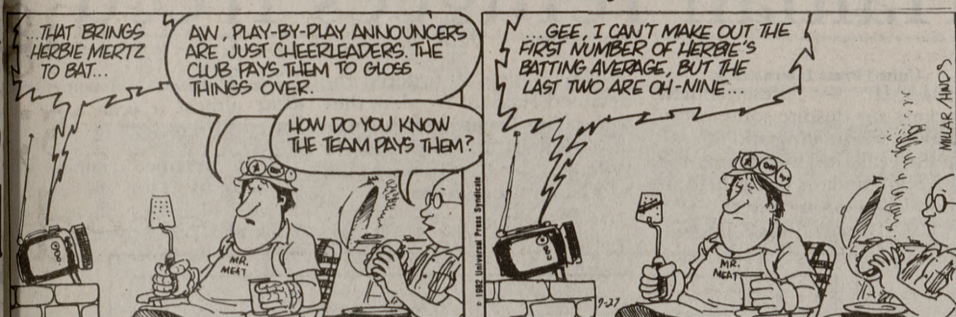


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Vikes' fan filing suit over seats

United Press International
MINNEAPOLIS — Brad Sterling is hoping about 100 season ticket-holders are as upset as he is about where they will sit at the Minnesota Vikings' football games this season.

Sterling, of Burnsville, is looking for some of them to file a class-action suit against the Vikings, charging the club with unfair seat assignments.

The Vikings are moving to the new \$55 million Hubert Humphrey Metrodome this season, from the 21-year-old Metropolitan Stadium in suburban Bloomington which is destined for demolition. The domed stadium holds 62,220, compared to 48,446 in the old facility.

A season ticket-holder since 1976, Sterling put an advertisement in local newspapers, seeking people to help finance the suit.

Festival's ice events feature close battles

United Press International
INDIANAPOLIS — Vikki de Vries, ranked second nationally and seventh in the world in ladies' figure skating, looks positively at her chances in the National Sports Festival singles competition, despite a fall in the short program.

In the ladies' singles event Monday at Market Square Arena, she fell midway through her 2-minute program. Still, de Vries, who turned 18 Sunday, planned to overtake leader Kelly Webster in the long program skating tonight, which counts 50 percent of the overall total.

"I think I can bounce back," she said. "I feel a lot more confident about my long program. I'm going to shine."

Webster took the lead from de Vries Monday with a good short program performance.

The 15-year-old, who trains at Colorado Springs along with de Vries, said she also felt best about her long program routine.

"I feel more confident about the long program," Webster said, "because there are specific elements required in the short program and in the long program you can do anything you want."

De Vries was tied for second with Melissa Thomas, Massapequa, N.Y., who had the best score of the short program competition.

The pairs competition ended with Lea Ann Miller and William Fauver taking the gold.

There was action on the ice at Carmel Ice Skadium also, where the ice hockey action started. In the first game, Mike Krensing and Gregg

Moore scored two goals each to lead North to a 6-5 win over the East, and Rich Costello scored with nine seconds left to give the South a 4-4 tie with the West.

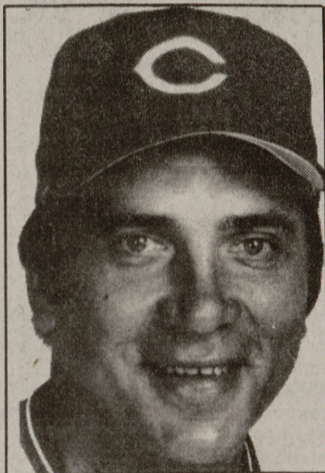
Swimmer Michele Richardson, competing for the East team, won the women's 800-meter freestyle in 8 minutes, 40.24 seconds and took the bronze in the 200-free in 2:05.05 Monday at the Indiana University Natatorium.

Other swimming winners included Matt Cetlinski of Lake Worth, Fla., in the men's 800 free; Jacqueline Komenij of Rohnert Park, Calif., in the women's 100-breaststroke in a Festival-record 1:12.99; and Robert Lager of Mission Viejo, Calif., in the men's 100-breaststroke in 1:04.21, also a meet record.

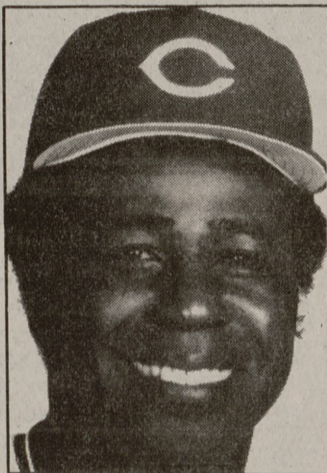
Bench's bat sends Reds past Cubs; SF triumphs

United Press International
Although Johnny Bench is considering retirement, his bat still works full time.

