

Tumor found malignant in Howser

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Dick Howser, manager of the world champion Kansas City Royals, underwent surgery Tuesday in which a malignant tumor in the left frontal lobe of his brain was partially removed, doctors said.

Dr. Paul Meyer, team physician for the Royals, said a few minutes after a statement by Dr. Charles Clough, the neurosurgeon who performed the operation, that the tumor is malignant. Meyer said it was only partially removed for fear of damaging the brain.

Meyer said doctors did not know what form treatment will take, but that radiation therapy is possible.

Clough, who declined to answer any questions, said in a statement read at a news conference that Howser's wife, Nancy, was with him in the recovery room and he described the 50-year-old manager as awake and alert.

He said Howser was able to speak and move all four extremities.

Meyer said it will be two or three days before doctors know the nature of the treatment they will follow.

Dean Vogelara, a spokesman for the Royals, said Howser's condition was serious but stable.

"He was very alert and he knew Nancy," said Joe Burke, president of the American League club.

The operation started at 11:30 a.m. Dave Witty, a Royals spokesman, said Howser was out of surgery four hours later.

He had complained for two weeks of a stiff, sore neck and associates said he had begun showing signs of mental confusion. During the All-Star game itself, said Mike Ferraro, one of his coaches, Howser "was totally out of it...not...with it at all."

The tumor was discovered by a CAT scan on Friday morning.

Sports

Ags' Roper will fulfill dream of playing on Olympic team

By Ken Sury
Sports Editor

Texas A&M basketball player Donna Roper has a few hopes she'd like to fulfill — one is playing on an Olympic basketball team.

She'll get that chance Sunday. Roper, a 5-8 freshman point guard on the Lady Aggies during the '85-'86 season, qualified from some 200 hopefuls for the 12-member women's South basketball team this May in Florida. The team will see its first action Sunday against the West squad in Houston's Hofheinz Pavilion in the second day of competition of the U.S. Olympic Festival.

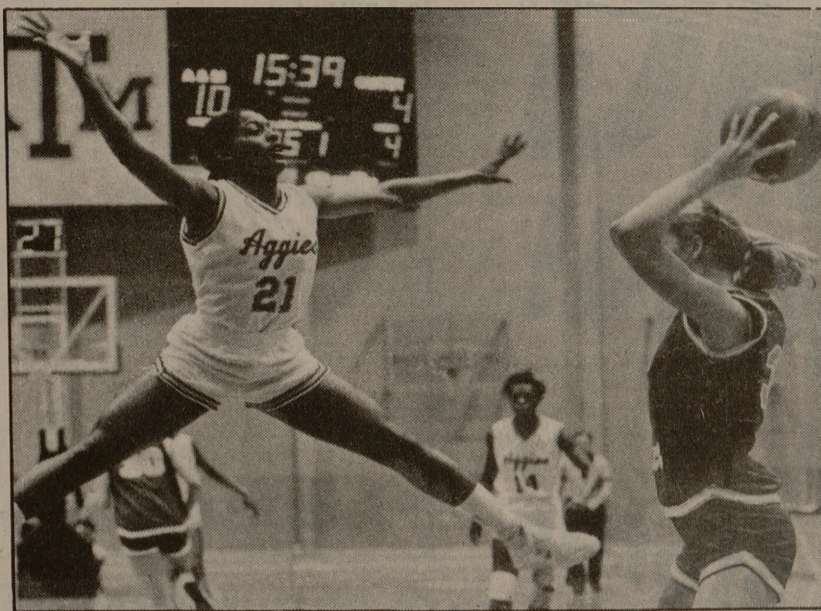
"It felt great, because I never had the chance to play on an Olympic team before," Roper said of her selection to the team.

She also said she thinks her playing on the team will enhance her playing skills for the upcoming A&M basketball season.

This past season, on a predominantly freshman team, Roper averaged 10.5 points a game — third-highest on the team — and led the Lady Aggies in assists with 125.

