

# Doyle doesn't believe his success in Series

**United Press International**  
LOS ANGELES — Most of the Yankee players did exactly what you'd expect them to the moment they came back into the clubhouse after nailing down their second straight world championship.

They acted like a bunch of happy kids, hugging each other, dousing one another with champagne and generally carrying on as if it were New Year's Eve.

One of them, however, second baseman Willie Randolph, ineligible to play in the World Series because he pulled a hamstring three weeks ago, sat quietly in the trainer's room, in his civvies, with a bottle of champagne in one hand and a sandwich in the other.

He had just watched the man who replaced him, rookie Brian Doyle, astonish everybody by leading all the Yankees at bat in the Series with a .438 average and handling 23 chances flawlessly in the field.

Willie Randolph had seen Brian Doyle do even more than that. He had seen him contribute a double and a pair of singles in the Tuesday night's 7-2 wrapup; collect five consecutive hits over two games to come within one hit of a Series record; pull the Yankees out of their deepest hole by starting a key double play in the third inning and push shortstop Bucky Dent in the vote for the Most Valuable Player of the Series.

Dent won the vote but Doyle was right in back of him.

"He did some job out there, didn't he," Randolph said, speaking about Doyle without the slightest trace of envy in his voice. "He's one helluva ballplayer. I broke in with him in 1973 when he was with Castonia and I was with Charleston in the minors, so I know what he can do. What he did didn't surprise me."

"Of course, I would've loved to have played in the Series," Randolph went on. "But the Lord works in mysterious ways and it all came out for the best. For Brian, for the team, for all of us. Look, that's one of my teammates there," said the Yankees' regular second baseman, motioning toward the other end of the clubhouse where Doyle was surrounded by a group of reporters. "He pulled for me all year. You think I'm gonna do anything but pull for him now?"

Doyle never dreamed he'd play the kind of part in the World Series for the Yankees he did. With Syracuse of the International League last year, he was called up by the Yanks on April 23, sent to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League May 12, recalled three days later, sent down again on Aug. 19 and brought back a third time on Sept. 11.

Actually, Doyle was ineligible to play in the Series but when Randolph came up with his hamstring pull, the Yankees asked for and re-

ceived permission to use him as his replacement for the playoffs and the World Series.

And, he wouldn't even have played had the Dodgers decided to go with left-hander Doug Rau instead of right-hander Don Sutton in Tuesday's contest.

