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Tanner was just doing job for 'Ma'

United Press International
PITTSBURGH — That first shock was the most severe one and some of the initial numbness off. Chuck Tanner still was not enough so that he felt he had to talk it over with someone. He picked the same person he went to with his biggest problem — his mother.

"I'll do whatever you think is best," she said to her. "If you think I stay with you, I will."

Tanner regarded her oldest child as a pure disbelief.

"Don't you worry about me one bit. I'll be perfectly all right," she assured him. "I have everything I need. You can't do anything if something happens to me, but you can't do anything if you go to manage. You're a manager, you know."

The conversation took place after Anne Tanner suffered a stroke at her home in New Castle, about 70 miles from here while the Pittsburgh Pirates were finishing the season in a series with the Chicago Cubs two weeks ago. Pirates were still battling the Detroit Expos for the National League's Eastern Division title and had been settled yet.

Anne Tanner settled one thing at least, though. The oldest of her four sons, or "Junior," as she always called him so as to differentiate between him and her husband whose name also is Chuck, would stay with his team. He had a job to do, and in the Tanner household, you stuck with a job until you finished it no matter what.

And that was the way they left it, although a day never passed between that time and Sunday that Chuck Tanner didn't either speak with his mother over the phone or visit her personally in the hospital in Greenville, Pa., to where she eventually was moved.

After the Pirates nailed down the division title on the final day of the season and then went on to beat the Cincinnati Reds in the playoff for the pennant, Tanner was cheered even more by the report his mother had apparently taken a turn for the better.

"We're in the World Series, Ma," he greeted her with that happy, laughing way of his in the hospital after the Pirates had polished off the Reds. "You better listen to every ball game now. If not, I won't go."

"What are you talking about?" she

chided him the way only a mother can. "You know I watch and listen to the games all the time."

She was telling him the truth. Anne Tanner was a fan in the strictest sense of the word. She not only followed the Pirates religiously but the Pittsburgh Steelers as well. As a matter of fact, during one of his visits, Tanner found her eyes glued to the TV set where one of the Steelers' games was in progress and she startled him a bit by letting out with a sudden, "C'mon, Bradshaw!"

When the Pirates' manager arrived at Three Rivers Stadium for the fifth game of the World Series with the Baltimore Orioles Sunday morning, the first thing he did was put in a call to his mother in the hospital.

A girl at the hospital told Chuck Tanner she was deeply sorry, but she had some bad news for him. His mother, who was 70, had passed away only a couple of hours before.

Tanner thanked her and hung up the phone. He spoke with his father and some of the other family members, and torn between staying at the ballpark where his team was one game away from extinction, down three games to one to the Orioles,

and rushing off to the hospital, where there was nothing more he really could do, Tanner remembered what his mother had said to him only two weeks ago.

"If something happens to me, I want you to go manage. You're a manager, you know."

Before the game began, the 50,920 fans in the ball park all marked a moment's silence for Anne Tanner and for Edgar Speer, a director of the Pirates, who had also died Saturday. Practically all of Tanner's players had come to him individually to convey their sympathy and Baltimore Manager Earl Weaver also made a point to extend his condolences.

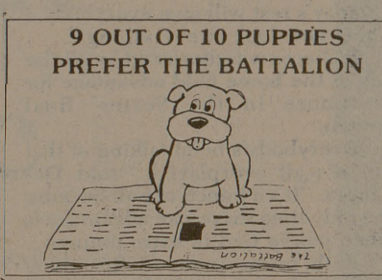
"It was tough," said Tanner after his Pirates beat the Orioles 7-1 to stay alive in the Series, and he was talking not so much about the ball game as he was about the thoughts he had of his mother during it.

"I think about her a lot but I think what she wanted me to do. You gotta be strong and I can be strong because the people around me are strong. My players, they're the ones who motivated me today."

Tanner never shed any tears. He didn't have to.

"If I haven't shown my love for her all my life," he said to a long-time friend talking about his mother, "then there's something the matter with me."

The fact is there's nothing the matter with Chuck Tanner at all.



Big D has weekend crowd

United Press International
IRVING, Texas — The biggest football weekend of the year in the Dallas area concluded at Texas Stadium Sunday night with more than 200,000 people having sat in on three big games.

The annual Texas-Oklahoma battle at the Cotton Bowl, the SMU-Baylor game in Texas Stadium and the Dallas-Los

Angeles affair all drew sellout crowds.

A total of 201,595 people saw the three games.

The Texas-Oklahoma game played to a sellout crowd for the 34th consecutive year and the sellout for the SMU game was the first for a Mustangs' home contest in 30 seasons.