The up-and-down-the-court action will also keep her in shape during the summer, she said. "(A&M Women's Basketball) Coach (Lynn) Hickey told me to keep running this summer," Roper said. "She knows that I hate to run."

Roper said she's hoping her col-



A&M's Donna Roper (21) will play on the women's South basketball team in the 1986 U.S. Olympic Festival which begins this weekend.

lege experience will pay off as a large number of the other players are still in high school.

"From the teams I've seen on paper, the East has a lot of high school girls," Roper said. "So I'm not worried too much (about the challenge from the East team)."

Roper said she's looking forward to the offensive gameplan of the South team.

"From what I've seen," she said,

"maybe the guard will have something to do. Maybe get a chance to shoot more from the outside."

Although she'll get to play on an Olympic festival team, Roper said she's still hoping to earn a spot on the U.S. squad for the 1988 Olympic Games.

"I dream about being on TV playing Olympic basketball," she said. "I hope some day that dream will come true."

Athletes testify in Bias death inquiry

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (AP) — University of Maryland athletes and a woman who was with Len Bias the night he died were among those at a grand jury inquiry into the death of the basketball star Tuesday.

The grand jury also heard testimony from a state police chemist and from a Prince George's County paramedic, neither of whom would discuss his testimony when questioned by reporters as they left the county courthouse.

One of the athletes was Keeta Covington, a football player who was with Bias early in the morning of June 19, just hours before the All American died of cocaine intoxication.

Covington said the day after Bias died that he and other friends had talked with Bias about his selection by the Boston Celtics as the No. 2 choice in the NBA draft.

"At about 2 o'clock, he (Bias) said he was tired

of all the questions and just wanted to be alone," Covington said at the time.

Madelyne Woods, a friend of Bias who saw him the night he died, confirmed that she had testified before the grand jury Tuesday but would not discuss her testimony.

John T. Tobin, an analytical chemist for the state police, was one of the early witnesses as the grand jury continued what could be a full week of meetings on what happened in the hours before and after Bias collapsed in his dormitory room and was taken to a hospital.

"I examined evidence in this case and gave the results to the grand jury," he said. "Other than that I have no comment."

Other athletes who were seen in the courtroom were basketball players Keith Gatlin, Jeff Baxter and Phil Nevin.

Two other players who were with Bias when he died, Terry Long and David Gregg, have

been subpoenaed, but Arthur A. Marshall Jr., the prosecutor, has not said whether he will call them before the grand jury.

Anyone who testifies under a subpoena in a drug related investigation is immune from prosecution, and Marshall said last week he did not know if he wanted to give immunity to Long and Gregg.

Marshall said last week that any indictments returned by the grand jury could come by the end of the week or early next week. He said they likely will deal with use, possession or distribution of drugs.

After the grand jury completes its investigation, it will have to decide whether to continue with an inquiry into allegations about drug use by other athletes and possible gambling on at least one game by an unidentified member of the basketball team.

2 Mets in weekend scuffle have Thursday court date

HOUSTON (AP) — New York Mets pitcher Ron Darling and second baseman Tim Lincecum will appear Thursday at an examining trial regarding their arrest after a weekend scuffle with Houston police, a court official said Tuesday.

The trial in State District Judge Joe Kegan's courtroom will determine whether there is enough evidence to send the case to a grand jury, the court's coordinator, David Alsworth said.

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Flutie, who has a \$5 million contract, agreed.

"If I was on this team and sitting on the bench, I'd want to be doing something. I'd want to play somewhere," he said. "So I would probably take a look at wide receiver."

The judge agreed to schedule the trial around the players' schedule, defense attorney Dick DeGuerin said.

The two were arrested early Saturday outside Cooter's nightclub on charges they assaulted a police officer. Pitchers Bon Ojeda and Rick Aguilera were arrested and charged with hindering arrest.

All four were released Saturday afternoon after spending the night in jail.

