

All-star teams set for a 'wind'

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SAN FRANCISCO — Reliever Dan Quisenberry of the Kansas City Royals, baseball's resident wit, says he doesn't expect to be blown off the mound by the wind the way reliever Stu Miller was in 1961.

"I have a lower center of gravity," he says. "Besides, I heard this is a rocky infield so I can pick up some rocks and put them in my pocket for extra weight."

And what does being on the All-Star team mean to him?

"We play to have fun and get good shoe contracts," he said.

Willie McCovey, a former San Francisco Giants' star who will serve as honorary captain for the National League, was talking about the wind at Candlestick Park and how it can affect the outcome of a game.

"There are times when there's a pop-up to the first baseman and the third baseman ends up catching it," said McCovey. "When there's a pop-up hit, everybody has to stay with it. It can be anybody's ball. I can remember one I hit when the Braves were still in Milwaukee. (Second baseman) Frank Bolling called for it and Hank Aaron had to jump for it as it went over the right-field fence."

Joe Altobelli, American League manager, said he had to do some soul searching about leaving major-league home run leader Dave Kingman of Oakland off the AL squad.

"It was between him and Rickey Henderson (of the A's)," said Altobelli. "Each club has to be represented and there are 14 of them in our league. I wanted Andre Thornton as Cleveland's representative. Henderson can do so much more for you off the bench. In his role off the bench, Kingman, who's a DH, can bat for you just one time during the game. Henderson can run for you if

you're tied and maybe steal a base or two. Plus, he plays great defense."

No one is enjoying being on the All-Star team more than Seattle's Alvin Davis. The 23-year-old first baseman couldn't contain his enthusiasm at Monday's news conference and smiled throughout the proceedings.

Davis admitted he was in awe of playing on the same team with so many stars, many of whom he rooted for as a youngster.

"I'm so excited by all this," he said. "Last night I opened the media guide and started reading through it and I started looking for a note pad so I could get some autographs."

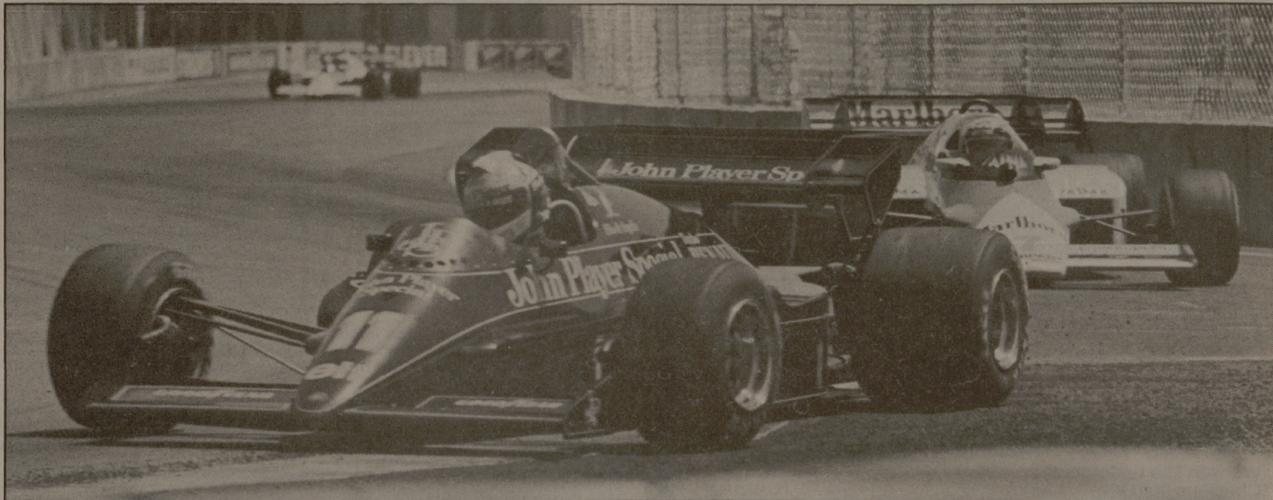
Ryne Sandberg was recently called the "greatest player I've ever seen in this or any other era" by St. Louis manager Whitey Herzog, but the Chicago Cubs' second baseman isn't taking that statement very seriously.

"It all happened that game where I hit two homers off Bruce Sutter," said Sandberg. "He (Herzog) might have been in the same state of mind that I was when he said that — and that's a state of shock. I just took it as a compliment and that was about it."

Some AL followers are concerned about Reggie Jackson's ability to play right field in the tricky wind tunnel of Candlestick Park. Jackson, who will start in right, hasn't played much outfield the past two years, being relegated mostly to designated hitter duties with the California Angels.

