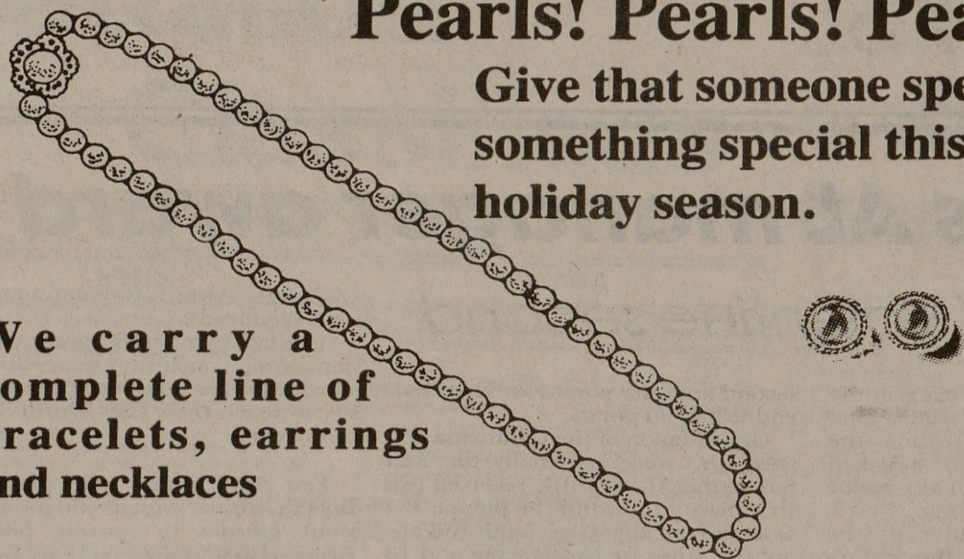


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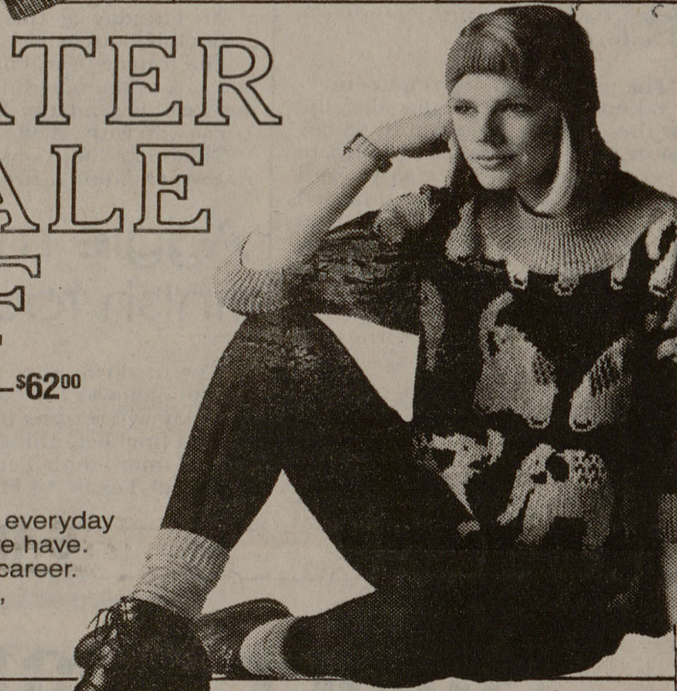


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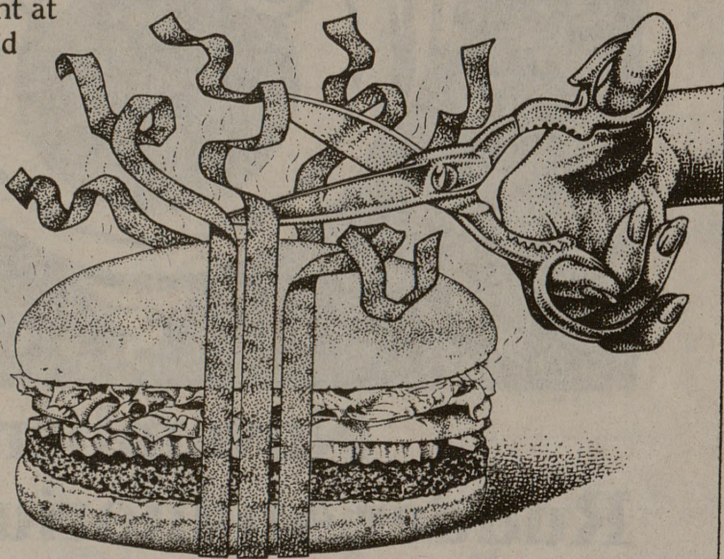
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## Test shows no steroids in Ag athletes

Randomly-selected athletes from Texas A&M have tested 100 percent negative for steroid usage, A&M officials said in a report Tuesday.

