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All-Star wins remain elusive for 'White Rat'

CINCINNATI (AP) — The third time held little charm for St. Louis Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog.

Herzog became the first National League all-star manager to lose three games when the American League allowed the NL only five hits in a 2-1 victory Tuesday night.

The AL has won just three of the last 17 All-Star games — all three against Herzog-managed teams.

The "White Rat," as Herzog's called, accepted infamy gracefully.

"I'd like to have won, don't get me wrong," Herzog said, munching on barbecued ribs in the NL manager's office. "You always want to win. But I don't think it's any big thing."

Herzog's 1983 All-Star team lost 13-3 in Chicago's Comiskey Park, and his 1986 squad was beaten 3-2 in the Houston Astrodome. Six managers have lost three or more All-Star games, but no NL manager had suffered three defeats before.

The reasons were familiar and dismaying for Herzog, who has watched his Cardinals team struggle this season on offense.

"I've managed three All-Star games and they've scored six runs in those three," Herzog said. "It reminds me of my present team."

In fact, the National League's only run was manufactured, Cardinals-style, in the fourth inning. St. Louis outfielder Vince Coleman singled, stole second, took third on catcher Terry Steinbach's throwing error and scored on a wild pitch.

Otherwise, it was a familiar scene for Herzog — his hitters throttled by good pitching and good glove work. The Cardinals are one of the weakest offensive teams in the league and are last in home runs.

The NL had its best scoring opportunity late in the game snuffed out in the seventh when New York Yankees first baseman Don Mattingly made an outstanding grab of Andy Van Slyke's grounder and got an inning-ending out, finishing off a two-on, two-out opportunity.

Scandals still rocking SWC Former SMU linebacker doesn't regret turning in football program

DALLAS (AP) — Former Southern Methodist football player David Stanley, whose remarks to a Dallas television station launched the investigation that killed the school's football program, says he has no regrets about his role in the 1986 scandal.

And while SMU is serving its sentence, Stanley returned to football Tuesday night as a member of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

SMU deserved the "death penalty," Stanley said, but not him.

"I know people in Dallas still hate me, but I don't care," Stanley told the *Dallas Times Herald* from Vancouver, British Columbia, where his new team opened its regular season Tuesday night. "I had to get on with my life and make a living. Football is still the thing I do best."

In November 1986, Stanley told Dallas television station WFAA that SMU paid him and his mother a monthly stipend after the school had been put on probation.

Under the so-called "death penalty," SMU's football program was suspended in 1987 and limited to seven road games in 1988. With no scholarships to offer in 1987 and only 15 in 1988, the university decided to suspend the 1988 schedule.



"I don't have any regrets," Stanley said. "Why should I? I feel sorry for some of my teammates at SMU and I lost some friends. But I'm not responsible for what happened."

"(Former SMU athletic director) Bob Hitch and the athletic staff got what was coming to them. I didn't have any other choice because of what they did to me. SMU cost me a chance to ever play college football and maybe to have a career in the NFL."

Stanley, who was an All-American as a schoolboy player in Angleton, received an invitation to the Blue Bombers camp after a free-agent tryout last spring in Houston. He had been a construction worker since the television report and said