But AL manager Joe Altobelli isn't a bit worried.

"Jackson has been a right fielder a lot longer than he's been a DH and don't forget we all know that Reggie rises to the occasion," said Altobelli. "There are going to be 50,000 people in the ballpark and 50 million watching on television, so I'm sure he'll be OK."



Dallas Grand Prix action

Photo by Frank Irwin, special to the Battalion

Italian driver Elio de Angelis (#11) leads France's Alain Prost (#7) into a turn during Sunday's inaugural Dallas Grand Prix. De Angelis finished third overall, while Prost

wound up in tenth place. Prost is currently leading the points race for the World Championship in Formula One racing. The winning driver was Finland's Keke Rosberg.

Stars returning to USFL championship

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PHILADELPHIA — On their first trip to the U.S. Football League championship game, the Philadelphia Stars came up short, dropping a 24-22 decision last year to the Michigan Panthers.

The Stars will get a second chance Sunday when they face the Arizona Wranglers at 9 p.m. at Tampa Stadium in Tampa Bay, Florida.

"We're excited and fired up about going to Tampa," Philadelphia head coach Jim Mora said Monday. "Last year, we were just happy to reach the final. This time, we want to win it.

We will be satisfied with nothing less than a victory."

The Stars advanced to the championship game after defeating Birmingham 20-10 on Sunday, taking advantage of four first-half Stallions' turnovers to take a 20-0 lead.

"We played a great first half," Mora said. "Our defense played a good game the entire way, like it has during the whole season. After the first half, we went into a state of not doing anything (offensively). I don't know why."

Mora said he wanted to be careful his players did not get emotionally

ready for the game too early.

"I don't want to get the players ready too soon," he said. "I don't want their emotions to peak on Wednesday when the game is on Sunday."

Mora's concern appears to be valid, based on some comments by Stars' players after Sunday's victory.

"I guess we'll have to use it (Sunday's game) as revenge (for last year's loss)," said quarterback Chuck Fusina, who said he played only well enough to win against Birmingham. "You can bet ... that I'll play better next week."

Right tackle Irv Eatman said the

Stars will be able to handle a tougher opponent than Arizona.

"We need this game next week for sure," Eatman said. "We'll beat anybody — even King Kong — next week."

Mora said the Wranglers, who defeated the Los Angeles Express 35-23 in the Western Conference final, will be a tough opponent.

"Arizona has a lot of talent and is playing its best football now," Mora said. "Earlier in the season, it did not look like it would reach the playoffs. It's a team with a lot of talent."

McEnroe and Navratilova show proof of domination

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WIMBLEDON, England — It took two weeks and 508 matches to prove what everyone already knew.

Without question, John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova stand alone among the world's tennis players, a position they emphasized with brutal thoroughness during the Wimbledon fortnight.

The Roll of Honor shows McEnroe and Navratilova with two titles each, repeating their conquests of 1983. McEnroe completed successful defenses of his men's singles and doubles championships, while Navratilova was equally efficient in retaining both women's crowns.

McEnroe now has won 53 matches this year against a single loss, with earnings of \$718,650, and Navratilova has been beaten only twice in two years, with a current winning streak of 38. Her prize money for 1984 already has reached a staggering \$1,770,090, including the million dollar bonus she received for completing a Grand Slam at the French Open last month.

"If I play well, I think I should beat everybody," McEnroe said Sunday after handing Jimmy Connors a shocking 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 defeat in the men's final. "If I don't, guys can give me a tough match. I've got to be up all the time. It's easy to be up for the final of Wimbledon, but it's hard to get up for the smaller tournaments and if I'm a little off one day, anyone might get close to beating me."

Navratilova has been even more overbearing in dominating the

women, and she has swept through the last two Wimbledon without the loss of a set. On Saturday she became the first woman since Billie Jean King in 1966-68 to win the singles three years in a row, and she is three shy of Helen Wills Moody's record of eight Wimbledon titles.

"I have been able to maintain this level for the last 2 1/2 years and as long as I can set goals for myself and be excited at the end of achieving them I will continue," she said after beating Chris Evert Lloyd, 7-6, 6-2, in the women's final. "Hopefully I will be strong enough to quit while I'm ahead."

McEnroe and Navratilova both are conscious of their position in tennis history, and have reached the point in their careers where they admittedly are playing for the record books. This is particularly true in the case of Navratilova, who has won the last five Grand Slam championships and now is anxious to complete what she calls "the American Slam."