Sixty athletes, 30 of whom were football players, were involved in the testing conducted by the Southwest Conference office as part of a conference-wide steroid-testing program.

A&M Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill said he was happy with the results.

"This is undisputable indication that our young people are aware of the serious need to stay away from drugs, and that performance-enhancing drugs do not make you a better athlete," he said.

The test was the second in a month for A&M athletes. The University conducted the first test, which checked for both steroids and other drugs. That test involved 90 A&M athletes, including 80 football players, the report said. Results for that test were 100 percent negative.

## McDonald signs with the Cowboys

IRVING (AP)—The Dallas Cowboys signed former Cleveland Browns quarterback Paul McDonald to a multi-year contract Tuesday because of the broken wrist that Danny White suffered in Sunday's 17-14 loss to the New York Giants.

McDonald, 28, worked with Cowboys offensive coordinator Paul Hackett in college and in the pros. McDonald led the University of Southern California to two Rose Bowl wins and a national championship and was drafted in the fourth round by the Browns in 1980.

Hackett coached McDonald four years at USC and two more with the Browns. The lefthanded quarterback had some of his best days under Hackett.

McDonald started the 1984 season poorly, being sacked 40 times as the Browns won only one of their first eight games. McDonald didn't play for the Browns at all in 1985, and Cleveland released him last June. He went to camp with Seattle, which later cut him.

With starting quarterback Danny White on the injured reserve list with a broken wrist, the Cowboys are taking no chances. White will be out

for at least four to six weeks, and perhaps for the rest of the season. "McDonald and Hackett have a lot of rapport," Cowboys Coach Tom Landry said Tuesday. "McDonald would know Hackett's system. He's a very intelligent quarterback. He's the type who can get the ball to the receivers effectively."

Hackett had said before that McDonald was his number one choice. "I think he will adapt to our system very well. Of course, the decision will be up to Coach (Landry)."

Landry made it clear that Steve Pelluer, who almost produced a last-minute comeback Sunday, is his starter now that White is out.

"Pelluer has done well in every game," Landry said.

He also made it clear that Reggie Collier, who played for the USFL Orlando Renegades, is his No. 1 quarterback.

"Reggie could play in certain areas of our offense, but we would have to restrict our offense with him in there. We would have to cut down quite a bit. He knows the offense, but if you're not out there of the time, it's hard. He's had a little work since training camp."

## Flutie may play for Bears Sunday

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP)—Quarterback Doug Flutie was activated by the Chicago Bears Tuesday but Coach Mike Ditka would not reveal who will start at quarterback Sunday against Tampa Bay.

"We have four quarterbacks, and one, Jim McMahon, will not play," said Ditka in the aftermath of Monday night's 20-17 NFL loss to the Los Angeles Rams.

McMahon definitely has been ruled out this week because of his shoulder problems.

To make room for Flutie, the Bears released wide receiver Clay Pickering, who they plan on signing to a future contract.

While Ditka would not commit himself as to the starting quar-

terback, he did say that if running back Walter Payton is unable to start, Thomas Sanders would replace Payton.

Payton injured the big toe of his right foot in the third quarter against the Rams. Sanders replaced Payton and scored touchdowns on runs of 10 and 34 yards to put the Bears ahead 17-10.

But Los Angeles came back to tie the game on a 65-yard touchdown pass from Steve Dils to Ron Brown and won on Mike Lansford's 50-yard field with four seconds to play.

"We had our opportunities but didn't capitalize on them," said Ditka. "Give the Rams credit. They drove when they had to and kicked a 50-yard field goal."

The loss dropped the Bears to 2. It was only the third defeat in 10 seasons for the defending Super Bowl Champions.

Fuller competed 9 of 19 passes for 102 yards but had two interceptions and was removed by Ditka in the third quarter.

