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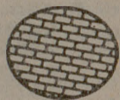


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# Oilers get Jones from Raiders

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers, moving to bolster their defense, traded their ninth selection in the first round of Sunday's NFL draft to the Los Angeles Raiders Thursday for defensive end Sean Jones.

Jones, a 6-foot-7, 265-pounder from Northeastern, was a second round pick by the Raiders in 1984 and led the American Football Conference with 15½ sacks in 1986.

He said the transition would be an easy one for him.

"I think this is a good opportunity for me, for the Raiders and for the Oilers," Jones said in a telephone interview.

"I've always been attracted to the Oilers because of the aggressive defense they play. It's a lot like the Raiders, so there won't be much transition."

The trade left the Raiders with the sixth and ninth overall picks in the draft.

It was immediately speculated that the club might package those selections in an attempt to acquire a quarterback, perhaps Washington's Jay Schroeder. The starting quarterback for the Raiders in recent years, for the most part, has been the often-criticized Marc Wilson.

"We liked Sean Jones better than anyone else we feel we could have gotten with the ninth selection in the first round," Oilers General Manager Ladd Herzeg said.

"We studied film of him and feel he will be an outstanding addition to our football team."

Jones, who was unsigned by the

# Houston, SWTSU near agreement for use of training camp facilities

SAN MARCOS (AP) — The Houston Oilers apparently are close to an agreement with Southwest Texas State, which would allow them to conduct their 1988 preseason training camp at the school.

After meeting with Rick Nichols, Oilers director of personnel, SWTSU Coach John O'Hara said no formal agreement had been signed, but both parties are interested in moving training camp from San Angelo to San Marcos.

"Rick came back for a second visit to clarify some things as well as get a better idea of what the Oilers need from us should they choose to train here this summer," O'Hara said to the *Austin American-Statesman*.

"We are very interested in them coming here, and Tuesday's meeting

was our second contact this month. I don't want to speculate, but it does look promising."

Last Thursday, O'Hara, SWTSU Athletic Director Bill Miller and Ted McKinnon, Bobcats special promotions director, met with Oilers Coach Jerry Glanville, Nichols and Ladd K. Herzeg, Oilers executive vice-president and general manager, to tour the SWTSU campus and training facilities.

"I would characterize the meeting as very positive," Miller said. "No agreement has been signed because a move of this magnitude has lots of details to be worked out on both sides. We do know that the Oilers are through looking at possible sites, and we expect to hear from them sometime next week."

The Oilers, who begin training camp July 19, have received offers

from West Texas State in Amarillo, Northern Michigan in Marquette, Mich.; Dodgertown in Venice, Fla., spring home of the Los Angeles Dodgers; and Fort Lewis in Durango, Colo.

Previously, the Oilers had a three-year pact with the SWTSU that expired at the end of training camp last summer.

According to SWTSU officials, the Oilers, players and coaches would be housed in Beck Hall, which has 198 beds, and in the Harris Cafeteria. The Oilers would use one of the Bobcats practice fields and hold some games at Bobcat Stadium.

Houston would break camp in August, which would coincide with the Bobcats preseason which begins Aug. 14.

# Knepper leads Astros to shutout of Braves

HOUSTON (AP) — Bob Knepper and Ernie Camacho combined on a six-hitter and Denny Walling had three hits and drove in two runs Thursday night as the Houston Astros beat the Atlanta Braves 8-0.

The Braves, shutout by Houston's Mike Scott Wednesday night, have not scored in 19 innings. Atlanta has been shut out four times this season.

Knepper, 2-0, gave up five hits in six innings. He struck out three and walked two. Camacho finished up for his first save.

Alan Ashby hit a two-run double and Walling followed with an RBI single for a 3-0 lead in the fourth against Kevin Coffman, 0-2.

Raiders, said he expected to be traded.

"My agent sent out feelers to see what kind of nibbles and bites we'd get," Jones said. "Once we knew who was interested, it was just a matter of getting the numbers in order."

The Oilers, who have drafted of-

fensive players in recent years, intend to improve their defense, which dropped to 17th among the 26 NFL teams.

The Oilers retained the 21st pick in the draft.