When she captured the French, Navratilova received recognition by the International Tennis Federation as having completed a slam. But purists argue that a true slam must be completed in the same calendar year, and Navratilova has her sights set on the U.S. and Australian Opens.

Her last words to the media following her victory over Evert Lloyd was "six in a row," referring to a sixth successful Grand Slam title in the U.S. Open.

Navratilova also would like to sur-

pass Evert Lloyd's record of 56 consecutive victories on all surfaces. She was up to 54 before incurring her only loss of this year to Hana Mandlikova in January.

McEnroe, like Navratilova looking to make a successful defense at Flushing Meadow, played what he called his best match ever against Connors, and for now it seems only an accident can beat him.

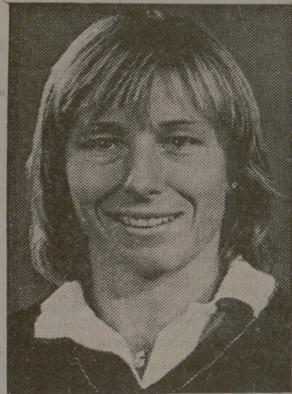
Inevitably, the subject of comparisons keeps cropping up in talking of Navratilova and McEnroe. Navratilova rolls along more readily with the game, saying, for example, that she would have been hard put to beat Billie Jean King at her prime.

McEnroe, though, stands firmly on the attitude that today's athletes generally are stronger and better.

"You can't talk about comparisons in a serious vein," he said. "It's nice to think that you can make your mark in a sport, but I don't think you can compare today's players to those of 50 years ago. Everything changes with the times and in 20 years maybe there will be somebody playing better tennis than I do."

"That is what is so great about sports, there is always someone who may be better than the next guy. I have lived through the rivalries with (Bjorn) Borg, Connors and (Ivan) Lendl, and I'm looking forward to another rivalry with another guy."

This Wimbledon also was of significance for Evert, who feels she gained a measure of respect in defeat. For two weeks her position as No. 2 behind Navratilova was chal-



Martina Navratilova

lenged by some of the other women, and at 29 the word "retirement" was constantly being thrown at her.

"I always felt encouraged in the match against Martina, even after losing the tie-breaker, and that was the difference in this match," she said. "Other times I just wanted to win some games and give Martina a match. This is a form I've been looking for all year, and it hasn't been there. It's there now."

"The mental attitude I had for the match is something I've been trying to attain for a long while. I tried talking myself into it throughout the year, but it just wasn't there. Now I know I want it again."

Issuing a challenge to the woman who has beaten her a dozen times in a row, Evert said, "I don't see beating Martina as an unattainable goal. I know there's a way to beat her, and I've done it in the past."

For now, the way to beat Navratilova and McEnroe is one that few mortals can find.

Hogeboom asks for equal chance

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DALLAS — Gary Hogeboom, the Dallas Cowboys' second string quarterback, is going into his fourth spring training with "America's team" this month, and he is making one thing very clear — he wants an honest shot at claiming Danny White's starting job.

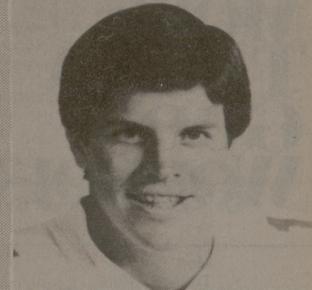
If Hogeboom does not win the starting quarterback position after spring training ends Aug. 14 in Thousand Oaks, Calif., he says he'll ask to be traded and take his talented rifle-arm elsewhere.

"It might be hard for the fans to understand, but I want to be traded if I don't play this year," Hogeboom said. "I want to see if I can play in the NFL. If I can't, I want to go on and do something else in life."

Even though the Central Michigan University product has not seen much playing time, that apparently has not blunted his confidence.

Hogeboom figures he's spent enough time holding a clipboard and watching from the sidelines. Several Cowboys coaches agree that Hogeboom has the strongest arm in the National Football League now that Pittsburgh Steelers' veteran signal-caller Terry Bradshaw appears to be retiring after suffering a severe elbow injury last season.

As usual, though, the opinion that counts the most is that of



Gary Hogeboom

Dallas Cowboys head coach Tom Landry.

Hogeboom thought Landry had given him a 50-50 chance to beat White for the starting job during last season's spring training, but he now believes Landry never gave him a real shot at the job.

Last January he asked Landry what his chances are this time around.

"He told me it would be 50-50 this season," Hogeboom says. "And I said to him, 'How do I know it'll be 50-50 this time?' I said, 'How can I expect it this time?' And he just said, 'That's the way it's going to be.' And I told him that I'd rather leave Dallas."

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