Ditka indicated Flutie would not be used in the near future but he did not rule him out completely.

"If the need arose, yes," said Ditka to the possibility of using Flutie.

"I don't anticipate playing," said Flutie, who was a quarterback for the New Jersey Generals of the USFL after winning the Heisman Trophy at Boston College. "Right now, everything I know is from the play book and watching films."

## Thurman wins offensive honors for SWC

(AP)—Tyrone Thurman isn't afraid of the pounding a 5-foot-3, 130-pound person takes in major college football.

Thurman, who disregards life and limb on the Texas Tech Red Raiders' specialty teams when he's not lining up at wide receiver, displayed in a 23-21 victory over Texas on Saturday why size shouldn't be a barrier in playing college football.

The sophomore sprinted 96 yards for a touchdown with a punt against Texas to earn The Associated Press Southwest Conference Offensive

Player of the Week award. It was the second longest punt return in SWC history.

Texas Christian linebacker Scott Harris, a 6-1, 213-pound junior from Carrollton, was named the AP's Defensive Player of the Week with 15 tackles, 11 of them unassisted, in a 30-14 victory over Houston.

Harris recovered two Houston fumbles and made three tackles behind the line of scrimmage, including a quarterback sack.

Coach David McWilliams said of

Thurman, "When he caught the ball, I was thinking when he got to the sidelines I was going to wrap his neck. But a mistake is not a mistake until the play is over. Obviously, that wasn't a mistake."

Texas Tech was the only major college school to offer Thurman a scholarship.

In his freshman year at Tech, Thurman was sixth in the nation in punt returns. He leads the SWC this year with a 12.82 yard average, good for 11th nationally.

## Aguirre paces Mavs to win over Clippers

DALLAS (AP)—Rolando Blackman and Mark Aguirre each scored 20 points as the Dallas Mavericks rolled to a 118-86 NBA victory over the error-prone Los Angeles Clippers Tuesday night.

Delaf Schrempf came off the bench to add 18 points and Al Wood scored 13 points for the Mavericks

before 16,421 fans in Reunion Arena.

The Mavericks pestered the Clippers with a full-court press, forcing 12 turnovers as they built a 51-33 halftime lead.

The cold-shooting Clippers started the game by hitting only one of their first nine shots. They were

just as chilly at the outset of the second quarter, when they hit only four of their first 16 shots.

Los Angeles cut the deficit to just 12 points midway through the third quarter before Aguirre got hot with eight points during a 13-0 run that put the Clippers away.

## Bulls beat Spurs 111-104

CHICAGO (AP)—Michael Jordan scored 16 points in the final quarter as the Chicago Bulls stayed unbeaten with a 111-104 NBA victory Tuesday night over the San Antonio Spurs.

Jordan, who finished with 34 points, rallied the Bulls from a 19-point deficit in the second quarter and broke a 100-100 deadlock with 5:32 left in the game, putting Chicago ahead to stay with a 15-foot jumper. The Bulls had tied the score on a rebound shot by Earl Cureton.

Charles Oakley added 28 points for Chicago, while Mike Mitchell's 34 points topped the Spurs.

Then the Spurs pulled away with an 18-6 run in the span of 6:48 during the second quarter, opening a 45-28 bulge.

## Judge tags gag order on D.A., Mets lawyer

HOUSTON (AP)—The judge presiding over assault cases against two New York Mets players issued a gag order after a prosecutor and a defense attorney called each other a liar.

"I felt the time had come for me to intervene," State District Judge Joe Kegans said Monday.

She ordered prosecutor Mike Anderson and Dick DeGuerin, the attorney for pitcher Ron Darling and second baseman Tim Lincecum, not to discuss the case with reporters.

Her action came after Anderson and DeGuerin called each other a liar last week on the subject of whether the defense attorney solicited a plea bargain.

After denying it at first, DeGuerin subsequently acknowledged contacting the prosecutor to find out about rumors that Anderson might be willing to offer the Mets players a lesser sentence if they would plead guilty or no contest.

A Jan. 26 trial date has been set to let jurors decide if Darling and Teufel assaulted two off-duty Houston police officers outside Cooter's nightclub on July 19.

The two players pleaded innocent to a charge of aggravated assault on a police officer, a third-degree felony that carries a maximum 10-year term and \$5,000 in fines.