

Sports

Unrest in Seoul threatens Olympics IOC president: Seoul only location for Games

LONDON (AP) — The International Olympic Committee would cancel rather than move next summer's Olympics if political problems make it impossible to hold them in Seoul, a London newspaper reported Tuesday.

"It is Seoul or no 1988 Olympics," IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch was quoted as saying in the *Daily Telegraph*, a London-based national newspaper. "Either we go to Seoul or there will be no Games."

Although Samaranch has said in the past that no alternative sites to Seoul have been discussed, this was his strongest statement to date on the matter.

The South Korean capital was in turmoil the last two months because of violent protests against the gov-

ernment of President Chun Doo-hwan.

Last week, Chun accepted a series of opposition proposals and the situation has stabilized somewhat, although demonstrations have sparked violence again in recent days.

In Los Angeles, Anita De Frantz, one of two U.S. IOC members, said she was neither surprised nor shocked by Samaranch's strong statement.

"I've been confident all along that the Games would be in Seoul," she said in a telephone interview. "The folks there have worked hard. Certainly they have an important set of issues to resolve for the future of their nation."

She said American athletes still were training with their sites set on Seoul.

"Of course, I'm here in Los Angeles, so I don't know what actually has happened in Korea," she said, "but I've been very impressed with the speed with which the leadership of South Korea has moved to work together and come to proper solutions."

The IOC has said throughout the Korean troubles that it was sticking by the 1981 decision awarding the Games to Seoul and noted that, under the Olympic Charter, only war could be cited as a reason for moving the Olympics.

Several cities, including Los Angeles, New York and Berlin, offered to host the '88 Games should Seoul be unable to do so. Mexico City also has been suggested as a possible backup site.

"We have never discussed an alternative site," Samaranch said.

"The Games were awarded to Seoul and the Games will go on in Seoul. . . We will not change that decision."

Samaranch said the situation in Seoul appeared to have improved in the last week, and "we have 15 months until the Games. . . I am sure that by then the improvement will have taken place. Seoul has made us no promises, but we are keeping in close contact."

Even before the political protests caused concern, North Korea's position on the Games had Olympic officials worried. And they still are.

Samaranch is scheduled to meet next week in Lausanne, Switzerland, with delegations from North Korea and South Korea in the fourth set of talks over the north's demand to co-host the '88 Games. North Korea has threatened to lead a communist-bloc boycott if its demands are not met.

Fight mars Cubs' win over Padres

CHICAGO (AP) — Andre Dawson hit his third homer against San Diego in two days, leading Chicago to a 7-5 victory Tuesday and touching off a beanball exchange that resulted in one fight and the ejection of five Cubs players, Manager Gene Michael and coach Johnny Oates.

Dave Martinez and Paul Nove also homered for the Cubs.

Dawson hit his 24th homer and seventh against the Padres in the first inning after Martinez had led off with his third homer. Nove hit his second homer of the year in the third, and one batter later, Show hit Dawson in the mouth with a 1-1 pitch.

While Dawson remained on the ground face down, Cubs pitcher Rick Sutcliffe ran out of the dugout and went after Show as a fight erupted.

Order was restored, but Dawson, getting off the ground and bleeding from the mouth, went after Show, and another fight broke out in front of the Padres dugout.

First base Umpire Charlie Williams then grabbed Show and ushered him off the field. Once things settled down again, Sutcliffe and Dawson were ejected from the game. Show was given a warning but was removed from the game because he hurt his foot during the fight.

Dawson sustained lacerations of the left lip and a contusion of the left cheekbone.

In the fourth inning, with two outs and none on, Cubs starter Greg Maddux hit Benito Santiago with a pitch in the back. Maddux and Cubs Manager Gene Michael were tossed out of the game, as was Manny Trillo, who threw a case of sun glasses onto the field.

In the eighth inning, Cubs reliever Scott Sanderson threw a pitch behind the head of Chris Brown. Sanderson was thrown out, as was Oates, a bullpen coach who was acting as manager for Michael.

Show, 4-10, left the park before the game ended but issued a statement.

"I sincerely regret the unintended pitch that hit Andre Dawson," Show said. "I have never intentionally thrown a pitch to hit a batter in my life, and I was not even intending to brush him back."

"I apologize to the Cubs, the fans of Chicago and especially Andre Dawson."

Reds' Oester has doubtful future after season-ending knee injury

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati Reds second baseman Ron Oester is through for the season and faces a challenge to resume his career at all because of a devastating knee injury.

