

U.S. Women's Open golf champ set for Boston classic

DANVERS, Mass. (AP) — Jane Geddes, the new U.S. Women's Open champion, and Pat Bradley, the LPGA's all-time leading money winner gunning for Player of the Year honors, head a field of 133 in the \$275,000 Boston Five golf classic.

"I still haven't come down from the clouds — I believe I won, but I can't believe it was the Open," Geddes said upon her arrival here from Monday's playoff victory over veteran Sally Little.

Bradley, a local favorite from nearby Westford, said: "I don't look down the road for any type of ending, but, hopefully, the final chapter this year will be Player of the Year."

Geddes, 26, a former Florida State star, is returning to one of her favorite courses, where the tournament begins Thursday, after winning for the first time on the LPGA tour in the U.S. Open.

Bradley, whose hopes of a women's golf Grand Slam ended with a fifth in the Open, is enjoying an annual homecoming hoping for better luck on the 6,008-yard, par 72 Fenwick Country Club layout.

Her best finish here was a tie for third in 1983. However, she has been the hottest golfer on the tour this year, becoming the first LPGA player to go over \$2 million in career earnings.

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Cowboys shed QB controversy with Pelluer backing up White

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — With Gary Hogeboom out of the picture and an enthusiastic Steve Pelluer throwing his full support behind Dallas Cowboy Danny White, the quarterback controversy may be a thing of the past.

"I am going to support Danny White until the cows come home," Pelluer said. "I feel that's my job. Danny and I don't have any real conflicts with each other."

There was friction between White and Hogeboom last year as both vied for the starting quarterback post.

But Hogeboom was traded to Indianapolis in April and if Pelluer holds any aspirations of being the No. 1 quarterback, he isn't hinting at it.

"You've got to understand that my personality is a little bit different from Gary's," Pelluer said. "When it comes to football, I try to do my business on the field because the coaches will make the ultimate decision. So I have to prove to them more than anyone else what my abilities are."

"The way I approach it is that I could be the No. 1 quarterback by the end of the year. Danny could get hurt, or I could beat him out. But why worry about it?" he told the *Dallas Times Herald*.

The White-Pelluer relationship is much like the Roger Staubach-White camaraderie of the 1970s, when White was more like a caddie to the top man than a thorn in his side.

During the off-season, White and Pelluer play racquetball, although White spends most of his free time with his family.

The plan this season is to groom Pelluer for White's job making sure White is comfortable as No. 1, Cowboys coaches say.

"The single most important thing this season will be to focus on one leader," passing coordinator Paul Hackett said. "The nature of the game of football is to have one leader. But that doesn't mean that when Pelluer is in there, we won't be a good football team."

Last year, with both quarterbacks injured, Pelluer led Dallas to its winning touchdown drive in the final quarter against the Giants.

"If there ever was an example of the value and importance of a third-string quarterback, it was last year. A lot of teams don't have that kind of depth at quarterback," Hackett said.

2nd half of season begins with Mets in command, other clubs in dogfight

(AP) — The second half of the baseball season starts Thursday with the New York Mets leading Montreal by 13 games in the National League's East Division, the NL West in a scramble, the Boston Red Sox trying to hold off the four teams in the American League East, and a veteran California team clinging to a slim lead in the AL West.

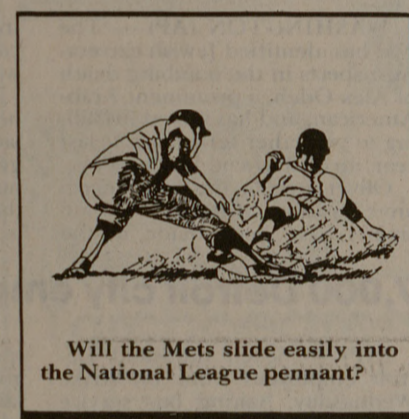
The only thing the Mets, whose last postseason appearance was in 1973, have to guard against is a late-season collapse similar to the 1964 Phillies, who blew a 6½-game lead and the pennant to St. Louis in the last two weeks of the season.

"When the season started, I figured we would have to be about eight to 12 games over .500 by the break, and we've done that," said Montreal Manager Buck Rodgers, who has led his team to a 46-38 record. "But I didn't figure on the Mets playing .700 ball."

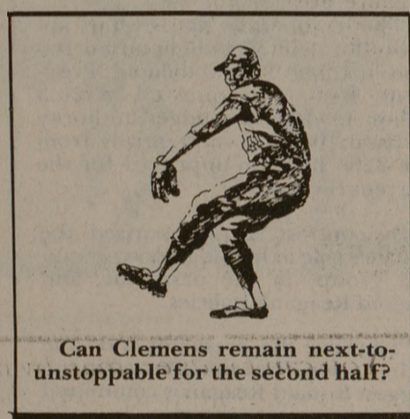
"We're not in a good position. It's going to take a complete collapse by the Mets for us to catch them."

The rest of the NL East is just a memory, as the Philadelphia Phillies are one game under .500 and 4½ behind Montreal. Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburgh are all playing leapfrog in the cellar, 23 games out or more.

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West has more immediate concerns. "I've told them about the 1914 Miracle Braves, what they accomplished," said Manager Tommy Lasorda, whose Dodgers are expecting power hitters Pedro Guerrero, Franklin Stubbs and Bill Madlock to return from the disabled list soon.

