

# Sports

## Goodwill Games

### U.S. women's basketball team crushes Soviets, wins gold

MOSCOW (AP) — With Cheryl Miller again leading the way, and cheered on by a boisterous flag-waving contingent, the U.S. women's basketball team handed the Soviet Union its first major tournament defeat in 28 years, 83-60, Thursday night and won a gold medal at the Goodwill Games.

Miller scored a team-high 18 points as the United States surged from a two-point deficit to a 14-point halftime lead. And — supported by large group of Americans doing a stadium-style "wave" at half-time and chanting "U-S-A, U-S-A" — Miller and her teammates pulled away in the second half to win the biggest East-West matchup of the games.

The last time the Soviet women's national team had lost in major international competition was 1958, against Bulgaria. Other than that, the only loss for the USSR women in

154 games was to the United States in 1957.

The basketball gold was the only one for the Americans on the seventh day of the international sports festival. Athletes from Eastern block countries dominated.

Soviet athletes won eight gold medals Thursday to raise their total to 43. The United States has 31, and East Germany has six. The Soviets have 122 medals in all, and the U.S. has 87.

A team of Soviet cyclists set a world record in the 4,000-meter pursuit for the second day in a row — their time of four minutes, 12.31 seconds also was good for a gold medal.

A Swiss cyclist, Barbara Janz, edged American Melinda Mayfield for the gold medal in the women's sprint.

Mark Gorski, the American gold medalist in the men's sprint at the

'84 Olympics, advanced to the semi-finals when his Soviet opponent, Otar Mchedlishvili, defaulted with an injury. But the U.S. silver medalist in Los Angeles, Nelson Vails, was eliminated by East Germany's Mikhael Hübner.

In diving, the women's springboard gold medal went to another East German, Brita Baldus, with 493.02 points. Tristan Baker of the United States was fourth at 476.64, while U.S. national champion Michele Mitchell finished seventh at 461.40.

Soviet athletes took gold medals in all four individual events of rhythmic gymnastics, with an East German sharing the gold with two Soviets in the rope event. The best U.S. finish was an eighth place for Diane Simpson in the ribbon.

But for the Navy Seabees who are stationed at the U.S. embassy and the other Americans in the basketball

crowd, the United States won the only game that counted.

The Soviets moved in front early and led 21-19 with 9:20 remaining in the first half. That is when the Americans went to work.

It started getting rebounds, running the floor and hitting all kinds of shots, while shutting down the Soviet attack and 7-foot-1 $\frac{1}{4}$  Liliana Semeonova.

Anne Donovan, the 6-8 U.S. center, blocked one of Semeonova's shots and the Soviet giant scored just four points — and had no rebounds.

The U.S. outscored the Soviets 20-4 for a 39-25 halftime lead.

In the second half, the lead swelled to 26 points and the U-S-A chants became louder. When the final buzzer sounded, Miller was handed an American flag. She draped it over her shoulders and paraded around court.

## 'Red machine' gears up for title race

MONTREAL (AP) — Cincinnati player-manager Pete Rose said the Reds have moved from trying to reverse their dismal start to competing for the National League West's division title.

"No question, we're a contender in the West," said Rose. "Our best ball is ahead of us. You can see we're coming. By now, we're not trying to turn it around, we've already turned it around."

On May 17, the Reds, who last year challenged the Los Angeles Dodgers into the last month for the division pennant, were 5-22 and 10 games out of first place. Fans and the media were screaming for the

firing of Rose, a native son and the major leagues' all-time hit leader.

But in their last 54 games heading into Thursday night, Cincinnati was 33-21 (winning their last three and eight of the last 10), putting them five games under .500 and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  games behind division leaders San Francisco and Houston.

"We're just getting good starting pitching, good relief pitching, good hitting, it's a simple as that," said

Reds outfielder Dave Parker. "We struggled in the first half but we picked a good time to put it all together. Hopefully, it will carry us into the second half."

The momentum gained strength in Cincinnati's recent series against the New York Mets. The Reds rapped 45 hits and took three games from the East Division leaders, the first time this season New York has been swept in a series.

"When you get 45 hits in three games you can even beat the best team in baseball," Rose said. "And that is what we did. We're playing good ball and have a chance to beat anybody."

One player whose fortunes have followed that of the club is Tom Browning, who improved his re-

cord to 7-7 with a 11-1 victory over the Mets on Wednesday, started the season 0-4 before he finally beat the Pittsburgh Pirates on May 18.

"I'm more aggressive, challenging the hitters," said Browning who was a 20-game winner last season as a rookie. "I'm just going at them, not trying to get fancy. I just want pitching my type of ball game earlier in the year. I feel like I'm in the groove now."