Top Texas teams had good week

United Press International
PITTSBURGH — Just one of those big West Texas shootouts, where anyone can win — and almost did — as ranked eighth in Texas high school football Class AAA, nosed Snyder, 3-0, last weekend.

Dayton Whitehurst's Pecos had been flying high through the first five games. But Whitehurst is the first to admit Friday's 3-0 victory over Snyder had gone either way.

"We're just starting district," Whitehurst said. "We play Andrews next week in our district opener."

They beat Snyder more than we did. Anyone in the district is capable of defeating anyone else this year. I just don't see anyone going through the season undefeated."

Among UPI's top 40 high school teams — the top 10 rated teams in each of Classes AAAA, AAA, AA and A — there were only three defeats last week. And one of those involved two ranked teams as Class AAAA's No. 2 Plano blanked No. 10 Richardson Lake Highlands, 30-0.

The top-rated teams all won — Class AAAA's Abilene Cooper downed Odessa, 21-0; Class AAA's Jasper whipped Silsbee, 26-0; and Class A's China Spring edged out Waco Moody, 7-6. Kenedy, No. 1 in Class AA, was idle last week.

"It was a hard-hitting football game which either team could have won," Whitehurst said of Pecos' narrow victory. "They were right down at the goal as the game ended."

Snyder had moved from their own six to the Pecos four-yard line when a pass fell incomplete in the endzone and the Eagles took over to run out the clock. Until the final seconds, it was either team's game.

"We penetrated five times and just couldn't get in the end zone," Whitehurst said. "Snyder penetrated our end of the field twice — and came away with no points. It

was just one of those West Texas shootouts where either team could win — and that's the type of ball we expect the rest of the year."

Sixth-ranked Houston Stratford, the defending Class AAAA state champion, was upset by Houston Spring Woods, 9-0. Idalou, ranked sixth in Class AA, was the only other top 10 team defeated last week. The Wildcats fell, 21-15, to Muleshoe.

La Porte, No. 3 in Class AAAA, beat Pasadena, 27-15, and fourth-ranked Conroe continued to roll, defeating Cypress-Fairbanks, 56-6. Fifth-ranked Temple downed Round Rock, 27-0; seventh-ranked San Antonio Judson outclassed Laredo Martin, 48-0; eighth-ranked Midland Lee blanked San Angelo, 14-0; and ninth-ranked Killeen edged past Waco Richfield, 22-21.

In other Class AAA games, second-rated Paris defeated Liberty Eylau, 42-14; third-ranked Kerrville beat Carrizo Springs, 42-7; fourth-rated Beaumont Hebert downed Beaumont South Park, 35-7; and fifth-ranked Huntsville rolled over Houston King, 47-0. No. 6 Gregory-Portland beat Corpus Christi Calallen, 27-6; No. 7 San Angelo Lakeview beat Odessa Ector, 18-14; No. 9 Lubbock Estacado blanked Lamesa, 35-0; and No. 10 Cuero outclassed San Antonio Southside, 55-0.

Pittsburg, ranked second in Class AA, shutout Hooks, 40-0; third-ranked Breckenridge defeated Comanche, 26-7; fourth-ranked Childress blanked Tulia, 35-0; seventh-rated Wylie beat Coahoma, 22-14; and tenth-ranked Whitehouse blanked White Oak, 33-0. Fifth-ranked Hays Consolidated, eighth-ranked Hallettsville and ninth-ranked Littlefield all had open dates.

Haskell, No. 2 in Class A, continued to roll, defeating Crowell, 54-0. Fourth-ranked Hawkins downed Sabine, 23-12; fifth-ranked Seagraves downed O'Donnell, 41-0; seventh-rated Rotan beat Jim Ned, 38-9; and tenth-ranked Dilley beat Three Rivers, 14-6. Third-rated Glen Rose, sixth-ranked Troup, eighth-rated Mason and ninth-ranked Flatonia all had hope dates.

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- United Press International
NEW YORK — The United States International Board of Presidential Elections has announced the top 20 college football teams, with first-place votes and employed by the press records in parentheses (rank/record):
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 - Florida State (6-0)355
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 - Notre Dame (4-1)297
 - Arkansas (5-0)229
 - Michigan (5-1)226
 - Washington (5-1)134
 - Brigham Young (4-1)94
 - Pittsburgh (4-1)54
 - Purdue (4-2)42
 - Navy (5-0)37
 - North Carolina St. (5-1)34
 - North Carolina (4-1)19
 - Tennessee (4-1)18
 - Louisiana St. (3-2)16
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