

# Sports Scoops

## Bench robbed

**United Press International**  
TUCSON, Ariz. — Cincinnati Reds' star Johnny Bench was filming a television series at a Tucson park Saturday when someone took his 1976 World Series ring and other jewelry worth a total of \$16,000.

Tucson police said the ring, a gold watch and chain, a diamond pendant, a charge card and Bench's driver's license were in a pouch stolen between noon and 4:45 p.m. from an unlocked concession stand at Palo Verde Park. They have no suspects in the theft. Bench and other major league stars are featured in

"The Baseball Bunch," a television series in which the players give advice to youngsters.

## NY signs John

**United Press International**  
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Pitcher Tommy John signed a multi-year contract with the New York Yankees Sunday.

No terms were disclosed, but it is believed John signed for an additional three years at an estimated \$700,000 per year. He is scheduled to report to training camp Monday and begin working out on Tuesday, two days before he

was scheduled for salary arbitration in New York.

## Turner signed

**United Press International**  
DETROIT — Free agent outfielder Jerry Turner has signed a contract with the Detroit Tigers, the baseball club announced Sunday. In keeping with club policy, terms of the contract were not disclosed. Turner, 28, comes to the Tigers from the San Diego Padres. He bats and throws left-handed and comes to the Tigers highly recommended by coach Roger Craig, who managed San Diego in 1978-79, public relations director Dan Ewald said.

## SWC basketball action this week

**MONDAY**  
Texas A&M at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m. (KBTX-TV)  
**TUESDAY**  
TCU at Houston, 7:30 p.m.  
Rice at SMU, 7:30 p.m.  
Baylor at Texas, 7:35 p.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
Texas at Texas A&M, 2:10 p.m.  
Arkansas at Rice, 7:30 p.m.  
Houston at Baylor, 7:30 p.m.  
SMU at Texas Tech, 7:30 p.m.

# SWC decision delayed; Walker to play tonight

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — The Southwest Conference's nine faculty representatives came out in support of officials who kicked Arkansas forward Darrell Walker out of the Razorback's game with Texas last week, but further action was delayed pending additional studies.

As a result of the decision, Walker will play tonight when Texas A&M takes on the Razorbacks in Fayetteville for the conference lead.

Aggie-Razorback games have been extremely violent over the years, primarily because of the intensity of the games.

Arkansas' fans are also a major factor in the violence which occurs in games at Barnhill Arena. Spectators throw cups and ice on the floor and opposing players and radio announcers must warn listeners of the obscenity which they are sure to hear.

Since the Walker incident, Arkansas officials have changed the location of the visiting locker room at Barnhill Arena so the opposing team does not have to pass in front of the student section on its way to and from the court.

Arkansas students were involved in a confrontation with the Longhorns as they entered their locker room following the

game. The special committee looking into the incident is made up of SWC Commissioner Cliff Speegle, along with faculty representatives from Rice, Baylor and Texas Tech.

The committee met Sunday to review 30 pages of testimony and videotapes shot from four angles documenting a series of incidents that took place during the Texas-Arkansas game at Fayetteville Feb. 6.

Late in the overtime period of what turned out to be an Arkansas win, bitter feelings erupted in pushing and shoving among players.

Then, after the game, Texas coach Abe Lemons became embroiled in a yelling match with an Arkansas fan.

The most obvious of the incidents was a punch thrown by Walker at Texas guard Ray Harper with 18 seconds to play. That blow came in full view of the game officials, who ejected Walker.

The league meeting took the better part of seven hours Sunday and the conference then issued a brief statement:

"After reviewing videotape taken from several angles of the altercation that took place during the Texas-Arkansas game on Feb. 6, the conference affirmed its support of the game

officials in ejecting Arkansas basketball player Darrell Walker from the game.

"The SWC does not consider striking an opponent under circumstances, however, the provocation. The game should always be under the control of the officials, but the conference realizes its ongoing obligation to monitor the conduct of players, coaches, game officials and all institutional representatives."

The conference's statement indicated there was no evidence to adequately support one day, so any further action on the matter was delayed until the SWC's post-season tournament early next month.

"The surprising volume of material, in both ten and filmed form, precluding the matter at the conference's statement. The special committee has been instructed to study material and report back at a conference as a whole meeting in Dallas on March 5."

Neither Arkansas' Eddie Sutton nor Texas' Abe Lemons was present at the meeting. They had been with Speegle last week gathered evidence for the meeting.

Among the material gathered by Speegle was a videotape prepared by the University of Arkansas showing Harper lunging at Razorbacks' center Scott King before Harper was ejected by Walker.

# Olberding, SA crush Seattle, 114-94

**United Press International**  
SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs held their last two opponents to under 100 points and Coach Stan Albeck thinks that's a sign his team is finally out of its slump.

George Gervin, the NBA's leading scorer, managed only 15 points Sunday, but the

Spurs went to their front line to defeat the Seattle Supersonics 114-94.

"The major difference was right before halftime when our fast break was cooking and we really got on the offensive boards," Albeck said.

"Our defense has improved immeasurably. This is the second game in a row we've

held people to under 100 points. I think we're back on the track now."

Center Dave Corzine and forwards Mark Olberding and Mike Mitchell combined for 66 points and 36 rebounds.

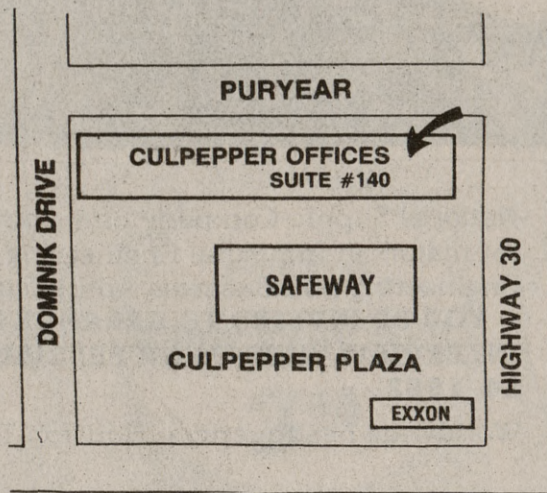
Olberding led the way with 25 points and Corzine added a season-high 23 points. Mitchell scored 18 and had a game-high 16 rebounds.

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