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Larry Cole to resign

United Press International DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys front office announced Thursday that Larry Cole, 13-year veteran defensive tackle, will announce his retirement from the Dallas Cowboys today at a news conference.

Cole, 34, attended school at the University of Hawaii. He was a starter for the Cowboys until 1978 when he was moved to a back up slot behind Jethro Pugh and Harvey Martin. In that year, however, the 6-5, 252-pounder was moved back into a starting role because of injuries.

Cole has played every position on the Cowboy's defensive line. Although listed as a tackle, in 1979 he started at defensive end during Ed "Too Tall" Jones' hiatus in boxing. He later moved to left tackle.

Cole holds the record for most NFL playoff appearances at 25, including five Super Bowls.

Cole owns and operates the Larry Cole Development Company, which deals in commercial and residential real estate.

Tigers defeat Astros, 3-

United Press International COCOA, Fla. — The Detroit Tigers scored single runs in the third, fifth and sixth innings Thursday to beat the Houston Astros, 3-1, in exhibition baseball.

Winning pitcher Dave Tobik scored the first run. He singled off loser Joe Niekro, and moved to second on Tim Corcoran's single. The Tigers made it 2-0 in the fifth when Corcoran doubled and came home on Lance Parrish's single.

Detroit's final run came in the sixth when Tom Brookens singled, went to second on an infield out, to third on a wild pitch and scored on catcher Dave Roberts' throwing error.

Houston's only run came when Craig Reynolds singled to open the sixth inning, went to second on a passed ball and scored on Terry Puhl's single.

Tobik pitched four innings, allowing five hits and no runs. He

was followed by Roger Niekro, Phil McEnany and Kevin Niekro went six innings, longest of any Houston pitcher this spring and allowed one run and all three runs.

Dave Smith and Frank Lary combined for three scoreless innings in relief.

Detroit improved its record to 14-6. Houston, which had won two straight, is 5-9.

Netters beaten by Ponies host Longhorns Saturday

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The score was no indication of how close the match actually was between the 20th-ranked Texas A&M men's tennis team and 18th rated Southern Methodist.

SMU won the Southwest Conference match 7-2 but four of the seven SMU wins went down to the wire.

"They have a great team," said a disappointed Aggie coach David Kent, "and they hit the shots they had to when they had to."

He said it is always tough to lose close matches like those. With a couple of different shots, the score could easily have been 7-2 in favor of A&M.

The two nationally ranked teams had the crowd oohing and aahing throughout most of the match. The fans found it easy to applaud for both teams for their outstanding play.

Three matches went to three sets and the Ags lost all three times. Three games went to the tie-breaker with SMU winning two to the Ags' one.

The number two singles set the tone of the match for Texas A&M. Reid Freeman won the first set 6-3 but lost his concentration when Jerome Vanier began to rally. Vanier won the second set 6-2 and then took a spirited third set 6-3.

Freeman was not able to hit the same shots in the third set he had been hitting consistently in the first set.

Brian Joelson seemed to run out of gas in the number one singles against nationally seventh-ranked Drew Gitlin after he took the first set 7-5 and lost the second 6-3.

He had been playing well, even in the second set, making a few winning shots but also some uncharacteristic mistakes. He lost his concentration in the third set and did not even win a game.

Singles results: Joelson lost to Gitlin 5-7, 6-3, 6-0; Freeman lost to Vanier 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Ron Kowal lost

to Erick Van Hoft 6-3, 7-5; Tom Judson lost to Jeff Turpin 7-6, 6-1; Max King lost to John Fielding 6-3, 6-4 and Leonard Smith beat Rick Anigan 6-3, 6-4 for the only A&M singles win.

In doubles: Freeman-Joelson lost to Citlin-Vanier 6-4, 6-3; Judson-Kowal beat Fielding-Turpin 7-6, 6-3 and Smith-King lost to Anigan-Van Hoft 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 in what was the most exciting match of the day.

The match had already been decided in favor of SMU but both doubles teams went after each other like the match was riding on it.

Kent was obviously disappointed with the loss and simply shrugged when asked.

"Let's take nothing away from SMU," he said. "They have a great program and simply beat us."

He said he was pleasantly surprised with the turnout for the match. The stands were almost filled. It was the largest home crowd to see an A&M match since Kent became head coach.

"The fan support was great," he said. "I know with support like that we can beat some folks; as long as we hit our shots."

Kent said he hopes the turnout will be similar when the Ags take on the University of Texas Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center. Texas is ranked 19 nationally in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association poll.

Kent said the loss of senior Trey Schutz to an injury has proved to be a bigger blow than he expected to the team. Schutz cracked a bone in his ankle against Rice on March 14.

"It sure makes it tough to win without him," said Kent. "He was a vital cog in the A&M tennis picture."

The loss lowers the Ags dual record to 16-6 for the spring season. For the Southwest Conference, the Ags are 2-2 and 22-13 in matches.

The SWC records matches won and lost to determine the placings for the post-season tournament.

Rangers win, 4-0

United Press International POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Rick Honeycutt and Bob Babcock combined on a four-hit shutout to help the Texas Rangers defeat Montreal, 4-0, in exhibition play Thursday afternoon.

Honeycutt, a member of the Ranger's starting rotation, worked seven innings — giving up four hits and walking one. Babcock, a veteran righthander vying for a spot in the Texas bullpen, ran his consecutive scoreless string for the spring to 12 innings in finishing up the eighth and ninth.

The Rangers broke open a scoreless game with four runs in the eighth as they put together five singles and a sacrifice fly on Expo pitcher Steve Rogers.

All-night softball will head festival

The second annual Penberthy Celebration of Sports will get underway today at noon at the Penberthy Intramural Complex.

The event honors Walter "Peny" Penberthy who is recognized as the father of the Texas A&M intramural program.

Forty-eight hours of continuous softball will highlight the event. Currently 63 teams are entered in the tournament, 48 of which are in the men's division, 10 in the co-rec and five in the women's.

Additional activities are scheduled for the weekend beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday morning. A home run hitting and barrel walk contest, followed by a Frisbee accuracy and flickerball throwing contest. The highlight of the day, however, will be the RedMan Tobacco Spitting contest.

That event is scheduled to be-

gin at 1 p.m. and is expected to draw the largest crowd.

In conjunction with the tobacco spitting will be a horseshoe pitching contest.

Impromptu activities, such as a spoon balancing race and inner-tube relay will also be held throughout the three-day event.

Individual competitors will become eligible to win commemorative Penberthy Celebration of Sports t-shirts by entering any of the special events.

Other prizes donated by area merchants, including movie passes, ice cream passes, gift certificates and two diamonds will also be given away.

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