

# Zoeller still flying high

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — The millions of television viewers watching Fuzzy Zoeller become the first modern-day rookie to win the Masters never saw what happened after he sank that \$50,000 birdie six-footer on the second hole of sudden-death and flung his putter ecstatically in the air.

No one ever saw it come down — at least no one among those watching on the tube. And sharp-eyed Vin Scully, who did such an excellent job on the final wrap-up for CBS, laughingly suggested the club might eventually be sighted spinning over nearby Atlanta.

Actually, the putter did come down out of sight of the camera, but Fuzzy Zoeller never did.

That's perfectly all right, too, because he's having the time of his life up there in outer space somewhere. And he doesn't care if he ever sets both feet back on the ground again after the way he beat Tom Watson and Ed Sneed in Sunday's playoff to capture a title everybody kept telling him he couldn't possibly win.

"I'm still on cloud nine and probably still will be for another three or four weeks," confessed the affable, first-time Masters' starter from New Albany, Ind. "There are so many people who would like to be in my position, so why shouldn't I enjoy myself. Listen, I have a lot of fun playing golf. It's such a pleasure to be outdoors."

Zoeller, 27 years old, looked at the reporters congregated around him.

"I could never do what you guys

do," he said. "You have to be indoors too much."

That's the way the new Masters champ talks. Completely naturally. He acts the same way.

When he made that superclutch putt of his on the 11th hole, which was the second extra one in the first sudden-death playoff ever held here, after Watson and Sneed both had missed chances for birdies, Zoeller jumped high and threw both hands in the air.

He hugged his caddie, Jeriah "Jerry" Beard, who helped him all week long because of his unfamiliarity with the course — "I felt like a blind man with a seeing eye dog" — and bubbled over to such a degree, you would've thought he had just

been crowned the new world heavyweight champ.

One of the reasons he may have felt that way could have been because he had won only one professional tournament previously, the San Diego Open this past January. In his four years on the circuit, everywhere he went he kept hearing he had no chance in such a blue-ribbon event as the Masters.

Even after his first three rounds of 70, 71 and 69, which preceded his final round 70 that put him in a 72-hole tie with Watson and Sneed, nobody gave Zoeller much of a chance.

"Everybody kept telling me 'you're playing awfully well' — like I was doing something wrong," he

said following his victory. "Before I won at San Diego, I was getting a whole lot of the same thing. People back home were saying to me 'When you gonna win? When you gonna win?' Like 'if you don't win, we don't wanna talk to you.'"

Zoeller has been playing golf since he was four. He fell into it rather naturally since his father was President of the Valley View Country Club only a 5-iron shot from where he lived.

"Nobody ever forced me to play golf, though," said Fuzzy, whose square name is Frank Urban Zoeller and who gets his nickname from his initials. "I play the game because I enjoy it and it's fun."

## NBA playoffs

# Spurs, 76ers meet again

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SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs, hoping to end their quickly gained reputation for folding in the playoffs, host Philadelphia tonight in the second game of their Eastern Conference semifinal series and coach Doug Moe does not expect any loss of intensity.

"These guys want to win so bad," said Moe. "They are up and ready. The main thing now is to keep our enthusiasm even if this series goes 21 games."

San Antonio clobbered Philadelphia in the series opening game Sunday, 119-106, jumping to as

much as a 26-point lead. Following tonight's game the best-of-seven series goes to Philadelphia for games on Friday night and Sunday afternoon.

The Spurs have not won a playoff series in the NBA, although they have made the playoffs all three years they have been in the league.

"I was optimistic about this series before it began," said Moe, whose Spurs nipped Houston by a game for its division title. "We had a great week of practices."

Moe, however, chose to work his team only lightly Monday. And, as usual, the emphasis of the workout was on offense.

"We'll spend about 10 minutes on defense," Moe said before the workout.

