three-run homer to give the Oakland A's a 9-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox Thursday.

Norris, a 20-year-old righthander from across the bay in San Francisco, gave up a single to Pat Kelly leading off the first inning and a single to Carlos May in the second and a double to Kelly in the ninth.

The A's got four of their runs off Chicago starter Stan Bahnsen in the third inning, with three driven in by Jackson's first homer of the season.

Bill North singled and Claudell Washington walked before Jackson slugged his 420-foot shot. Joe Rudi then slashed a double, chasing Bahnsen, who was replaced by Skip Pitlock. The Chicago reliever then surrendered a run-scoring single to Billy Williams.

Washington's two-run single in the sixth made it 6-0 and the A's added three more runs in the seventh.

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