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Marathoner claims AAU's '85 Sullivan Award

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Joan Benoit-Samuels, the Olympic gold medalist in the marathon who set a world record in her specialty last year in the America's marathon, was named the winner of the Sullivan Award Monday night as the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union's top athlete for 1985.

Benoit-Samuels, 28, became only the seventh woman in the award's 56-year history to receive the award.

The winner of the prestigious award, presented annually since Benoit-Samuels, of Freeport, Maine, set a world record of two hours, 21.21 seconds in Chicago last year. She also won a 12-kilometer race in San Francisco last May and a seven-miler in Davenport, Iowa in July. In August she returned to her native New England to win the 7.1-mile Falmouth Road Race.

Other finalists included Willie Banks, who set a world record of 58-foot-11½ inches in the triple jump during the national outdoor championships here last summer.

Sprinter Valerie Brisco-Hooks, who set four world indoor marks last year, and Benoit-Samuels, were finalists for the second consecutive year.

The group of finalists for the award included:

- Swimmer Matt Biondi, who set a world record in the 100-meter freestyle twice at last year's long course national championships.
- Wrestler Mike Houck, the first United States wrestler to win a gold medal in the Greco-Roman World Championships.
- Synchronized swimmer Sarah Josephson, who swept national solo and duet championships and earned silver medals in solo, duet and team World Cup competition.
- Diver Michele Mitchell, the winner of every major national and international platform diving competition in 1985.

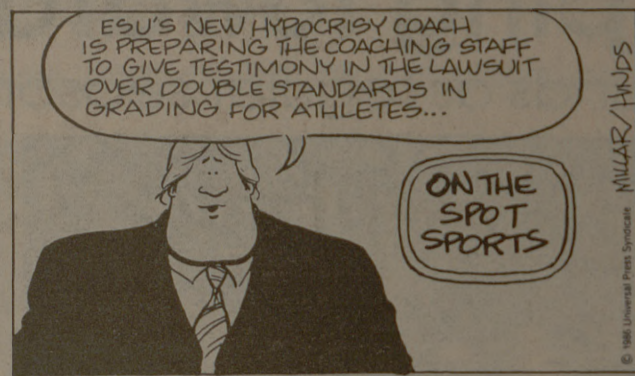
- Scott Verplank, who became the first amateur golfer to win a Professional Golfers Association tournament since 1954.

- Charles "Karch" Kiraly, selected the most valuable player in the World Cup volleyball competition after leading an undefeated U.S. team to its first championship in the event.

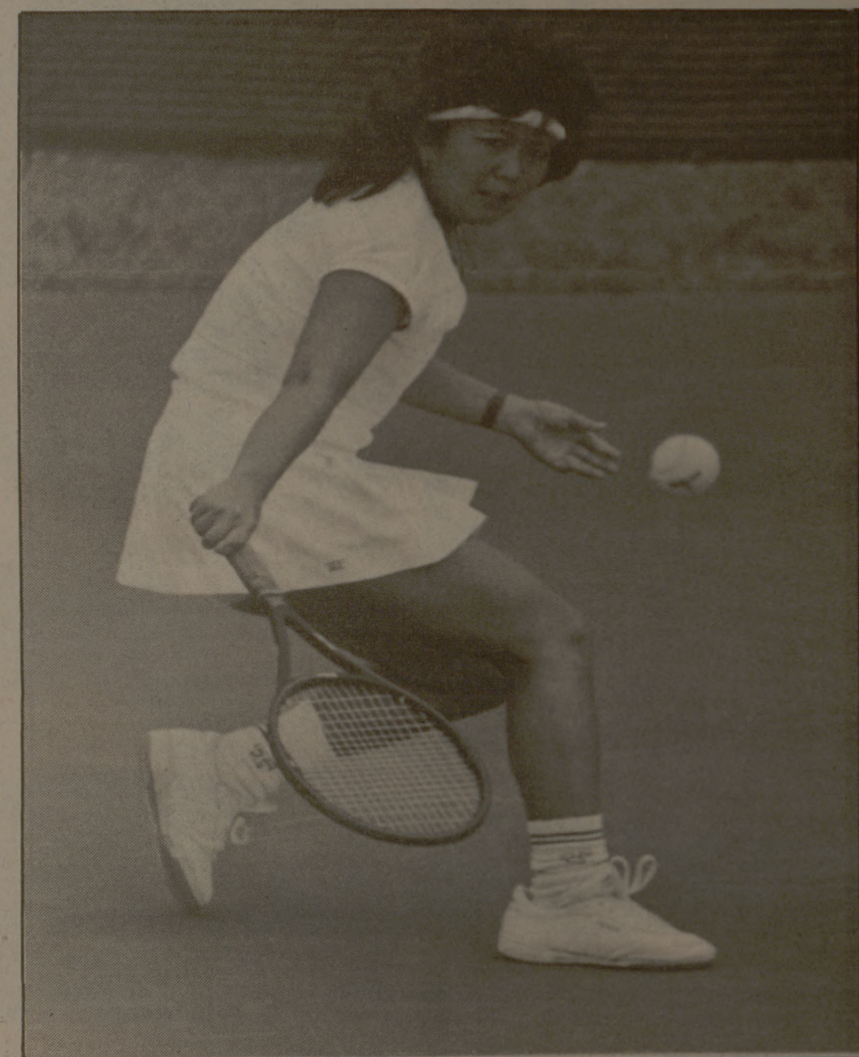
- Cheryl Miller, the winner of the 1985 Wade Trophy symbolic of being selected the most outstanding player in women's collegiate basketball.