But it was the defensive work of

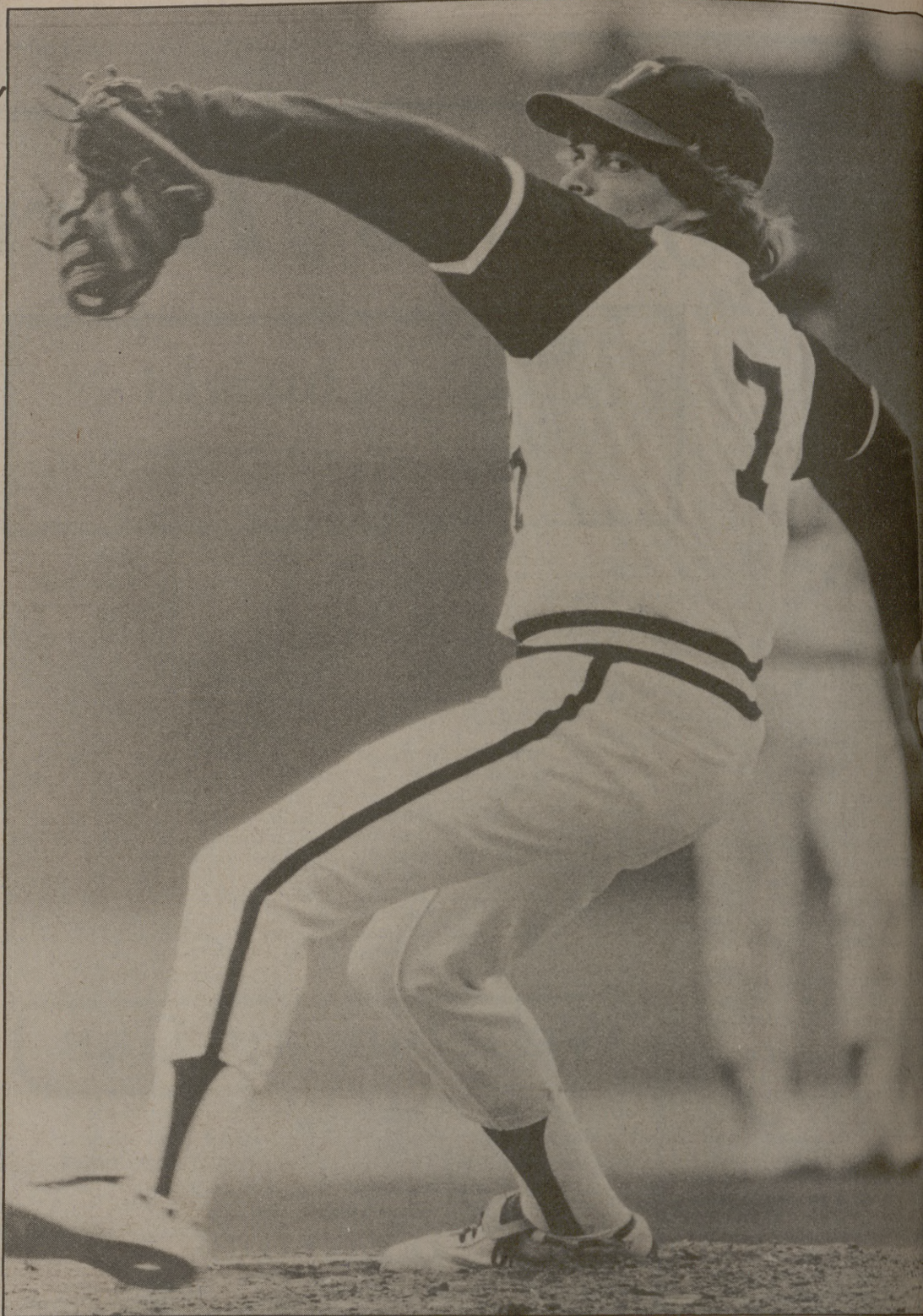
the Spurs which made the difference in Sunday's victory. With the San Antonio guards picking up Philadelphia's guards at midcourt, the Spurs forced Philadelphia out of its game and caused 26 turnovers.

"That pressing defense caught us by surprise," admitted Philadelphia coach Billy Cunningham, whose team knocked off New Jersey in two games to advance to the conference semifinals. "That was as well as I've seen San Antonio play. We will just have to do a better job as a team."

"If you pick them up high," said San Antonio center Billy Paultz, who grabbed nine rebounds and scored 12 points, "it opens things up a little. On the whole I think this was one of our best defensive efforts."

San Antonio, the leading offensive team in the NBA, is often criticized for its defensive play. But since the Spurs were so successful with its pressing strategy Sunday it could be expected that they would use the same style tonight.

"Today, it worked," said Moe after the game. "Tomorrow, who knows? If you lose after playing like that, congratulate the other team. If you give your best effort and you lose because the ball won't go in the hoop, fine."



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## McDonald arches

Texas A&M pitcher Randy McDonald gives an evil eye and winds up for the pitch in Saturday's nightcap with SMU. Today the Aggies host St. Mary's in a double-header which is

scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. at Olsen Field. Earlier in the season, the Aggies swept a double-header with the Rattlers in San Antonio, 3-0 and 6-3.

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## Hayes begins jail sentence

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DALLAS — Former Dallas boy wide receiver Bob Hayes Monday began serving a five-prison term for selling narcotics.

Hayes was convicted last month on charges of distributing cocaine and methaqualone to an undercover police officer. Despite pleas from prominent sports figures, he was sentenced to two concurrent five-year terms and a probated seven-year term.

He was allowed to remain out until Monday's formal sentencing. The former Olympic medalist and All-Pro football player appeared before state District Judge Richard Mays for the brief hearing, and was then taken immediately to Dallas County Jail to begin his sentence.

With time off for good behavior, Hayes can be released on probation within 10 months.

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