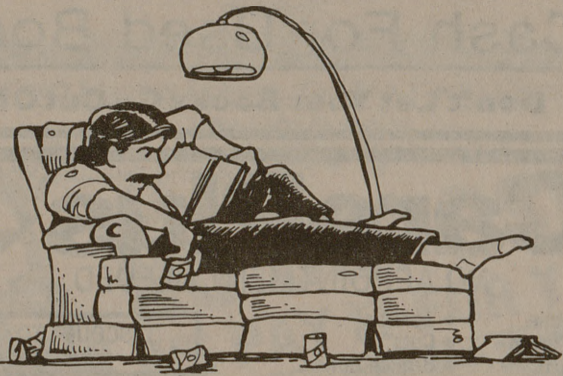


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Sports

Carlton struggles in 1st outing with White Sox

DETROIT (AP) — Steve Carlton, signed by the Chicago White Sox Tuesday, lasted only three innings in his American League debut, giving up six runs to the Detroit Tigers.

Carlton, 41, a four-time Cy Young winner, was signed after clearing waivers and was inserted in the starting lineup by White Sox Manager Jim Fregosi.

Carlton gave up seven hits — including two home runs. He struck out four, walked two and had one wild pitch.

For trivia buffs, Darnell Coles became Carlton's first AL strikeout victim — No. 4,001 overall — when he fanned to end the first inning.

"We're a club that's a little thin on arms right now," Manager Jim Fregosi said. "Steve is an experienced pitcher who may be able to help us right now."

Chicago entered the game in third place in the American League West, 10 games back of the first-place California Angels.

Carlton was needed because White Sox starter Neil Allen and top reliever Bob James both are out indefinitely with injuries.

The White Sox also were reportedly considering signing outfielder George Foster, who was waived last week by the New York Mets, and were thought to be talking to the Montreal Expos about a possible trade for outfielder Andre Dawson.

Fregosi said he couldn't comment on either of those reports.

The White Sox are Carlton's third team this season but the first American League club he's played for.

Because he was signed after clearing waivers, the White Sox were responsible for only about \$18,000 of Carlton's \$1.1 million salary year.

"That makes it a very low-risk investment in my book," Fregosi said. "It was just too good a deal to pass up."

Carlton arrived at Tiger Stadium about 5 p.m., aboard the team plane and learned from Manager Jim Fregosi he was starting. He did not talk with reporters.

Carlton, who was assigned to form No. 37, huddled briefly with Fregosi. Then coach Doug Rau told reporters that Fregosi, at Carlton's request, was closing the clubhouse so that the left-hander could get himself ready for the game.

Ditka's new fridge may be McMahon

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Bears Coach Mike Ditka says he no longer is worried about William "The Refrigerator" Perry's weight. The Chicago defensive lineman is down to 323 pounds and working to lose more.

Now, Ditka is fretting about another Bear he says is too fat: quarterback Jim McMahon.

"I don't know exactly what Jim weighs now, but he's overweight," Ditka said. "Jim came to camp in great shape last year and could do all the things he tries to do."

"He could run, roll out, twist," Ditka said. "This year he wasn't in as good a shape, and when he did some of those things that he tried to do a year ago, I think that was the difference."

Against Dallas in London, McMahon attempted six passes, but completed only one. McMahon stayed on the sidelines last weekend in Pittsburgh because of a groin injury.

Meanwhile, Ditka said he is thinking of starting second-year quar-

terback Mike Tomczak in the Bears' first appearance this season at Soldier Field Saturday night against Indianapolis. Tomczak completed 17 of 23 passes for 238 yards and three touchdowns in the Bears' 33-13 win over the Steelers last Saturday.

Second-string quarterback Steve Fuller, who bruised his elbow during the Pittsburgh game, is not expected to play against the Colts.

"I may start Mike, but it's too early to tell," Ditka said. "We need Jim to play 16 games and the playoffs. If that means holding him out now, it's what we should do."

McMahon was quoted after last Saturday's game as saying that he and Ditka were not on speaking terms, but Ditka disputed the remark.

"Here's a guy I talk to all the time," Ditka said. "I ask what the matter is — he won't tell me. If the whole society is to pout every time you disagree with everybody, then forget it. My door's open. I don't have bars on my windows."

Ag baseball adds recruits

The Texas A&M baseball team picked up three new recruits Tuesday.

The Aggies, who lost freshman recruits Carl Sullivan of Brenham and Steve Piskor of Plano to professional ball, added three players from the junior college ranks.

The new additions are sophomore Jim Neumann, an infielder/outfielder from Hill County Junior College; Eric Albright, a junior utility player from the College of the Canyons in California; and outfielder Tim McWilliam, a junior from Pima Junior College in Tucson, Ariz.

Johnson said the new signings, along with the other A&M recruits and returning team members will begin reporting to campus about Aug. 25.

Starting third baseman Scott Livingstone, a junior from Dallas, recently returned from playing summer ball in the Alaskan Summer League where he was the team's most valuable player.

Walker pays Cowboy camp a visit

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Running back Herschel Walker made his first appearance at the Dallas Cowboys' training camp on Tuesday with his agent in tow, and said he will be back to play soon.

"I'd like to get everything underway right away. I'm ready to play," Walker said during a press conference on the California Lutheran University campus. "I can't use my ability sitting at home. I'd like to be here as soon as possible."

"Dallas has a very complicated offense, so I think the sooner the better. It's urgent in the sense that you want to get prepared, so I am able to give 110 percent when I get on the field."

Despite all of the indications, Walker wouldn't say he definitely will play for the Cowboys this season. "I hope so. It's hard to say," he

said. "I can say, 'Yes' and then if I'm not with them you're going to call me a liar. I hope everything works out. I'd love to play for the Cowboys. I've always said I'd play for anybody willing to win and there's no doubt that the Cowboys have a winning frame of mind."

Both the Cowboys and Walker's agent, Peter Johnson, said they expected to begin discussing a contract immediately.

"All I can say is that we're going to try to do this as quickly as possible," said Johnson, who added that he'd like to finish negotiations by this weekend.

Dallas President-General Manager Tex Schramm said he foresees no salary problems with Walker because of the football star's contract with the New Jersey Generals, nor did he anticipate any problems with

any other Cowboy players, including running back Tony Dorsett.

Cowboy head coach Tom Landry said the anticipated matchup between Walker and Dorsett in the backfield could occur by Sept. 7 when the Cowboys open the regular season against the New York Giants.

"By the New York game, there will be situations where both of them will be in the same backfield," Landry said.

Walker was to watch the Cowboys' afternoon practice Tuesday before returning to New York on personal business today.

Landry said Walker, the 1985 Heisman trophy winner at Georgia, would not play until he was comfortable with the Cowboy's offensive system.

USFL player reports to Oiler camp

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Offensive tackle Don Maggs reported to the Houston Oilers training camp Tuesday to undergo a physical examination as contract negotiations to sign the player continued.

Maggs, who played with the United States Football League's New Jersey Generals, cannot participate with the team because he has not signed a contract, but he can work out for personnel director Mike Holovak and the coaches.

"I'm just going to be in camp overnight," Maggs said Monday. "They want me to take a physical and then go through some drills."

"I'll be fired up. After being in limbo for so long with the USFL, I hope things are finally getting underway again," Maggs said.

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