The Reds, meanwhile, awaited word Tuesday on the status of left fielder Kal Daniels, 23, who underwent arthroscopic surgery on the left knee he reinjured Sunday while running out a second-inning double. Dr. Warren Harding, the Reds' orthopedist and team physician, was to do the surgery Tuesday afternoon.

Reds Manager Pete Rose estimated that Daniels could miss at least three weeks. The outfielder has had chronic knee problems and has been plagued by persistent swelling and soreness.

The Reds on Monday purchased

the contract of outfielder Max Venable from Cincinnati's Class AAA Nashville farm team to take Oester's spot on the roster.

For the Reds, the double-injury whammy threw their lineup into disarray at a time when the team was building a first-place cushion in the National League's Western Division race and playing well.

The injury to Oester, 31, involves both ligament and cartilage damage.

Oester was injured Sunday when New York Mets baserunner Mookie Wilson slid into him at second base while trying to break up a ninth-inning double play attempt. Oester's surgery, performed Monday by Harding and Robert Heidt Jr., another orthopedist, was described as a complete rebuilding of the left knee.

Harding said that Oester will definitely not play again this season.

"You can only hope he'll be back for next season," Rose said. "It's a bad injury, but if you had to pick a guy to come back from an injury like that, it would be Oester. He'll fight back."

Oester, a switch-hitter who was once the Reds' regular second baseman, had been cut back to a platoon player. He played when the opposing teams started a right-handed pitcher. Utility infielder Dave Concepcion, a right-handed hitter, played against left-handers.

Rose said he has several days to make up his mind as to who will assume Oester's role, because of a run of three left-handers the Reds are to face in the next three days.

SMU must rely on basketball to produce main revenue

DALLAS (AP) — The demise of the scandal-marred Southern Methodist football program has left basketball as the school's main revenue-producing sport, but coach Dave Bliss isn't showing any signs of pressure.

"No way do they want to come in here and not have SMU's athletic department be a success," Bliss said. "I don't have any real trepidation as far as closing up the shop and moving on. Some things I just don't know about. Some aspects have yet to be determined."

But the pay-for-play scandal that cost SMU its 1987 football season has taken its toll in the way the basketball program is viewed, Bliss said.

"I think he feels it badly that people think it is all of SMU," said Bliss' wife, Claudia. "And that's not fair at all. Dave has tried to run a straight, clean program, and all that everyone thinks of SMU is that it's crooked."

SMU canceled its 1988 football schedule after the National Collegiate Athletic Association abolished the 1987 season and limited the 1988 season to seven road games.

Bliss, one of the few veterans left in SMU's once-robust athletic department, has some concerns about academic reforms that probably will be instigated under A. Kenneth Pye, the new president.

"For us to think we can compete nationally without some type of consideration, not special admits, but special consideration, I think we might be kidding ourselves," he said.

Bliss said he tries to keep a distance between the football problems

and his basketball program, which is undergoing an internal investigation by the university.

"The purge that's going on right now will be good for a couple of reasons," he said. "But one main reason is that I think any time a new administrator comes on board, it is important for a review to take place and we all know exactly where we stand."

"I don't think it's abnormal to have a review at this time. Obviously, I don't like to sit with the insinuation, innuendo and things. But I've also been here long enough to know that's just part of Dallas and part of the scene around here."

Bliss, 44, came to SMU from the University of Oklahoma in 1980. He was a basketball and baseball star at Cornell, and later became an assistant to Bob Knight at West Point. He followed Knight to Indiana and was a top assistant for seven years before going to Oklahoma.

Bliss has been successful, but hasn't become obsessive about the game, observers say.

"It would break my heart if I got older and didn't think I did a good job with my kids," said Bliss, who has three children.

During Bliss' first two seasons, the Mustangs won 13 games. Under Bliss, SMU became No. 2 in the rankings in mid-1985. The Mustangs have had two second-round NCAA appearances.

The last two seasons have been moderately successful. Last year, the Mustangs ended at 18-11 after being 8-9 in late January with a seven-game losing streak.

Bad fielding costs Texas' 6-2 defeat

TORONTO (AP) — Tony Fernandez hit a two-run double and Toronto took advantage of sloppy fielding by Texas in the fifth inning for a 6-2 victory over the Rangers Tuesday night.

Blue Jays' starter Jim Clancy, 9-6, won for only the second time in his last nine starts. He entered the eighth with a three-hitter, but with one out, Oddibe McDowell hit his 10th homer to make the score 6-2. Tom Henke pitched the final 1 1/2 innings for his 15th save.

Texas starter Mike Loynd, 1-5, was the victim of poor fielding and his own wildness when the Blue Jays broke a 1-1 tie with three runs in the fifth inning.