Bench, who told the Cincinnati Inquirer Sunday that he has thought about retiring after this season, hit his third home run in four days to help the Reds to their third straight victory Monday night, a 4-2 decision over the Chicago Cubs.



Johnny Bench



Dan Driessen

"I'm being more patient," Bench said. "I've gotten things turned around and I'm satisfied right now."

Bench missed 10 days of play after fouling a ball off his foot and his foot was still sore and taped, but admitted the hitting felt awfully good for this one series and I hope it keeps up."

"Bench means a lot to this club," Cincinnati Manager Russ Nixon said. "He gives us leadership with his bat."

Dan Driessen and Bench hit back-to-back homers in the fourth inning and Bob Shirley scattered seven hits in eight innings to pace Cincinnati.

Driessen's 11th homer and Bench's eighth of the season gave Cincinnati a 3-1 lead in the fourth inning.

Shirley, who snapped a personal five-game losing streak, struck out three and walked two before being replaced by Tom Hume in the ninth. Hume got the last three outs to record his 17th save. Allen Ripley took the loss.

In the only other NL game scheduled, San Francisco downed Los Angeles, 6-1.

In the American League, it was Kansas City 8, Cleveland 1; Baltimore 6, Chicago 2; Detroit 5, New York 3; Texas 3, Milwaukee 1; Boston 3, Toronto 2; Oakland 11, California 8; and Minnesota 10, Seattle 4.

SAN FRANCISCO 6, LOS ANGELES 1 — At San Francisco, rookie Tom O'Malley drove in four runs with a bases-loaded double and a sacrifice fly and rookie Bill Laskey pitched a three-hitter to pace the Giants, who bunched three hits and three walks in the third to score five runs off starter and loser Fernando Valenzuela.

Laskey struck out six and walked two, but lost his bid for a shutout in the fifth when Rick Monday tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Steve Garvey.

This is Hal McRae's final year on his contract with the Kansas City Royals and the 36-year-old designated hitter is having the kind of season that should make him a millionaire in the free-agent market if he elects to try it next November.

If the season ended today, McRae would certainly be a leading candidate for the AL's Most Valuable Player Award. He collected four hits, including his 17th homer, and drove in three runs Monday night to raise his major league-leading RBI total to 88 and spark the Royals to an 8-1 triumph over the Cleveland Indians.

"I just hope to be consistent (in getting RBI) and I don't have any goals," said McRae. "I just hope I don't hit a dry spell. This is the best I've felt in a while. I've been struggling for a month."

McRae singled home Jamie Quirk to highlight a three-run third inning against Cleveland starter and loser Tom Brennan and smacked his homer over the left-field fence following a single by George Brett to finish the Royals' scoring in the seventh.

Willie Wilson added a pair of triples to the Royals' attack to help Vida Blue to his eighth victory against seven losses.

RED SOX 3, BLUE JAYS 2 — At Boston, Dwight Evans led off the bottom of the eighth in-

ning with a single and scored on Carl Yastrzemski's double play grounder, enabling the Red Sox to regain first place in the AL East.

TIGERS 5, YANKEES 3 — At New York, Lance Parrish drove in three runs with his 17th homer, a single and a triple and Tom Brookens hit a two-run double in helping the Tigers to victory.

ORIOLES 6, WHITE SOX 2 — At Baltimore, Gary Roenicke slammed his 16th home run of the year and knocked in four runs to pace the Orioles to their fifth straight victory.

TWINS 10, MARINERS 4 — At Seattle, Gary Gaetti belted a first-inning grand slam to spark the Twins to victory.

A's 11, ANGELS 8 — At Anaheim, Calif., Rickey Henderson paced a four-run eighth-inning rally with an RBI double and a steal of home to lead the A's to victory.

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"The fact is, we're not any closer to the 50-yard line than we were in the old stadium," Sterling said. "With the influx of more seats, all the people who held seats in the old stadium should be closer. I've talked to some people who have actually lost yardage."

However, Viking ticket manager Harry Randolph said he's in a "no win" situation.

"We lost 4,314 seats between the goal lines in the dome versus the old stadium," Randolph said Monday. "We assign 60,000 seats and we obviously can't make everybody happy. We're also dealing with a lot of people we'll never make happy."

The Vikings have 19,800 tickets assigned to people with a 1960 priority, the year before the club officially began. There are only 19,144 seats between the goal lines in the Metrodome.

"When it came to assigning seats," Randolph said, "it was exciting. We found a guy with season tickets since 1960, sitting dead behind the goal posts. Here's one of the silent majority who never complains. So we thought we'd give him a break and put him closer to the 50-yard line."

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