




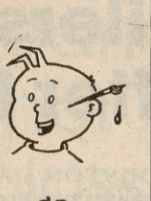


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Texas A&M at Louisiana Tech	Aggies by 20	Aggies by 17	Aggies by 13	Aggies by 20	Aggies by 14	Aggies by 24
Texas Tech at Texas	Horns by 3	Raiders by 3	Raiders by 1	Raiders by 2	Raiders by 3	Raiders by 3
Arkansas at Rice	Hogs by 6	Hogs by 10	Hogs by 17	Hogs by 21	Hogs by 21	Hogs by 28
Houston at TCU	Cougars by 4	Frogs by 1	Frogs by 3	Frogs by 3	Frogs by 7	Cougars by 7
Indiana at Iowa	Hoosiers by 1	Hawkeyes by 7	Hawkeyes by 5	Hoosiers by 1	Hoosiers by 3	Hoosiers by 7
Michigan State at Ohio State	Buckeyes by 6	Buckeyes by 3	Buckeyes by 6	Buckeyes by 7	Buckeyes by 3	Buckeyes by 7
Syracuse at Pittsburgh	Orangemen by 9	Panthers by 1	Panthers by 1	Orangemen by 8	Panthers by 1	Panthers by 7
UCLA at Arizona State	Bruins by 10	Bruins by 1	Bruins by 4	Bruins by 5	Bruins by 6	Bruins by 7
Florida at Auburn	Gators by 17	Tigers by 3	Gators by 7	Gators by 1	Tigers by 4	Gators by 7
Tennessee at Boston College	Volunteers by 11	Volts by 2	Volunteers by 5	Volunteers by 14	Volunteers by 7	Volunteers by 20
Houston Oiler vs. Cincinnati	Bengals by 10	Bengals by 10	Bengals by 6	Bengals by 3	Oilers by 3	Oilers by 2
Dallas Cowboys vs. N.Y. Giants	Giants by 13	Giants by 17	Giants by 7	Giants by 19	Giants by 7	Cowboys by 2
Last Week's Record	8-3-1	7-4-1	7-4-1	8-3-1	8-3-1	6-5-1
Overall Record	69-24-3 (.742)	66-27-3 (.710)	66-27-3 (.710)	66-27-3 (.710)	65-28-3 (.699)	63-30-3 (.645)

Auburn meets Florida in top SEC matchup

(AP) — Having grown up near Augusta, Ga., Pat Dye knows something about Amen Corner, the famous stretch of holes 10-11-12-13 where the Masters golf tournament often is decided.

According to Dye, his sixth-ranked Auburn Tigers, 6-0-1, are about to begin their own version of Amen Corner with games 8-9-10-11. It starts Saturday night against No. 10 Florida (5-2), followed by No. 4 Florida State (6-1), No. 12 Georgia (6-2) and No. 16 Alabama (5-2).

Florida is the only Southeastern Conference team to have a winning record (4-2) over the Tigers in Dye's previous six years at Auburn, so it's no wonder that he says, "We haven't played a team like Florida yet. I think Florida is better than Tennessee. I think we have four teams left to play that are better than Tennessee (Auburn and Tennessee tied 20-20 in September)."

The pick is... Auburn 24-17.

Saturday's only other game between members of the Associated Press Top Twenty finds No. 20 Michigan State at No. 15 Ohio State, which is favored by four points.

Since Michigan State is 3-0-1 in the Big Ten and Ohio State is 3-1, the winner looms as the only remaining challenger to first-place Indiana, 4-0... Ohio State 21-14.

No. 1 Oklahoma (favored by 53) at Kansas: Oklahoma 63-6.

No. 2 Nebraska (by 19) at Missouri: Nebraska 38-17.

No. 3 Miami, Fla. (by 30) at East Carolina: Miami (Fla.) 45-14.

Tulane at No. 4 Florida State (by 28): Florida State 49-24.

No. 5 LSU (by 13½) at Mississippi: LSU 28-17.

No. 7 UCLA (by 6½) at Arizona State: Upset Special of the Week... Arizona State 31-24.

No. 8 Syracuse (by 4½) at Pitt: Second Upset Special... Pitt 24-21.

Navy at No. 9 Notre Dame (by 32½): Notre Dame 42-7.

No. 11 Indiana at Iowa (by 6½): Iowa 27-17.

No. 13 Tennessee (by 6½) at Boston College: Third Upset Special... Boston College 24-17.

Wake Forest at No. 14 Clemson (by 18): Clemson 38-7.

Mississippi State at No. 16 Alabama (by 23): Alabama 35-14.

Kansas State at No. 17 Oklahoma State (by 32): Oklahoma State 41-7.

West Virginia at No. 18 Penn State (by 7): Penn State 28-14.

North Carolina State at No. 19 South Carolina (by 16½): South Carolina 34-14.

Colorado (by 16½) at Iowa State: Fourth Upset Special... Iowa State 27-21.

Rutgers (by 7) at Vanderbilt: Fifth Upset Special... Vanderbilt 27-20.

Wisconsin at Purdue (by 7): Sixth Upset Special... Wisconsin 24-17.