Navratilova sweetens return to homeland with first-round win

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Martina Navratilova blew away China's Xinyi Li, then blew kisses to the crowd as she ended an 11-year-long chapter in her life Tuesday at the Federation Cup.

Navratilova's 6-1, 6-0 victory over China's top women's player was her first match in Czechoslovakia since she defected to the United States in 1975. This trip is her first time back since then, and the crowd that overflowed the No. 1 court at Stvanice Tennis Stadium cheered her every shot.

"It was emotional, but it was happy emotion," she said. "It was like a chapter in my life that I am finally able to finish. It's been open for a long time."

The victory and the welcome enabled Navratilova to end an unsettled era in her life.

The victories by Navratilova over Xinyi and Zina Garrison, 6-3, 6-2 over Ni Zhong, enabled the United States to advance to the second round of the national-team, single-elimination tournament that is the

women's tennis equivalent of the Davis Cup.

Navratilova and Pam Shriver then completed the three-match sweep with a 6-2, 6-0 victory in doubles over Lilan Duan and Xiufen Pu.

"This is a team sport, and I'm on the American team," said Navratilova, who received her citizenship in 1981. "I'm an American and I won for America."

Among other teams advancing were third-seeded West Germany, with Steffi Graf beating Belgium's Ann Devries 6-3, 6-1, and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch beating Sandra Wasserman 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; fifth-seeded Bulgaria, with Manuela Maleeva beating the Soviet Union's Larissa Savchenko 6-1, 6-2 and her younger sister Katerina beating Natassia Zvereva 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; and eighth-seeded Italy, with Laura Garrone beating New Zealand's Julie Richardson 6-1, 6-1 and Raffaella Reggi downing Belinda Cordwell 6-3, 6-4.

The United States, the top seed, will face Spain in the second round today. The Spaniards eliminated Indonesia on Tuesday.

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Flutie may be running receiver routes in fall

HOUSTON (AP) — Doug Flutie, who won the Heisman Trophy and a million-dollar ticket into pro football from the quarterback's slot, is now practicing catching the football.

How well he does on the receiving end may decide whether he plays or sits on the bench this fall with the New Jersey Generals.

Thanks to a merger between the Generals and the now-defunct Houston Gamblers, Flutie is on the same team with Jim Kelly, twice the United States Football League's leader in total offense and passing.

Kelly once threw for 4,623 yards and 39 touchdowns in one season with the Gamblers. Meanwhile, Flutie had something of a mediocre rookie year with the Generals. He completed 134 of 281 passes for 2,109 yards and 13 touchdowns with 14 interceptions.

While Flutie isn't giving up that position, he isn't ruling out a switch. He's been catching passes during in-

formal workouts this week in Houston.

"I'm not thinking about the competition now," Flutie said. "I'm just trying to learn the offense to the point I can be comfortable about it."

He still is in running for the lead quarterback's position and will share practice time with Kelly and Todd Dillon, the second man in NCAA passing history with 3,587 yards, Coach Jack Pardee said.

"We're still counting on him being a quarterback, and he's a darn good one," Pardee said. "But if it came down to whether he sat on the bench or played, I think he probably would come and ask us to switch him somewhere he could play."

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W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
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New York	54	41	.568	Montreal	48	41	.539
Cleveland	50	41	.549	Philadelphia	45	46	.495
Baltimore	50	43	.538	Chicago	40	50	.444
Toronto	51	44	.537	St. Louis	40	52	.435
Detroit	48	45	.516	Pittsburgh	38	51	.427
Milwaukee	43	48	.473				

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Texas	47	47	.500	San Francisco	50	44	.532
Kansas City	43	51	.457	San Diego	46	48	.489
Chicago	42	50	.457	Cincinnati	43	46	.483
Seattle	42	53	.442	Atlanta	43	50	.462
Minnesota	39	55	.415	Los Angeles	43	50	.462
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Milwaukee at California, (n)

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St. Louis 10, San Francisco 7
Chicago 6, San Diego 4
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 4 (1)
New York at Cincinnati (n)