In addition to Jones, the Oilers

also obtained the 22nd pick that the Raiders received from the Oilers last year for taking Davis. The two teams also traded third round selections, with the Oilers to move up 14 spots in the draft. The Oilers also gave up a fourth-round pick to the

# Hard-nosed coach keeps pitcher in line

ARLINGTON (AP) — Bobby Witt loves it when you talk dirty to him.

Scream at him. Get in his face and air him out. Put him in a headlock and ram his melon into the turnbuckle. Knee-drop his kidneys. Yank his hair and poke fingers into his face.

Just don't treat him nice. He wouldn't understand.

One other thing; don't attempt the above unless a) you're 6-4, 230 pounds, b) your name is Dick Egan, or c) all of the above.

You can't get away with it if your name is Tom House, for instance.

House, the pitching coach of the Texas Rangers, tried.

"I'm a task-master, but I can't be (real dirty)," House said before a recent appearance by Witt, one of the Rangers' starting pitchers. "Dick, because he's a gruff old grouch, can do it."

Before Egan came aboard, Rangers manager Bobby Valentine tried getting through to Witt with about the same results as House. That doesn't mean that Valentine still doesn't explode on Witt now and then — like in Witt's spring training outing against Oklahoma City at Port Charlotte.

Witt was coasting — and getting knocked around — when he was met at the dugout steps by Valentine after the second inning. It didn't take a private eye to figure out that the Rangers' skipper wasn't pleased with Witt's effort.

But only Egan seems to be able to get Witt's full and complete attention, which is one of the reasons the Rangers added Egan as a

second pitching coach this year. Maybe it's that Egan's pick that the Raiders received from the Oilers last year for taking Davis. The two teams also traded third round selections, with the Oilers to move up 14 spots in the draft. The Oilers also gave up a fourth-round pick to the

More likely, it's just that Witt is a throwback to the Witt's youth, when manager Vince Lombardi-hard and did everything they were capable of, a hundred extra pushups, so much as arched an eyebrow.

"Throughout my career in Little League, Pop Warner ball, high school, college — I've been an enforcer. We just seem natural."

So it was Egan who made Witt feel at home after he had drafted the right-hander from the University of Oklahoma in June 1985.

"Dick established a relationship in the last year of the last season. He tried to get tough with me, but I didn't communicate. He eye contact."

"But Dick grabs him by the chin and says, 'Listen, you want to do it that way, can you do it in Tulsa?' Bobby since he was a ball, how they relate."

With Egan around on an occasional hammer, the Rangers discovered a new attitude, dedicated Witt to the team. When Valentine issued an ultimatum about pitchers coming on their walks or coming about life just north of the River, Egan translated it.

The Rangers have league teams at Oklahoma and Tulsa.

# High school pitcher goes for 4th straight no-hitter

LAGO VISTA (AP) — Lago Vista pitcher Todd Massey, who goes for his fourth straight no-hitter today, says he understands the pressure but it does not bother him.

"It's not like I'll be thinking every time I throw a pitch that it could be the one that could cost me a chance at another no-hitter. Winning the game means more than any no-hitter," he said.

Massey, 10-2 this year, began his no-hitter streak in an 11-0 win over Hutto in which he walked six. He was near-perfect the next time out in a 30-0 slaughter of Holland. The losers got their only base-runner on a catcher's interference call.

Massey pitched only five innings against Hutto and Holland because of the 10-run rule. He chalked up his third no-hitter in a Tuesday win over Jarrell.

Granger is today's opponent.

"I'd like to have another no-hitter. Anybody would," Massey said. "But I'm not really nervous, other than being pumped up because Granger is a game we have to win."

Two Texas schoolboy pitchers — Ricky Trlicek of La Grange in 1985 and Brent Rasner of Waco Robinson in 1978 — have thrown three consecutive no-hitters. The national high school sports record book lists two pitchers with five straight no-hitters and five others with four in a row.

Massey, a 6-foot-2-inch, 165-pound senior, is 24-9 in his high school pitching career. His two losses this year were to Blanco and Manor, Class 2A teams. Lago Vista, which is at Lake Travis near Austin, is a Class A team.

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