

Johnson

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"I just dive right in, like I was diving into the water. I don't care if Jaws is waiting in there. I will go after Jaws and put a bomb in his mouth."

Johnson is beginning his seventh year with the Cowboys and that career has been less than smooth. Because he was not judged to be a starter, Johnson told coach Tom Landry a

few years ago that he would just as soon be playing in a uniform with a different hue.

But Johnson was too valuable to trade. After all, he kept showing up in the end zone with the football. Johnson's ego — something that seems to be built in with most wide receivers — was gradually soothed. And last year he signed a new contract that he admits is lucrative, particularly for a player that does not start.

Besides that, the publicity he craves has started to come in larger chunks. He parlayed his own, distinctive end zone spike into a dance and the dance inspired a poster that is being distributed throughout the area. He is now embarking on a broadcasting career with a local

television station.

Johnson relishes the opportunity to be seen and to express his views. And his views concerning football would — like his personality — be worthy of a psychological probe.

"Football is good for a person like me," said Johnson. "You can go out there and take out your aggressions on other people and do all these things that on the street would be illegal. But on the football field they are perfectly legal."

"You can do all these things and forget about feeling bad. You can hit people and then go home at night and say, 'gosh, I feel good.'"

"I'm an aggressive person in everything I do."

That aggression, Johnson said, once crossed the line into another category.

"I think it was my second year with the Cowboys and I was returning kicks," he remembers. "I was tackled by two guys and they stood me up and this other guy came in with his elbow and slammed it under my face mask and cracked my nose."

"I knew we would be playing that team later in the year and I would get my chance. This time I didn't have the ball and that guy never saw me coming. That's when crackback blocks were legal and I went right at his knees."

"He was lying on the ground after I hit him and I stood by

him and said, 'remember, I read he had to have my head was out for the year. That was the only way I had revenge in my life field.'

Johnson's talents as a receiver, his outspokenness, his efforts as a self-publicity man have made him one of the most popular players of a team that has had popular players.

So what does he do next step in a high-profile career?

"Motion pictures," he adds.

And then, after a while, he adds: "I'm only kidding."

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Murphy's single pushed Braves in front in West

United Press International
There are some who just can't believe the Atlanta Braves will prevail, but Joe Torre isn't one of them.

"We were not intimidated and kept coming back after falling behind early," he said after Dale Murphy lined a one-out

single in the bottom of the 10th inning Wednesday night to score Claudell Washington from second base and give the Braves a wild 12-11 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The triumph moved the Braves back into first place in the National League West, a half-game ahead of the Dodgers.

"About the fifth inning, Bob Gibson (Braves' pitching coach) looked over at me and said, 'One good thing about this game is we bat last.' That's about how it was," Torre said.

With one out in the 10th, Claudell Washington singled for his fifth hit of the game. He moved to second on Rafael Ramirez' single and scored on Murphy's liner off reliever Steve Howe, 6-4.

Gene Garber, 7-8, pitched three scoreless innings to help the Braves snap a four-game losing streak.

In other games, Philadelphia beat Chicago, 4-3, New York downed Pittsburgh, 9-1, San Diego stopped Cincinnati, 9-4, St. Louis got by Montreal, 1-0, and Houston romped past San Francisco, 8-1.

In the American League, it was: Toronto 6, Oakland 5; Cleveland 2, Boston 0; New York 10, Baltimore 5; Texas 2, Minnesota 0; Milwaukee 9, De-



Dodgers' Steve Howe gives up winning hit in 12-11 loss

troit 7; Chicago 5, California 3; and Kansas City 6, Seattle 2.

PHILLIES 4, CUBS 3 — At Chicago, pinch-hitter Bill Robinson lined an 0-and-2 pitch for a single to score George Vukovich with two out in the eighth inning to lead the Phillies.

METS 9, PIRATES 1 — At Pittsburgh, Ron Hodges hit a grand slam, Dave Kingman added a three-run shot and rookie Rick Ownbey tossed a eight-hitter for his first major-league victory, to lead the Mets.

PADRES 9, REDS 4 — At

Cincinnati, Garry Teague hit a single to left-center, and Tim Flannery with the bases

run in a five-run ninth. "I just ried the Padres. I just ried the Padres. I just ried the Padres."

CARDINALS 1, EXPOS 1 — At St. Louis, Keith Hernandez tripled in the only run in the game in the third inning. Bob Forsch scattered around to pace St. Louis.

In the AL, it didn't get any better for Baltimore Manager Earl Weaver to look for a model veryning after the New York Yankees abruptly ended a

ORIOLES 6, REDS 4 — Baltimore streaked to a 6-4 win over the Reds in the eighth inning.

BLUE JAYS 6, ASTROS 4 — Oakland, Calif., Barry Larkin went 3-for-5 with two home runs and a double to lead the Jays to a 6-4 win over the Astros.

INDIANS 2, REDS 1 — Cleveland, Andre Dawson doubled home Toby Hall, a c

BREWERS 9, TIGERS 4 — At Milwaukee, Cecil Cooper a three-run homer and Moore drove in three runs a double and bunt single er Milwaukee despite a Tiger attack.

WHITE SOX 5, ANGELS 4 — At Anaheim, Calif., runner Jay Loviglio scored tie-breaking run on Squires' two-out single eighth to lead surging

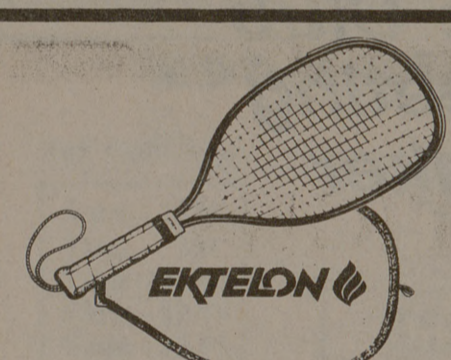
ROYALS 6, MARINERS 5 — At Seattle, Vida Blue five-hitter and Hal

raised his major-league RBI total to 118 by driving two runs to help Kansas snap a four-game losing

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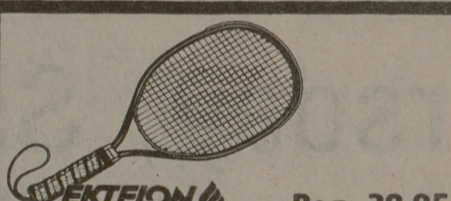


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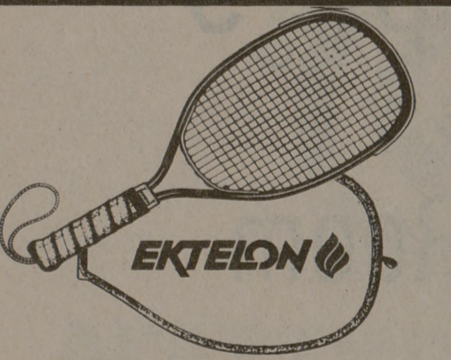
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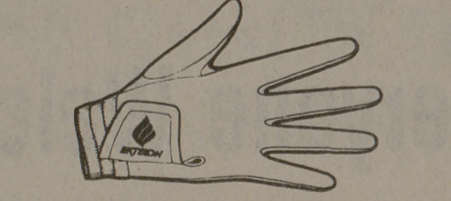
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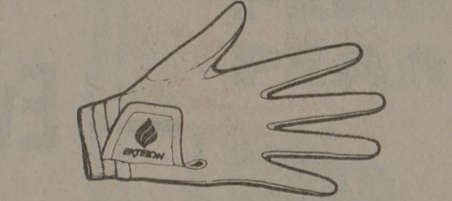
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