After Fred McGriff led off with a single and moved to third on a single by Rick Leach, Garth Iorg hit a hard grounder to third baseman Larry Parrish for a potential double play.

Parrish threw to second baseman Curtis Wilkerson for the force, but when Wilkerson saw McGriff leaning off third, he ran him back to the bag. McGriff beat his throw and Iorg ran to an uncovered second base. Fernandez followed with a ground-rule double to score both runners.

Fernandez moved to third on a grounder and scored on a wild pitch, third strike, to Jesse Barfield.

Noonan's agents give Dallas a counter offer

DALLAS (AP) — Representatives for the Dallas Cowboys' first-round draft pick have made a counteroffer to the team's initial deal, days before the team will begin training camp in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Tony Agnone, who is representing Danny Noonan with Tom Condon, said he has mailed a counteroffer to the Cowboys' initial offer, which was believed to be for \$1 million or less for four years.

Last year's top pick, Mike Sherrard, signed a \$1.38 million package for four years after he missed the first two pre-season games. The team's first offer to Sherrard was \$865,000 for four years.

"I don't think you're seeing anything but ridiculous offers being made right now," Agnone said. "I think the team's attitudes are, 'Let's see if someone blinks.'"

Cowboys vice president Joe Bailey said he had made offers to 11 of the Cowboys' 12 draft choices, but he doesn't think some agents are inclined to make deals yet.

Last year, none of the top four picks signed until after camp had begun.

"I predicted we wouldn't have this again this year, but maybe it was wishful thinking. You still get an-

swers from a number of people that they don't want to do anything until seeing what others do," Bailey said. "It's kind of up to them as to when they sign."

Agnone said he thinks Noonan should get compensation similar to Detroit quarterback Chuck Long — four years, \$1.75 million — and said last week's meeting with Bailey was productive.

Motta happy to catch fish for now, puts coaching on hold

DALLAS (AP) — Dick Motta hasn't ruled out coaching again, but for now, he said he's content to fish, hike and bike from the vacation home he retreated to after abruptly resigning as Dallas Mavericks coach.

"No one knows what I'm (going to) do except me," Motta told the *Dallas Times Herald* in a Monday telephone interview from Fish Haven, Idaho. He would not elaborate on his resignation from the Mavericks on May 20.

Motta had been criticized for considering jobs with the New York Knicks and the Los Angeles Clippers and had also come under fire after he was quoted as saying he was not sure the Mavericks could win a championship.

"I made a statement and I'll leave it at that," Motta said. "I had a lot of good reasons. They're very private and personal and I want to keep it that way."

He indicated his retirement might

not be permanent, although he did not elaborate.

"I'm thoroughly trying to enjoy this," he said of his vacation. "I don't know if I'll have withdrawal pains. I don't know if in three or four years I'll . . . that's why it's hard to talk about."

The Motta family is between trips. Family members are training for a bike ride through Idaho and Wyoming. Motta and his youngest son, Kirt, are scheduled to ride through

Australia for three months, beginning in January.

"I'll see a kangaroo," he said, "and I want to catch a fish in New Zealand."

Motta, 55, said he knew nothing of the recent NBA draft and hadn't followed the New York Knicks search for a coach, a process that had included Motta.

"I don't follow that," he said. Motta was replaced by former Phoenix Suns coach John MacLeod.

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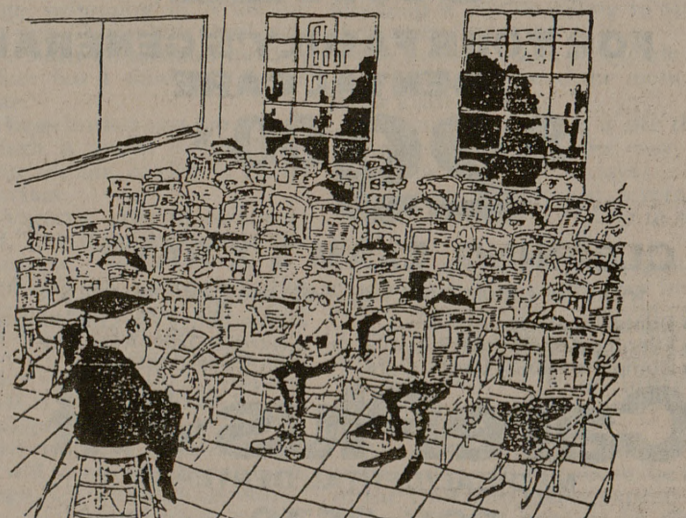
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