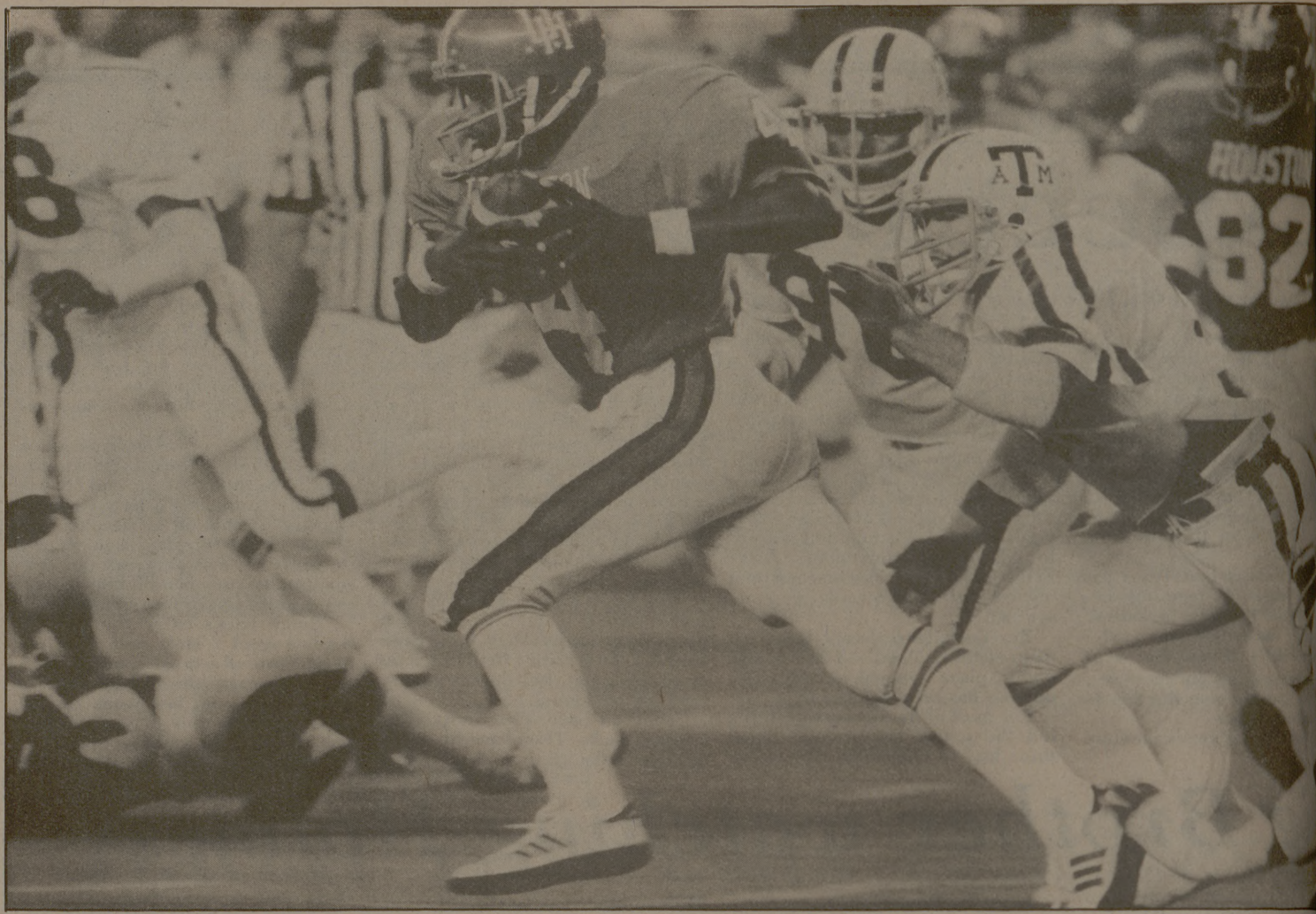
"It's absolutely unbelievable!" the 5-foot-9, 162-pound resident of Cave City, Ky., kept saying over and over again.

Doyle comes from a family of second basemen. His older brother, Denny, played for the Phillies, Angels and Red Sox before retiring a year ago, and his twin brother, Blake, led the International League in fielding with Rochester this year.

"Denny helped me a lot," Doyle said. "He was in the big leagues eight years and we discussed every phase of the game. He told me how little guys like us have to play the game differently than big guys. Keep an eye on Blake, too. He makes the double play quicker than I do and I think he's a better ballplayer than I am."

Next year, Willie Randolph, who did such a good job for the Yanks this year, is sure to be back at second base for them.

What then?  
"I don't know," said Doyle. "Right now, I'm not thinking that far. I'm only thinking of what happened these past few days and it's unbelievable."



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## Cougar on the loose

Houston quarterback Danny Davis escapes the pursuit of Aggies Doug Carr and Eugene Sanders in last Saturday's game. Davis and the Cougars ran up a total of 331 yards total

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**Waters injured**  
United Press International  
DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys safety Waters had suffered a deep laceration on his face as a result of an accident at his home, but he was as probable for next Sunday's game with the Philadelphia Eagles.  
Waters was sitting in a tree in his back yard Monday night when the swing broke and a spring attached the swing to the tree limb in the face.  
It caused a deep cut below his right eye and across his cheekbone.  
Waters missed practice Wednesday because of the injury.

**Baylor player to have surgery**  
United Press International  
WACO — Baylor basketball coach Jim Haller announced Tuesday junior college transfer Gulliardo will undergo corrective surgery to repair torn ligaments in his right thumb.  
Gulliardo, a transfer from Eastern Texas Jr. College, injured his thumb during Baylor's fourth game out of the season. The 6-7 player is expected to be out of action between three and four weeks.

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