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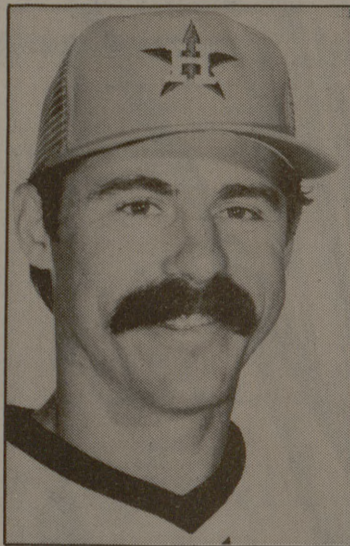
Contenders?

Astros defeat Braves 5-0, begin thinking of pennant contention

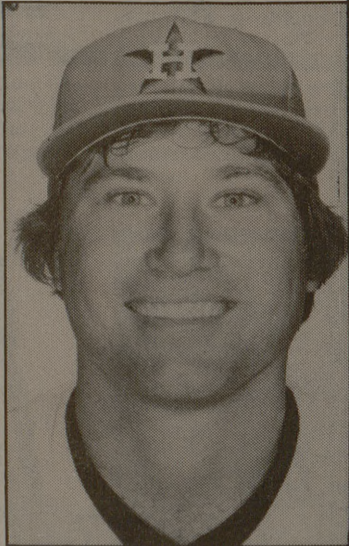
United Press International
HOUSTON — Several of the Houston Astros players feel the club is working as a unit and still has a chance to make a pennant run. And they played like a contender Tuesday night.

Phil Garner hit a homer and scored two runs and Mike Scott fired a six-hitter to boost Houston to a 5-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves. Scott, 3-3, hurled his second shutout and second complete game of the year. He was aided by three double plays, allowed no walks and struck out none. The Braves did not have a runner reach second base.

"This was definite Astro," Scott said. "The fastball was working well tonight and the guys made the plays behind me. Three double plays really helped."



Astros' Phil Garner says defense key to 5-0 win



Ray Knight: Astros one of five top NL teams

"It is great to pitch a shutout against anyone in this league, but we definitely need to beat the Braves and Dodgers in the next two weeks to give us a chance in the division race," he said.

Astros first baseman Ray Knight agreed with Scott's assessment.

"Our club as a unit has been playing extremely well for the past three or four weeks," he said. "I just hope that we are not too far back of the top teams in our division. Right now, I feel that we are one of the top five teams in the league."

Garner lined a leadoff home run in the second off Atlanta starter Phil Niekro, 2-

hard several times, but the Astro defense was great and they stopped us."

In the eighth, Knight led off with a single, Denny Walling ran for Knight, and advanced to third on a single to right by Alan Ashby. Craig Reynolds followed with a double to rightcenter, scoring Walling.

Omar Moreno was walked intentionally and Terry Puhl followed with a single to right, scoring Ashby.

Niekro pitched 4 and 2-3 innings, giving up three runs on eight hits, walking four and striking out three.

Jimbo after Wimbledon title

Connors, Masur play today

United Press International
WIMBLEDON, England — Jimmy Connors continues his bid for a second successive Wimbledon title today when he faces 20-year-old Australian Wally Masur, a product of a nationwide plan designed to put Australian tennis back on the map.

Although Australian standing in world tennis has dipped since the 1950s and 1960s, a new wave of promising youngsters is emerging. Pat Cash, Craig Miller, John Fitzgerald and Masur are all still in contention, although Masur's tenure in this year's tournament seems sure to end on the center court when he faces the No. 1 seed Wednesday.

after a second round encounter in the singles with Nduka Odizor, the unranked Nigerian who Monday shocked fourth-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina.

Third-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia is idle, and with Vilas now a spectator, No. 5 Mats Wilander of Sweden is the next highest ranking player in action.

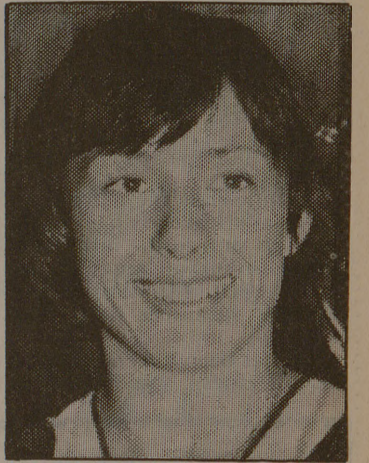
Wilander frittered away a two-set advantage over John Fitzgerald of Australia Tuesday night, wasting five match points and allowing the 22-year-old to even the match at two sets apiece.

In women's play, Chris Evert Lloyd, seeded to meet Martina Navratilova in a repeat of last year's final, should not be unduly troubled by Marcella Mesker of Holland, especially if she reproduces the form that brought her a 6-2, 6-1 victory Tuesday over fellow American Alycia Mourre.

way of surprises Tuesday although two of the high-ranking women's seeds dropped out of contention. Fourth-seeded Tracy Austin withdrew with a pulled shoulder muscle —

she is still troubled by a chronic bad back — and sixth-seeded Bettina Bunge of West Germany was eliminated by Switzerland's Christiane Jolissaint. Otherwise, matters proceeded very much to form.

Navratilova fashioned a 6-1, 6-0 demolition of South African Beverly Mould, conceding only 17 points as she bombarded her opponent with strong volleys. In men's play, Lendl joined Connors and McEnroe in the second round, carving out a 7-6, 6-1, 6-0 victory over South African Bernie Mitton in one hour and 37 minutes.