Rose said his club still has to continue its winning pace through its current series with the Montreal Expos and then concentrate on the last half of the year.

## Surprised Hernandez to start for NL

NEW YORK (AP) — Unseating 10-time All Star Steve Garvey from the starting first base position on the National League team for Tuesday night's game was not easy. And for Keith Hernandez it was also unexpected.

Hernandez was one of three New York Mets selected in fan balloting to the starting team for the All Star Game in Houston in results announced Thursday.

"I've been watching this with quite a bit of interest the last 10 days," Hernandez. "I don't want to get into a lot of detail about why, but I am surprised."

Hernandez was one of the players who admitted during last year's federal drug trials in Pittsburgh to using drugs. He was the only player of 21 censured by Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth for previous drug use to be voted to a starting position on either the NL or American League teams.

Hernandez since the trial had been booed in many parks. But his .286 average with six homers and 36 RBI were good enough to get him 995,279 votes, 137,000 more than Garvey, who was the first NL

player to receive more than four million votes, in 1977, and the only player ever to be voted in as a write-in, in 1974.

Joining Hernandez on the NL starting squad will be teammates Darryl Strawberry and Gary Carter. St. Louis manager Whitey Herzog has said he will start Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden, who will be joined by another New York right hander, Sid Fernandez on the NL's pitching staff.

Strawberry, who will start in the outfield beside Atlanta's Dale Murphy and San Diego's Tony Gwynn, was the leading vote-getter for the National League.

Strawberry attracted 1,619,511 votes, most in the majors and more than 135,000 ahead of the next most popular player in the fan balloting — Carter.

Also selected to the starting team for were second baseman Ryne Sandberg of Chicago, shortstop Ozzie Smith of St. Louis and third baseman Mike Schmidt of Philadelphia.

The reserves for both the American and National Leagues are expected to be named today.

## All-Star Game tickets still available

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astrodome ticket office will begin selling 2,000 tickets to the All-Star Game at 7 a.m. CDT today, it was announced Thursday.

The tickets are from allotments returned by other major league teams and are expected to be sold quickly, making the 57th annual classic a 45,000 sellout, said Rob Matwick, a spokesman for the Houston Astros.

The tickets will be sold on a cash-only basis, Matwick said.

## Gooden, Clemens to start for All Stars

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox and Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets on Thursday were named to their leagues' pitching staffs, setting up an anticipated matchup of young, but struggling, pitchers in baseball's 57th All-Star Game at the Houston Astrodome Tuesday.

The American League, which has lost 13 of the last 14 All-Star Games, selected eight pitchers, while the National League chose 10.

Clemens, a right-hander who has the most victories in the major leagues this season, was off to a 14-0 start, one victory short of the American League record, before losing his last two.

Gooden, 10-4, who won the 1985 Cy Young Award in the National

League, has split his last four decisions, losing his most recent outing Wednesday, 11-1, to the Cincinnati Reds.

The other AL pitchers will be Don Aase of Baltimore, Mike Witt of California, Ken Schrom of Cleveland, Willie Hernandez of Detroit, Ted Higuera of Milwaukee, Dave Righetti of New York and Charlie Hough of Texas.


The rest of the NL squad includes Gooden's teammate Sid Fernandez, Mike Scott and Dave Smith of Houston, John Franco of Cincinnati, Mike Krukow of San Francisco, Shane Rawley of Philadelphia, Jeff Reardon of Montreal, Rick Rhoden of Pittsburgh and Fernando Valenzuela of Los Angeles.

## Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	54	29	.651	New York	56	25	.691
New York	48	38	.558	Montreal	46	36	.561
Cleveland	45	37	.549	Philadelphia	40	42	.488
Baltimore	45	39	.536	Chicago	34	46	.425
Toronto	46	41	.529	Pittsburgh	34	46	.425
Detroit	41	42	.494	St. Louis	34	49	.410
Milwaukee	40	42	.488				
West Division				West Division			
California	46	37	.554	Houston	46	39	.541
Texas	45	40	.529	San Francisco	46	39	.541
Chicago	38	45	.458	San Diego	44	41	.518
Kansas City	38	46	.452	Atlanta	42	43	.494
Minnesota	36	49	.424	Cincinnati	38	44	.463
Seattle	36	50	.419	Los Angeles	38	46	.452
Oakland	32	55	.368				

Late Games Not Included  
 Thursday's Games: Cleveland 9, Texas 6; Toronto 8, Oakland 4; Baltimore 5, Chicago 3; New York 11, Minnesota 1; Detroit at Kansas City, p.p.d., rain; California at Boston, (n); Seattle at Milwaukee, (n)

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