

Sports



Reading the defense

Photo by Jeff Bruton

Travis Bednarz of the Walton C-Jocks prepares to pitch the football out to a teammate under pressure from the Moses Hall team during the Class A Mens Dorm intramural football championship game Monday night. The C-Jocks defeated Moses S.S. 21-13.

Hayes leads Rockets past Pacers 102-82

United Press International
INDIANAPOLIS — Happy Birthday, Elvin Hayes!
The oldest player in the NBA turned 36 Tuesday night, and to celebrate, he scored 17 points to tie Allen Leavell for scoring honors as the Houston Rockets crushed the Indiana Pacers, 102-82.

Both teams ended the game with 4-6 records.
"Hayes celebrated a good birthday," said Houston coach Del Harris. "He took hold and played very well."

Harris was in a pretty good mood after the game, probably because the contest was a blowout from early in the second half. Houston enjoyed a 27-point lead during the fourth quarter.

Hayes was not the only oldtimer to get a good game in. George McGinnis, a big name in Indiana basketball at all levels, scored 12 points, which was second-high for the Pacers.

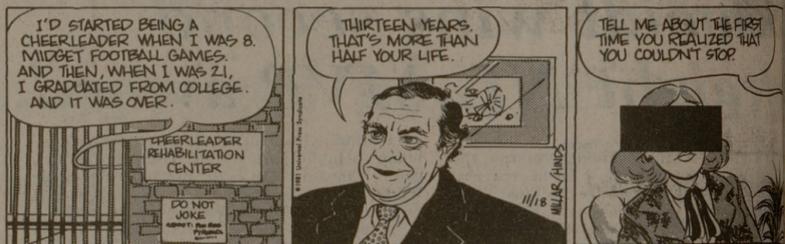
"Older guys take a little longer to get going in the beginning of the season," Harris explained. "He played well tonight. When he applies himself he looks like he has talent."

There is one talent McGinnis will never have, however, and that is free-throw shooting. He missed four of six charity shots Tuesday, but may have been lost in the crowd because the Pacers made only 23 of 38 free throw attempts.

Leavell and Hayes led six Houston players in double figures. Calvin Murphy had 16 points, Tom Henderson had 13, Moses Malone had 11 and Bill Willoughby had 10.

TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Thurman plans to appeal fine for spearing qb

United Press International
DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys defensive back Dennis Thurman said Tuesday night he would appeal his \$1,000 fine the National Football League levied against him for spearing Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski.

The NFL announced Tuesday it was fining Thurman for his actions during the Nov. 1 game.

Thurman has 20 days to make his appeal.

His teammates reportedly plan to raise funds for the fine.

Thurman claims he made the tackle head first but did not spear Jaworski, who suffered bruised ribs. Spearing is butting an opponent in the back.

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Gervin hits for 38 points in Spurs win over Mavs

United Press International
IRVING — George Gervin delivered his usual basketful of points in his typical fluid style, but when the game came down to the winning or the losing it was one of San Antonio's "Bruise Brothers" who did in the Dallas Mavericks Tuesday night.

With the lowly Mavericks hanging on in the final minutes and missing chance after chance to deadlock the game, Mark Olberding took things into his own hands. Olberding, with 33 seconds left, hit a line drive jumper from 15 feet out along the baseline to boost San Antonio's lead to four points and break the back of Dallas.

The 6-9, 230-pound Olberding, in his sixth year as a pro even though he is only 25, wound up hitting six shots in those final 33 seconds to bring the Spurs a 112-105 victory over the Mavericks and extend San Antonio's streak to six games.

Dallas, meanwhile, played

perhaps its finest game of the season only to see its losing streak stretch to eight games.

"Olberding answered the ball when he had to," said Dallas coach Dick Motta. "They came down four times and didn't get a point, but he got them the fifth time down."

Gervin, the NBA's leading scorer, had 38 points, including 18 in the third quarter. But he went scoreless in the final period while Dallas reeled off seven straight to cut its deficit to two points with three minutes to play.

Before Olberding hit his important shot in the final minute, the Spurs had relied chiefly on Gervin and rookie forward Gene Banks, who scored a career high 23 points.

Banks hit the first two San Antonio baskets of the fourth quarter, expanding a three-point lead at the end of the third period to seven points.

"Banks played an excellent game for us tonight," said San Antonio coach Stan Albeck. "He is a very emotional player. You have to calm him down from time to time."

Aguirre, the Mavericks rookie sensation, scored 24 points — two above his average. Dallas' No. 2 draft pick, Rolando Blackman, added 20.

Their scoring kept Dallas in the game all night long and the Mavericks might have taken control in the third quarter had it not been for one of Gervin's unconscious streaks.

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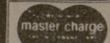
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