

Perry packs and leaves Padres

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SAN DIEGO — Gaylord Perry, baseball's winningest active pitcher, Tuesday announced he was immediately quitting the San Diego Padres and planned to retire unless the club could work out a trade for him, preferably with the Texas Rangers where he played three seasons.

"If nothing can be worked out, then this is my last day in uniform," Perry told a news conference at San Diego Stadium.

Perry, who turns 41 in two weeks, said he was returning to his farm in Williamston, N.C., to await word on whether a trade could be worked out and to be closer to his family.

"I need to get back closer to home to supervise the family," he said. "They (his four children, age 12 to 16) are at the ages now where they need a father's supervision. My wife has been carrying the burden all these years.

"I've had a great career. I think I've done my part."

Perry, who won the Cy Young Award in his first year with the Padres in 1978 with a 21-11 record, has a contract with San Diego through the 1980 season, worth \$220,000.

The greying right-hander said he has talked the situation over with club President Ballard Smith and "has no ill feelings."

"After the game today (Tuesday), my family and I will be driving back to North Carolina. I would like to get back to Texas."

Perry, a 17-year veteran, came to the Padres in a 1978 trade that sent reliever Dan Tomlin and \$100,000 to the Texas Rangers. He played three seasons with the Rangers, after four seasons with the Cleveland Indians and 11 years with the San Francisco Giants.

Perry, just 21 victories shy of 300 career wins, enjoyed his finest year in 1972 when he won the AL Cy Young Award with Cleveland with a 24-16 record and 1.92 ERA.

"I've told him we'll do what we

can, but I'm also trying to run a business here," said Smith, who added that Padres' general manager Bob Fontaine and Texas owner Brad Corbett already have discussed putting together a deal involving Perry but the Rangers were not offering a fair value for him.

The Padres don't yet have National League waivers on Perry, so no trade to an American League team could take place before Wednesday.

"I have no ill feelings toward the Padres," Perry said. "I made my decision 10 days ago and I notified Ballard Smith at the time, thinking this would give them sufficient time to make a deal for me."

"I believe at the time that the organization didn't believe me. Obviously they didn't make a deal so I am driving home after the game today with my family."

"I've enjoyed every minute of my two years in San Diego and I THINK I helped this club. I wish I could have done more."

Asked about missing the 300-victory mark, Perry said: "I still feel I can reach that in a couple of years if San Diego gives me that chance. My career is in their hands. In my two years here I've done no injustice to them and I hope they give me the same consideration."

Perry said he would consider playing for several clubs, other than the Rangers, that were close to his home but did not identify them.

"But I would not go to the New York clubs," he said. "There are too many people in that town. I like Billy Martin of the Yankees very much so it's nothing personal."

Perry said he stands to lose \$25,000 for the remainder of 1979 under his present contract, as well as \$220,000 for 1980 if no trade can be worked out and he retires.

"If I can't be traded I will retire," he said. "Some day I would want to be in a front office job. I think I could possibly get a front office job there (Texas). I certainly would inquire about it."

Perry has been critical of Padres' management in recent weeks, accusing GM Fontaine and other front office executives of being "scared" of owner Ray Kroc.

Professional quarterbacks say new NFL rules are for sissies

United Press International
NEW YORK — The first general reaction among pro football quarterbacks to the new rule designed to protect them has been about the same as the one that was expressed by the majority of big league baseball players the first time they were ordered to wear helmets.

They tried hitting with the plastic at a couple of times and then when they were asked what they thought, they said to helmet it.

Most of the quarterbacks don't seem to care much for the recently established rule that calls for a 15-yard penalty against anyone using the minimum unnecessary roughness against them. More than that, it calls for a quick whistle as soon as any quarterback is in the grasp of his opponent, and basically, what this means, is you won't see quarterbacks getting their brains scrambled or being drilled into the ground so much anymore by enemy tacklers.

That's the plus factor.

On the minus side, particularly for the fans watching, is that the quick whistle will tend to eliminate many of those Hairbreath Harry escapes by trapped quarterbacks.

Fans rather enjoy and relate to the cat-and-mouse aspect of a defenseless quarterback somehow squirming out of the grasp of three huge monsters bearing down on him.

Ter Schramm of the Dallas Cowboys, Don Shula of the Miami Dolphins, Paul Brown of the Cincinnati Bengals and Peter Hadzazy of the Cleveland Browns make up the NFL's Competition Committee and are the ones primarily responsible for the new rule, which really was long overdue.

"What we are looking for is a true interpretation of the word 'unneces-

sary' as it pertains to unnecessary roughness," explains the Cowboys' president and general manager.

