

# 'Major' fortunes alluring

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Spring training is the yellow brick road for many a rookie hoping to make it to the land of the big leagues. Ramon Romero, for one, got a step closer Monday, pitching three hitless innings to earn the victory in Cleveland's 8-0 shutout of the Oakland A's.

Rick Sutcliffe took over after Romero, who was 10-4 with Double-A buffalo last season, scattering five singles.

The Indians scored twice against loser Chris Codiroli in the third when George Vukovich belted his first home run of the spring and Alan Bannister scored from third on a double steal.

Codiroli gave up three more runs in the fourth. Jeff Betendorf, a rookie who has nearly guaranteed his spot on the roster with an outstanding spring, came on for the A's in the sixth and tossed two strong innings

before giving way to Ed Farmer in the ninth.

The Indians scored their other three runs against Farmer on an RBI single by Julio Franco and a two-run double by catcher Jerry Willard.

The victory raised Cleveland's exhibition record to 8-5 while Oakland fell to 10-6.

In other exhibition games: At Dunedin, Fla., Lloyd Mosby drove in five runs with a pair of homers and a sacrifice fly and Willie Upshaw added a two-run shot to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 9-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. Winning pitcher Mike Morgan combined with relievers Roy Lee Jackson and Stan Clark on a four-hitter.

At Bradenton, Fla., Amos Otis singled home Marvell Wynne in the sixth inning to snap a 9-9 tie and the Pittsburgh Pirates went on to defeat the New York Mets 10-9. Chris Green picked up the win in relief for Pittsburgh and reliever

Craig Swan took the loss for the Mets.

At West Palm Beach, Fla., three Montreal pitchers blanked an Atlanta team which featured only one regular player for a 1-0 victory. With the bulk of their squad in Puerto Rico for two games with the Cincinnati Reds, the Braves dressed 14 players. Rafael Ramirez was the only player in his regular position.

At Fort Myers, Fla., Lynn Jones singled home pinch runner John Wathan in the 10th inning to rally the Kansas City Royals past the Chicago White Sox 3-2. Guy Hoffman, the fourth White Sox hurler, took the loss. The White Sox had led 2-0 until the eighth when Frank White cracked a two-run homer.

Detroit's Lance Parrish broke up a tight game with a two-run homer in the sixth inning and Dan Petry tossed six shutout innings as the Tigers downed the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

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## Astros rally, whip Dodgers

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VERO BEACH, Fla. — Enos Cabell hit a critical two-run single to rally the Houston Astros to an 8-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers in an exhibition game Monday.

With the score tied 3-3, Cabell's single sparked a three-run rally against Dodger starting pitcher Alejandro Pena.

The Astros scored twice in the third inning off Pena. Bill

Doran scored on a single by Kevin Bass from second base. Bass then reached home on Dickie Thon's single.

Los Angeles got a run back in its half of the third off Astro pitcher Mike Madden.

The Dodgers tied it with two runs in the fifth. Pena singled, then Madden walked the next three to force in a run. The

Dodgers got their next run on a wild pitch.

Los Angeles got a run back in the bottom of the sixth on Mike Marshall home run.

Houston scored three times in the ninth off Dodger reliever Tom Niedenfuer. The Astros are now 9-6 in exhibition play while the Dodgers dropped to 7-7.

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## Pro agent charged in hanky-panky

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SEATTLE — Anthony Q. Welch, a pro football player agent from Bedford, Texas, was charged Monday with procuring prostitutes for several pro football prospects staying at a downtown hotel last month.

But the King County prosecutor's office said it was unlikely any charges would be filed against the prospective pro players despite allegations by two young prostitutes that they were sexually assaulted.

"The special assault unit of this office has also reviewed complaints by the women involved in this incident who charge they were assaulted," said a statement released by the prosecutor's office.

"Identification problems and conflicting statements preclude this office from making further charges at this time."

The prosecutor's office filed a formal charge of promoting prostitution in the second degree against Welch, a felony that carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Documents filed with the King County Superior Court allege Welch made arrangements with at least

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two women in Seattle's Sheraton Hotel Feb. 16 to "hook up" with at least four football players for a pre-arranged fee.

At least one act of prostitution did take place, authorities said.

The prosecutor's office began extradition efforts against Welch Monday but a spokesman admitted getting a suspect from out of state to trial can be difficult.