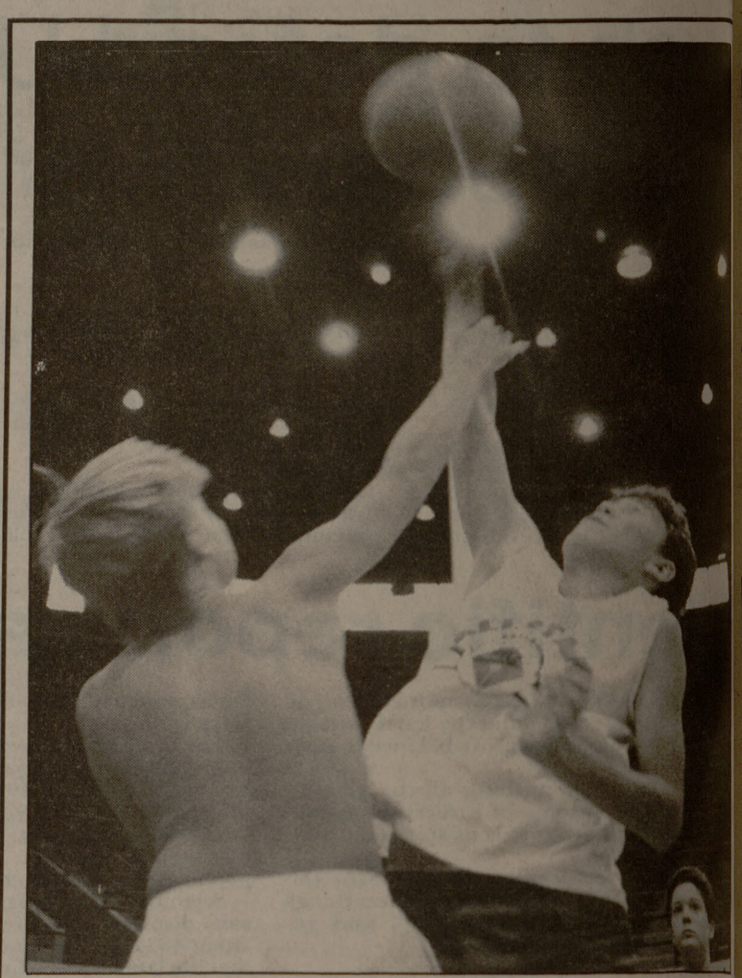
he had been lifting weights and running for more than two years.

"He's still very rusty, obviously, and it's hard to tell exactly how good he can be, but he's got good size (6-1, 225), excellent speed and great toughness," Winnipeg head coach Mike Riley said. "His past is past. And the problems at SMU went much deeper than David Stanley. All I'm concerned with is he had a great preseason and has added an element of toughness to this football team."

Stanley made the Blue Bombers as a "specialist," a CFL position reserved for one of the 16 non-starting, non-Canadian players on each 35-man roster. He plays on the Blue Bombers' special teams and Riley said he will be given some playing time at linebacker.

Stanley said his Winnipeg teammates, including former Baylor star and Angleton teammate Tom Muecke, know about his problems at SMU, but adds that "they don't really care."

"They all know about it and most of the guys understand," Stanley said. "People will make their own judgments and I can't change that. I made my mistakes, but I learned from them."



Up for grabs

Photo by Jay James

10-year-old Trevor Pickup of Laredo and 13-year-old Andy Caldwell of Houston go up for the opening tip in a scrimmage at Shelby's Shooters basketball camp Tuesday at G. Rollie White Coliseum. A&M men's basketball Assistant Coach John Thornton is the director for the 160 campers this session.

Strange will let 'play do talking' in Britain

LYTHAM, England (AP) — Curtis Strange, declining to become involved in an "us against them" confrontation, is the carrier of American hopes going into the British Open Golf Championship.

"I'll let my clubs do the talking, let my score do the talking. That's the way it should be," the U.S. Open champion said before a final practice round for the tournament Wednesday.

His remark was in response to a controversial declaration by British Ryder Cup captain Tony Jacklin that a European victory is all but certain because "we're better than they are."

Jacklin listed five Europeans — all members of his last victorious Ryder Cup team — as the men most likely to succeed in the tournament that, except for in the United States, is recognized as the world championship.

They are current Masters champion Sandy Lyle of Scotland, defending British Open title-holder Nick Faldo of England, Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Bernhard Langer of West Germany and Ian Woosnam of Wales.

"I can't see beyond a European victory," Jacklin said.

Greg Norman of Australia, bothered by the wrist injury he sustained in the U.S. Open, is not competing.

Strange, identified by Jacklin as the leading American player, said there is a certain pressure attached to that role.

"You don't want to think about that. You want to stay away from putting too much pressure on yourself," Strange said. "I'm coming down from winning the Open now. I'm playing well. I'm looking forward to the week. I'm eager to play."

"After winning the U.S. Open there's an added incentive to be here. And there's added confidence. But you can't stand on the tee and say, 'I'm going to win.' I can't do that. All you can do is play the best you can and hope you have a chance to win on the last few holes on Sunday."

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