"We do not think it is necessary to drill a quarterback into the ground. The officials are being instructed to blow a quicker whistle once a quarterback is in the grasp of an opponent. Looking over the films, we saw a number of quarterbacks are injured when hit with the crown of an opposing player's helmet. With the new rule, you cannot hit the quarterback with the crown of your helmet."

Schramm realizes the fans aren't going to be too happy with the new rule.

"There are going to be some frustrating moments," he says. "There will be some times when maybe a strong guy like (Terry) Bradshaw will be in a tackler's grasp and the whistle will be blown while he's still standing up, but he'll throw the ball and it'll be completed to one of his receivers. The play will be called back and there will be some controversy but we feel that overall the rule will be beneficial."

Among the quarterbacks who aren't in love with the new rule is Schramm's own Roger Staubach, who upon hearing of it, acidly inquired: "Are you sure I shouldn't wear a little red flag on my hip."

"The more you talk to quarterbacks about coming up with some way to protect them, the more they object," Schramm says. "They're not looking for protection. They think it's going to restrict their freedom. They're always afraid any rule, no matter what it is, is going to impede them. They don't like the quick whistle because they want to be able to wiggle out and make the big play."

This past weekend, which was the

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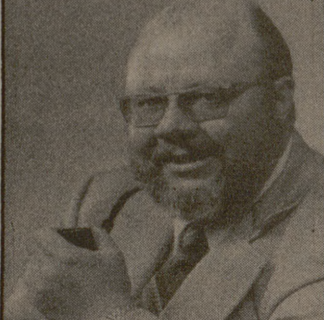
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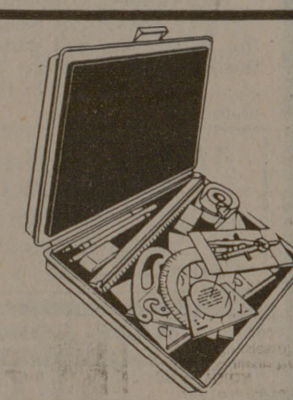
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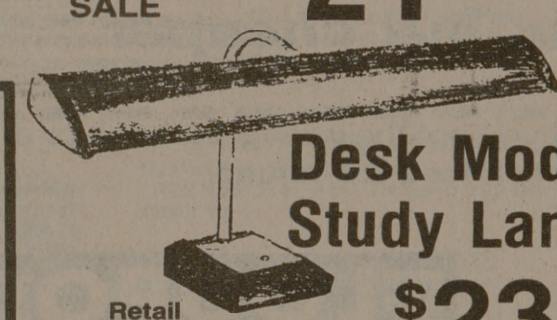


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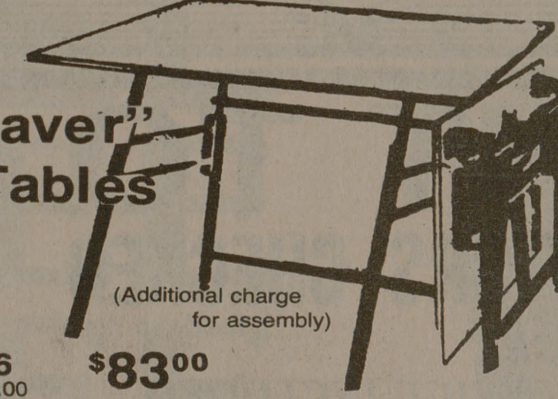
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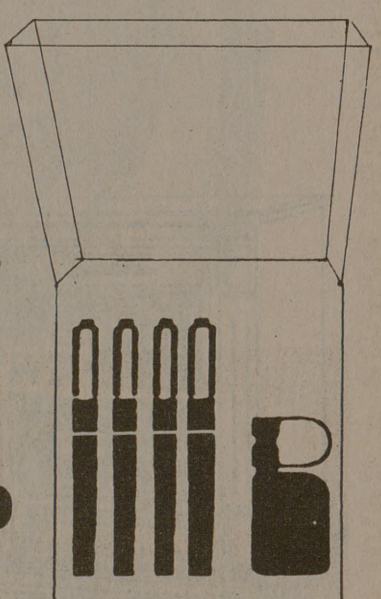
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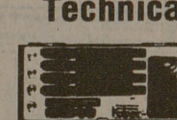


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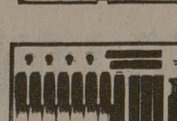
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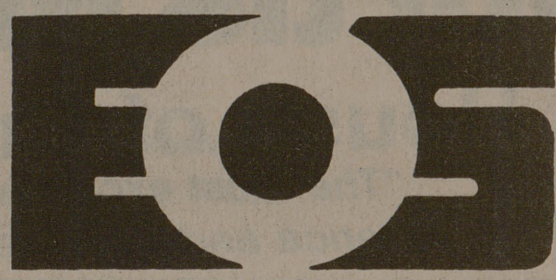
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