Mattingly does it again

Yankee first baseman, Padre rookie among All Stars

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees first baseman Don Mattingly is the first player voted to The Associated Press major-league All-Star team for four consecutive years, in 1982, and was named the first-ever rookie and one of eight first-time selections.

Other first-time winners announced Thursday were Wade Boggs of the Red Sox at third base, Samuel of the Phillies at second, George Bell of the Blue Jays in the American League and four from the National League. The AP began selecting one team for both leagues in 1982.

Two other players repeated from

1986 — Kirby Puckett of the World Series champion Twins in center field and Roger Clemens of the Red Sox as right-handed pitcher.

Andre Dawson of the Chicago Cubs, last an AP All-Star in 1983, was named right-fielder.

Clemens' victory margin was the largest on the team, which was selected by print and broadcast members of The Associated Press. He beat Nolan Ryan of the Astros 167-12.

There were eight players from the American League and four from the National League. The AP began selecting one team for both leagues in 1982.

Molitor, a career .291 hitter going into the season, batted .353, hit 16

homers and drove in 75 runs despite spending seven weeks on the disabled list. He had a 39-game hitting streak from July 16 to Aug. 25, the fifth-longest hitting streak this century.

"I'm somewhat surprised because I didn't DH for more than fifty or sixty games this season," Molitor said. "It's caught me off guard."

Hamstring problems forced him on the disabled list from April 30 to May 26 and from June 27 until the day the hitting streak began. He beat Larry Parrish 132-25 in the voting.

Santiago, the San Diego Padres catcher, beat out another rookie, Matt Nokes of the Detroit Tigers, 102-63. He was regarded as one of the better rookies coming into the

season and his 34-game hitting streak from Aug. 25 to Oct. 2, ensured the recognition.

Santiago was in Puerto Rico Thursday and the Padres could not locate him to tell him the news.

Boggs, who beat out Montreal's Tim Wallach 117-44, led the AL in 1987 with a .363 average, tripled his career high with 24 home runs and had 98 RBI, 20 more than his previous best.

He joined Charlie Gehringer, Chuck Klein, Al Simmons and Willie Keeler as the only players to get 200 or more hits in five straight seasons.

"It's remarkable that he hits the ball for average and for power," Boston GM Lou Gorman said Thursday. "I knew he was capable of

doing that. He's always had the potential to do that. I think he tried to forget about contact and average and drive the ball."

At shortstop, Trammell crushed Ozzie Smith of St. Louis 139-45. Trammell led Detroit to the AL East title, batting .343 with 28 homers and 105 RBI, all career bests.

In other routs, Dawson beat Tony Gwynn of San Diego 147-37 in right, Bell beat Montreal's Tim Raines 172-19 in left, and Bedrosian beat St. Louis' Todd Worrell 140-17 in the bullpen.



Clemens, the 1986 AL MVP and Cy Young Award winner, started the season 6-6 after a spring training holdout, then went 14-3, winning 11 of his last 13 decisions. He finished

20-9 with a 2.97 earned run average.

Gorman said Clemens would have been more impressive if he hadn't held out.

"Anybody that misses spring training pays for it," Gorman said. "There were some ballgames he lost that the real Roger Clemens would not have lost. I'm delighted because they've finally recognized how good he is. He's the best pitcher in baseball today in my mind."

In closer votes, Mattingly won out over Oakland rookie Mark McGwire 90-53 at first, Samuel beat Chicago's Ryne Sandberg 90-39 at second, Puckett beat Eric Davis of Cincinnati 96-62 in center field and Key beat Minnesota's Frank Viola 108-53 as left-handed starter.


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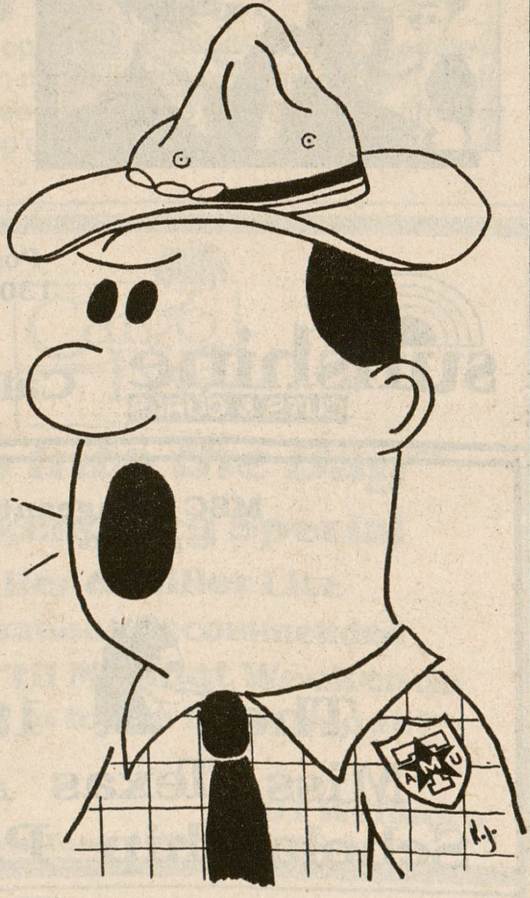
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