

Red Sox pitcher Clemens earns AL Cy Young Award

KATY (AP) — Roger Clemens, the Boston Red Sox right-hander who came back from shoulder surgery to lead the major leagues with 24 victories, became only the third unanimous winner of the American League Cy Young Award on Wednesday.

"These honors are great, but in a heartbeat I would trade them all to be wearing that World Championship ring," said Clemens, whose Red Sox were beaten by the New York Mets after coming within one strike of winning the World Series.

Clemens, at his home in Katy, about 30 miles from Houston, said he hoped he or his teammate Jim Rice would win the league's Most Valuable Player Award, which will be announced next week.

Aware that pitchers usually do not

win that honor, he said. "A lot of the oldtimers have told me that I have changed their minds about that."

The voting, as with all the Baseball Writers Association Awards, was completed before the postseason games.

Clemens joined Detroit's Denny McLain and New York's Ron Guidry as the AL's only unanimous Cy Young winners since the baseball writers began giving the award to the best pitcher in each league in 1967.

"There were several outstanding pitchers in the league this year, but only one Roger Clemens," Boston Manager John McNamara said. "It would have been the robbery of the century if he hadn't won."

In his first full season with the Red Sox, Clemens set a major league record by striking out 20 batters in a

3-1 victory over Seattle last April 29. He won 14 games before absorbing the first of his four losses in a 4-2 defeat by Toronto on July 2. He beat every team in the league at least once while leading the AL with a 2.48 ERA and finishing second to Seattle's Mark Langston in strikeouts, 245 to 238.

Clemens, who pitched Texas to the College World Series championship before signing with the Red Sox as a No. 1 draft pick in 1983, received the maximum 140 points in the voting. He was the top choice of all 28 writers, two in each league city.

McLain was a unanimous choice in 1968 and Guidry in 1978.

On a 5-3-1 point basis, Milwaukee's Ted Higuera was second with 42 points and California's Mike Witt was third with 35.



Reagan honors Mets for World Series win

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan toasted baseball's finest Wednesday, welcoming a delegation of the World Series champion New York Mets to the White House and proclaiming them the pride of America.

"You have certainly done yourselves, the city of New York and all America proud," Reagan said in congratulating the handful of players, including pitchers Dwight Gooden and Bob Ojeda and catcher Gary Carter, who joined him at the Rose Garden ceremony.

Mets Manager Davey Johnson, who had been on an exhibition tour of Japan, was not on hand, nor were such key members of the team as first baseman Keith Hernandez, outfielders Darryl Strawberry and Mookie Wilson and pitcher Ron Darling.

Reagan recalled the 1962 Mets, a hapless bunch that posted a 40-120 record and prompted Casey

Stengel to question, "Can't anybody here play this game?"

"Well, not only did the Mets show America that the 'Other Team from New York' could play this game, they did it their way — the Mets made 'em say, 'Ya Gotta Believe,' " the president, a self-described Chicago Cubs fan, told the audience of players' wives and members of the New York congressional delegation.

Reagan commented on the Mets' comebacks over the Boston Red Sox in Games 6 and 7 to win the World Series.

"You came back to epitomize what that other bard of baseball, Yogi Berra, once said — 'The game isn't over 'til it's over,' " the president said.

Carter presented Reagan with an orange-and-blue Mets warm-up jacket, with the name Reagan emblazoned on the back, and handed Vice President George Bush a Mets cap.

Letters show UT didn't make SWC allegations

AUSTIN (AP) — A newspaper that has obtained letters from the University of Texas to the NCAA reported Wednesday that nothing in the correspondence indicates the school informed the NCAA of potential rule violations by any Southwest Conference school.

Seven letters were released to the *Austin American-Statesman* in response to a request for UT's correspondence with the NCAA. The newspaper's request was made under terms of the state Open Records Act.

The newspaper reported that the letters contained the school's responses to five allegations about improprieties in UT athletics and accuse a non-SWC school of violations in its swimming program.

Parts of some letters were deleted by order of Attorney General Jim Mattox to protect the privacy of student-athletes.

The *American-Statesman* said "nothing in the documents" indicates that UT informed the NCAA of possible rules violations by Southern Methodist University or other Southwest Conference schools, as has been suggested by some.

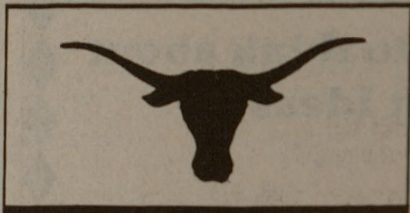
The *American-Statesman* requested the documents on March 24, 1986.

The university initially declined to release certain letters, saying that to do so would violate restrictions on the release of academic records and invade the privacy of people mentioned in the letters.

Mattox ruled last week that UT could withhold letters or parts of letters naming people who matriculated at UT, but he said the university was required to release the other information.

One letter obtained by the *American-Statesman* told the NCAA that UT had arranged "improper transportation" for a high school football player in 1985 and had "immediately terminated" its recruiting efforts once the problem was discovered.

UT Men's Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds said that matter involving high school player Wayne Walker might still be pending with the NCAA. Walker, a wide receiver, went on to attend Texas Tech University.



Dodds said UT investigated the ride and learned that former defensive assistant Mike Parker had arranged for an alumnus to drive Walker from Waco Jefferson Moore High to Austin for a recruiting visit. Leon Black, UT assistant athletic director, said the NCAA allowed alumni to give rides to players on recruiting visits until three years ago.

The NCAA considers actions that tend to produce an improper advantage in recruiting to be among the most serious violations of its rules.

Dodds said UT has been cleared of any wrongdoing in the other matters.

The *American-Statesman* said those other matters on which UT

corresponded with the NCAA included:

- Allegations that a former basketball assistant organized season practices, which are banned by the NCAA.

- UT officials said the charge was substantiated. Dodds said the allegation was made by another school, but he didn't know who. The assistant involved since moved to another university.

- An allegation that basketball coach Bob Weltlich improperly retained the coach of a former prospect and the coach's wife.

This involved the recruiting of Carlton McKinney, who signed at Tulsa and since has transferred to SMU. Dodds said that when McKinney, then an all-state forward at Nixon, made his official visit to his coach, Dan McGovern, and coach's wife accompanied the player.

UT took McKinney on a boat on Town Lake, and Weltlich and the McGovern's along as "a courtesy," Dodds said in a 1985 letter to the NCAA.

- A picture of UT football coach

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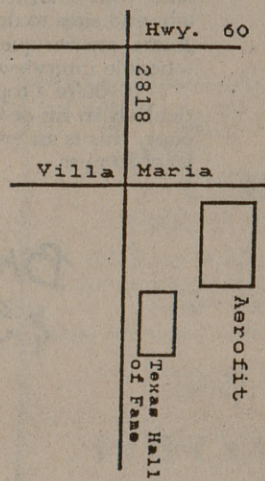
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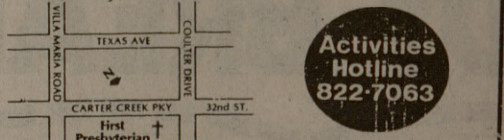
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