Martina Navratilova bombed Beverly Mould, 6-1, 6-0

While Connors should be claiming a third-round place, his main rival for the singles title, No. 2 seed John McEnroe, will be playing a doubles match. McEnroe teamed with Peter Fleming in first-round action against Britain's Chris Bradnam and David Lloyd.

McEnroe renews his quest for the singles crown Thursday when he faces Florin Segarceanu of Romania. Fleming will be coming to the doubles action

Third-seeded Andrea Jaeger, who won, 6-1, 7-6, against Susan Rimes, faces another American, Pam Casale.

There was not much in the

Eighth-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis had to struggle to avoid becoming the fourth men's seed to lose. Two others — Jimmy Arias and Gene Mayer — previously withdrew. Gerulaitis edged diminutive Ramesh Krishnan of India, 5-7, 7-5, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3.

The most unusual sight on the courts was that of American Trey Waltke playing in long trousers against the 1972 champion, compatriot Stan Smith. Waltke reached the second round when Smith withdrew because of a strained back in the fifth set.

Prep star gearing up to better 'unbreakable' shot-put record

United Press International
BOSSIER CITY, La. — Shot-put champ Arnold Campbell is competing against his own records, inching closer to a mark considered by many track authorities to be unbreakable.

Campbell, 16, is the top-ranked prep shot-putter in the nation and his toss of 71-10 1/4 with a 12-pound shot is nearly 7 feet farther than any other high school athlete in the country has recorded. At the recent Louisiana Peach Festival meet in

Ruston, he beat his nearest competitor by more than 30 feet.

The junior at Airline High School in Bossier City is a favorite in his specialty this weekend at the U.S. National Junior Track and Field Championships at the University of Pennsylvania.

The nation's top high school and college freshman performers will be competing in that meet this Saturday and Sunday, vying for berths on the U.S. National Junior team that will com-

pete against Canada and Italy later in the summer.

Campbell will be throwing a 16-pound shot, used by collegians, with which his career best is a mark of 61-5 1/4.

"I believe I can reach 62 this weekend," he said. "If I do, I'll be plenty satisfied. I want to finish first or second in order to represent our country against the Canadians and Italians."

Campbell is spurred by comments that he has reached his potential.

"I had college coaches from all across the country come up to me after my freshman year and said it would be impossible for me to do much better as I got older," he said. "The next year, I rubbed it off on them. When somebody tells me I can't do something, well, it just makes me try that much harder."

Campbell, who can bench press 410 pounds, is aiming for the all-time high school record of 81-3 1/2, set by Dallas' Michael Carter four years ago.

Rams reportedly looking to deal No. 1 choice Dickerson

BOSTON (UPI) — The Los Angeles Rams, who have been unable to come to terms with top draft-pick Eric Dickerson, have

reported Tuesday. The Globe said Dickerson, the No. 2 pick in the draft, feels he should be getting somewhere between the \$550,000 received by No. 3 pick Curt Warner and the \$1 million a year given to No. 1 pick John Elway. The Rams reportedly have offered less than \$500,000

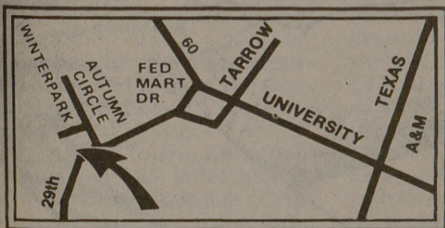
a year.

The Globe said discussions with the New England Patriots could begin next week when Rams' owner Georgia Frontiere visits Foxboro, Mass., for the dedication of Sullivan Stadium. Dickerson played under Patriots' coach Ron Meyer at SMU.

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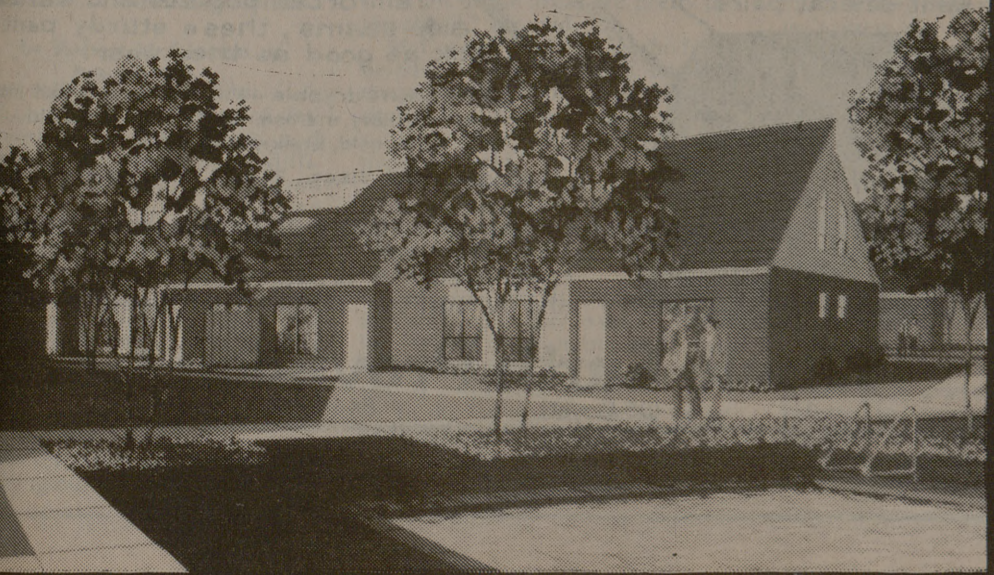
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