"Extradition is a difficult proceeding between states," said Michael Kranda of the prosecutor's office. "We do it when it's warranted, but it's fraught with uncertainties. We just have to see what the authorities in Texas say and what Mr. Welch's response is."

Police began investigating the incident at the Sheraton Hotel after receiving a complaint from the young women, who said they were sexually assaulted in ninth floor rooms after agreeing to have sex for money.

They told police the liaison was arranged by an identifying himself as an agent for a number of players staying at the hotel.

One of the prostitutes later told reporters she had procured her services as an inducement for players to sign with him. Moreover, the woman there were other agents at the hotel also offering "sweeteners" in their competition to represent players.

"I couldn't comment on whether that's one of (the agents') practices," said Kranda, when asked about the woman's allegations. "The scope of our investigation wasn't to see if that was a common practice. It wasn't an issue in our investigation."

The players involved were described by one official as the "cream of the crop" from last year's football senior class and are expected to be high choices in the upcoming NFL draft.

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## Carolina Tar Heels eye title

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ATLANTA — The top-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels hope it's true that all good things come in threes.

Twice before (1957 and 1982), the Tar Heels were the No. 1 team in the final, regular-season, UPI national college basketball rankings — and both times they went on to win the NCAA championship.

Also, since North Carolina won the 1982 NCAA crown and neighboring North Carolina State was last year's winner, the Tar Heels are out to make this

the third straight year that an Atlantic Coast Conference team — and a team from the state of North Carolina — has won the national championship.

North Carolina (28-2) meets 18th-ranked Indiana (21-8) Thursday night in the NCAA East Regional semifinals at the Omni. The other East semifinals pits 16th-ranked Syracuse (23-8) against Virginia (19-11).

Last time North Carolina and Indiana paired off was in the 1981 NCAA finals when the Hoosiers, then 9th-ranked, posted a 63-50 victory over the

6th-ranked Tar Heels.

North Carolina, No. 1 seed in the East, got off to a slow start this past Saturday in its bid for a third NCAA championship before a solid second half led to a 77-66 victory over Temple, and North Carolina Coach Dean Smith was pleased.

"We played as good a second half as we can play," said Smith. "In the first half, we were trying to get that Duke loss (in the semifinals of the previous week's ACC tournament) out of our minds."

In that first half, North Carolina

had 15 turnovers. Smith said that was the NCAA nerves, memories of loss to Duke and Temple defensive pressure.

Indiana advanced with a 67 victory over Richmond. Hoosiers coach Bobby Knight says "the shoe is on the foot" from past years when Indiana used to be one of the favorites in the NCAA playoffs.

"That's some nice prize for North Carolina for winning," Knight said wryly. "I'm just going at it the best I can."

### NCAA could ban video

## Ref draws fire for action

United Press International

A referee who changed his call in an NCAA tournament game in Dayton, Ohio, last week after reviewing a videotape replay has said he's been harshly criticized for his actions.

The referee, Mickey Crowley, also predicted the NCAA soon will prohibit referees from viewing tapes.

The controversial action occurred during the closing seconds of an opening-round game between North Carolina A&T and Morehead (Ky.) State. Following a foul by a Morehead State player, Crowley and his partners sent North Carolina A&T's Eric Boyd to the line. But after viewing an ESPN tape

of the foul, Crowley moved Boyd, an 85 percent free-throw shooter, off the line and replaced him with James Horace, who is less proficient from the foul line.

Horace made only one of his two shots, and Morehead went on to win the game.

"It was a crucial situation where we absolutely did not want to put the wrong player on the free throw line," Crowley said Saturday.

"I've taken a lot of heat on it, more than anything else in my 25 years of college basketball officiating."

During regular season play, Crowley officiates in the Eastern College Athletic Association. He will not be refereeing

any other NCAA tournament games. NCAA spokesman David Cawood said Monday that fact is no reflection of league's reaction to his videotape, as officials for tournament games were called before the incident occurred.

Cawood also said the NCAA does not have any rules prohibiting videotape replays. He added there will be no penalties levied against Crowley.

While there may be no rules now, Crowley may face them soon, he said.

"Next year, I think you'll see the NCAA Rule Committee adopt a regulation which prohibits the officials from using the TV replays," he said.

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