"I've told them that in 1983 we gained 10 games in 11 days against the Braves," Lasorda said. "It's been done before and it could be done again. It's a matter of how bad they want to do it."

"Flip a coin and pick us," said Manager Chuck Tanner of the Atlanta Braves, in fourth place, six

games behind. "We've got as good a shot as anybody."

San Francisco leads Houston by a game, with San Diego three back, Atlanta ahead of Cincinnati by a percentage point and Los Angeles at the bottom, eight games out.

The Reds are one of the hottest clubs in the West, having won seven of their last 10 and turning around a horrendous 8-21 start.

Boston's 'Oil Can' Boyd suspended indefinitely

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox continued indefinitely Wednesday the suspension of pitcher Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd as police announced plans to charge him with assault and battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

General Manager Lou Gorman said Boyd would remain suspended until "certain issues are clarified to the satisfaction of the Red Sox organization." He refused to discuss those issues.

Shortstop Rey Quinones, who lives with Boyd, said "a lot of police" were present Tuesday night when the car he and Boyd were in was stopped in front of their condominium in nearby Chelsea.

The *Boston Herald* reported that the players were stopped at about 7:30 p.m. by narcotics officers who apparently conducted a "pat-down"

search of the players but didn't find drugs.

Chelsea Police Chief Charles H. Wilson said Wednesday, "To be truthful, I can't comment other than generalities. Applications have been made to the clerk of court for an application to press charges of assault and battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct."

He would not give details of the incident.

Boyd arrived at the Red Sox clubhouse at 1:26 p.m. as players were preparing to leave for a flight to Seattle, where the Red Sox open a four-game series Thursday night.

Three minutes later, Gorman, team owner Haywood Sullivan and club physician Arthur Pappas entered a back room where Boyd had gone upon his arrival. Gorman and Sullivan left it at 1:54 p.m. and Gorman announced the continued suspension one minute later.

"Never a dull moment around here," Sullivan said.

At 2:39 p.m., Boyd left the clubhouse through a rear door and spoke briefly with reporters as he walked to his car.

"I just want to pitch, man," he said. "I can't pitch."

Asked if he felt he had been treated fairly, Boyd said, "I don't know. That's Boston."

As Boyd headed for his car, a television cameraman got in his path. Boyd pushed him against a wall and pointed a finger at him. Boyd then drove away while his teammates headed for the airport.

The Red Sox had suspended Boyd without pay for three games on Friday, one day after he left the clubhouse in anger after being left

off the American League team for Tuesday night's All-Star Game. The right-hander, who had been scheduled to pitch last Sunday, is 11-6 with a 3.71 earned run average.

"Once we get certain issues clarified, certainly, he'll rejoin the team," Gorman said. He added that he didn't know if Boyd would be paid during his continued suspension.

Asked for Boyd's reaction to the developments, Gorman said, "he feels he's being persecuted by them (police)." He did not elaborate.

Police said Tuesday night's incident was a "threshold inquiry," meaning the officers got a tip or had seen suspicious activity in Boyd's car, the *Herald* reported. Police added that no arrests were made, according to the newspaper.

Howe considers retirement after positive cocaine test

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — In the wake of possibly new drug-related problems, beleaguered former major league reliever Steve Howe seemed to be ready to throw in the towel Wednesday.

"It's time to put down kid games and go on," Howe said. "I'm tired of the false hopes."

Howe told The Associated Press by phone from his Montana home that he was considering "a lot of things right now" other than baseball. He would not specify what they were, however.

"I've been ridiculed by the press and the media, but I still think I'm a pretty good person," Howe said. "Right now, I'm just relaxing with the family, and that's good enough for me."

Howe's future in baseball was clouded when one of two drug tests he took earlier this week showed positive for cocaine use.

The positive result was on a test administered Monday morning by the San Jose Bees of the Class A California League, for whom Howe has been pitching this season. Another urinalysis taken Monday night by the Bees was negative, the *San Jose Mercury-News* reported.

The second test did not change Howe's mind about his situation.

"I'm still considering retirement," said Howe, who reportedly had been close to signing with the Toronto Blues Jays. "That (second test) hasn't changed anything."

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AMERICAN LEAGUE						NATIONAL LEAGUE					
East Division						East Division					
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	56	31	644	New York	59	25	702	California	48	39	552
New York	50	39	562	Montreal	46	38	548	Texas	47	41	534
Cleveland	46	39	541	Philadelphia	42	43	494	Chicago	40	46	465
Baltimore	46	41	529	Chicago	36	48	429	Kansas City	39	51	433
Toronto	47	43	522	St. Louis	36	50	419	Seattle	37	51	420
Detroit	43	44	494	Pittsburgh	35	50	412	Minnesota	34	56	378
Milwaukee	41	45	477					Oakland			
West Division						West Division					
San Francisco	48	39	552	Houston	47	41	534	San Francisco	48	40	545
Texas	47	41	534	San Diego	45	43	511	Houston	47	41	534
Chicago	40	46	465	Atlanta	42	46	477	San Diego	45	43	511
Kansas City	40	48	455	Cincinnati	40	44	476	Atlanta	42	46	477
Seattle	39	51	433	Los Angeles	40	48	455	Cincinnati	40	44	476
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