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Ag women netters face Cougar grudge match



No. 1 singles player Vanne Akagi and the rest of the A&M women netters begin Southwest Conference play against Houston today.

By KEN SURY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas A&M and University of Houston women's tennis teams open their Southwest Conference seasons against each other today and both will be out to prove something.

The Aggies and Cougars will play the 1:30 p.m. matches at UH's Hoff Courts close together in a preseason Head Intercollegiate Tennis Standings (H.I.T.S.) List. Houston is ranked 22nd, while A&M No. 25.

But beyond trying to outdo each other in the rankings, there will be one score Houston will be out to set: the No. 1 doubles match.

Houston's Stina Almgren and Kathy Foxworth were ranked No. 1 in the nation in doubles, but in the consolation semifinals round of the recent Rolex National Intercollegiate Tennis Championships, A&M's Vanne Akagi and Lynn Gensler handed the UH a 6-3, 6-2 loss.

A&M Women's Tennis Coach Bobby Kleinecke said it's important for the Aggie women to get a good start in the SWC race.

"The Houston match will definitely be a big one," Kleinecke said. "I think we'll be a little hungry to win, but the matches will probably be 5-4 one way or the other. It just depends who plays better that day."

Both teams also prepared themselves similarly for the SWC opener—the hard way.

Saturday, the Aggies went to Houston to play Trinity, the No. 1 women's team in the country, and lost 9-0.

Sunday, Trinity came to Houston and the Cougars didn't fare any better against the Tigers, losing 8-1.

Williams throws in towel with Padres

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — What the San Diego Padres brass couldn't force 11 weeks ago, Dick Williams did voluntarily Monday when he quit after four years as manager of the National League team.

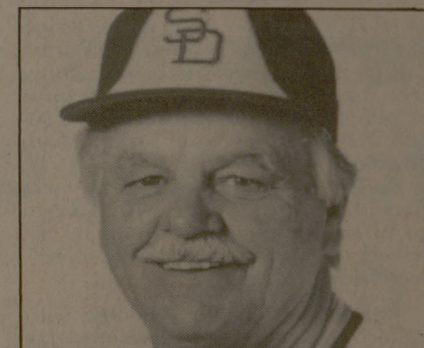
The often-gruff Williams said goodbye to his fifth major league managing job a day after he failed to appear at the Padres spring training camp to greet pitchers and catchers.

"For the past few weeks, I have been asking myself, 'Do I really want to manage the Padres another year?' My honest answer finally was 'No,'" Williams said at a news conference where he appeared with team owner Joan Kroc.

"When I shared that feeling with Ballard Smith and Joan Kroc, we agreed that it would be in the best interest of the club, myself and my family that I not return to the Padres," Williams said.

Kroc last December blocked Presi-

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Padres' minor league systems and previously managed the Oakland A's.

dent Ballard Smith, who is her son-in-law, and General Manager Jack McKeon when they attempted to buy out the final year of Williams' contract.

Padres pitching coach Galen Cisco will be interim manager until a replacement is named later this week or early next week. Among those mentioned as a possible replacement was Steve Boros, who manages in the

team this season, Kroc said. His long-time friend and aide to Williams.

During four seasons as manager, Williams' Padres compiled an overall record of 337-311. Last season they were 83-79 and finished third in the NL West.

The saga of Williams dates several confrontations he had with Padre players during the 1985 season when the team squandered a five-game lead in the NL West week before the All-Star Game.

Based on his second straight winning season, Williams sought an extension of his contract but was rebuffed by Smith, who said Williams could serve out the last year of his pact for 1986.

In early December, published reports hinted to a proposed extension of Williams' contract by the Padres. That followed the unannounced firing of Virgil. Neither Williams nor Kroc was consulted before Virgil's firing in November.

NBA seeing closest scoring race in 8 years

Associated Press

Eighteen times this season Utah's Adrian Dantley and Denver's Alex English have traded the lead in the closest NBA scoring race in eight years.

English currently leads Dantley 29.1 to 28.9 points per game, but at times this season, the two high-scoring forwards have been so close that their averages had to be figured an extra percentage point to determine the leader.

The 18th and most recent switch in positions occurred on Feb. 1, when English scored 35 points against Milwaukee to improve his av-

erage from 29.38 to 29.50, surpassing Dantley's 29.48.

In one 18-day stretch, from Nov. 24 to Dec. 11, English and Dantley jumped over each other nine times.

But unlike other statistical categories such as rebounds, assists and blocked shots, where players can express their desire to lead the league without fear of being called selfish, English and Dantley measure their words more carefully.

"I've won it (the scoring title) twice, and if I hadn't, it probably would mean more to me to win this season," Dantley said. "Now I'm more concerned with winning. If

you really try to win the scoring title, it takes too much out of you mentally and physically."

"I'll do what it takes to help my team win," echoed English, the NBA scoring champion in 1983. "If he or I win the scoring title, fine."

Dantley said his indifference about winning a scoring title doesn't mean he's unaware of the closeness of the race.

"You're not doing your job if you don't look at the stats to see who's doing what around the league," he said. "Besides, the press reminds you of it all the time. You can't escape it."

While Dantley won't, or can't, say

openly that he wants to win the scoring title, Jazz Coach Frank Layden says he would love to see Dantley win it.

"I'll do anything I can to help win," Layden said. "Our offense is geared for Adrian to have the ball in his hands."

Nuggets Coach Doug Moe is also conscious of the English-Dantley race, but he has experienced a down-to-the-wire scoring race. He was coaching San Antonio in 1979, 1978 when George Gervin of Spurs and David Thompson of Denver duelled to the last day of the season.

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