



# Gaylord still undecided about keeping Rangers in Arlington

DALLAS (AP) — Only one man can stop Eddie Chiles from going forward with plans to sell the Texas Rangers to a group that could take it out of Texas, but Edward L. Gaylord

hasn't decided yet if he will.

Chiles announced Friday an agreement in principle to sell the American League team to Tampa, Fla., businessman Frank L. Morsani and the New York-New Jersey-based Mack family for \$80-\$85 million. But Gaylord, whose Gaylord

Broadcasting Company owns one-third of the Rangers, has until Sept. 23 to decide whether to exercise his right to match any offer to buy the

"We're giving it a good, hard look," Gaylord told the Associated Press Sunday. "We've got plenty of

And plenty of money.
"No, money's not the obstacle," he

"It's out of our hands now," Morsani said. "Anything Mr. Gaylord does now has to be done independently on behalf of Gaylord Broadcasting. We have enough other

things to keep us busy."
And while the Morsani-Mack group is busy trying to buy the team, Rangers fans have been busy asking one big question: If Morsani-Mack completes the deal, will the Rangers stay near Dallas and its sister city Fort Worth?

A banner hung in Arlington Stadium Friday during the Rangers 5-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays expressed a popular sentiment about where the Rangers should play. It said: "Help! Mr. Gaylord — Eddie's Gone Mad." The possible sale of the Rangers includes the stadium, and Morsani

has said a purchase doesn't mean the team is moving from Texas. But Morsani has also said he has been active with a group trying to bring a major-league team to Tampa.

Tampa officials have plans to construct a 46,000-seat domed stadium adjacent to Tampa Stadium, which houses the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team. But they have said they will not begin construction until a franchise has been secured.

"I think they (fans) see us as kind of local," Gaylord said during a telephone interview from his home in Oklahoma City.

And American League President Bobby Brown has said any attempt to move the Rangers would be voted down by league owners because of the attractiveness of the Dallas-Fort Worth market.

Anything that anyone might say right now would be speculative, said Morsani, 57, who owns eight car dealerships and is chairman of the Tampa Aviation Authority.

Gaylord has tried to buy the team

Two years ago, the AL owners unanimously rejected a buyout attempt by Gaylord. However, both Chiles and Gaylord said they re-ceived indications the vote would be reversed this time.

"It's up to the owners," Gaylord said, adding he thought his chances were a little better now.

His first bid was turned down in 1986 because of fears that Dallas-Fort Worth-based KTVT, Channel 11, would develop into a superstation. Gaylord's broadcasting headquarters are in Oklahoma City.

A sale would have to be approved by 10 of 14 AL owners, a majority of National League owners and Commissioner Peter Ueberroth.

Gaylord said he didn't know exactly how many AL owners had voted against him, but added, "They were worried about the TV station."

'Things are quite different than two years ago," said Chiles. "All indications are that Mr. Gaylord will be accepted by the American League."

Owners of two teams who have been among the strongest in opposi-tion to Gaylord told the Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions that they remain concerned but are open-minded about considering him as a majority owner of the Rangers.

Jerry Reinsdorf and Eddie Einhorn, co-owners of the Chicago White Sox, said they would give fresh consideration to the matter

## **National League**

### 3-run 8th keys Astro loss

Slyke and Jose Lind each hit runscoring singles to highlight a three-run rally in the eighth in-ning as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Houston Astros 4-3 Sun-

Doug Drabek, 13-6, pitched seven innings, allowing two runs and six hits. Jim Gott pitched two innings for his 27th save.

The victory moved the second-place Pirates to within 6½ games of New York in the National League East. The Astros dropped 51/2 games behind first-place Los Angeles in the NL West.

Trailing 2-1 against starter Danny Darwin, 6-11, pinch-hitter John Cangelosi led off with a walk and Gary Redus, hitting for Drabek, was hit by a pitch bringing on reliever Juan Agosto.

One out later, Lind, pinch his ting for Ken Oberkfell, singled in Cangelosi and Van Slyke singled in Redus. The Pirates scored the third run of the inning on re-liever Larry Andersen's throwing error, allowing Lind to score. Kevin Bass led off the Astros'

ninth with his 12th homer to

Pittsburgh took a 1-0 lead in the first against Darwin on a lead-off home run by Barry Bonds. It was the seventh time this season that Bonds has led off a game with a home run and the 15th time in his two-year major league

Glenn Davis hit his 26th homer to tie the score 1-1 in the second and Billy Hatcher gave the Astros the lead in the sixth when he hi his fourth homer.

#### Tudor pitches LA past Phillies 5-0 for sweep

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - John Tudor allowed four hits in seven innings and Franklin Stubbs hit a three-run double in the first as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 5-0 Sunday for a sweep of the three-game series.

Tudor, 8-6, struck out five and walked one, in improving his record against the Phillies this sea-

son to 4-0 with a 0.68 earned run average. Tim Crews pitched the final two innings for the Dodgers, allowing three hits.

Steve Sax opened the Dodgers first with a walk off Kevin Gros 11-11. Sax stole second, and or out later, Kirk Gibson walked. Af ter Mike Marshall was hit by a pitch, Stubbs doubled down the right-field line to score all three runners.

#### Giants 7-4 win levels Met 5-game win streak

NEW YORK (AP) - Kirt Manwaring's three-run single high-lighted a four-run ninth inning Sunday and the San Francisco Giants beat New York 7-4, ending the Mets' five-game winning

The Giants stopped their four-game losing streak and won the season series against New York, 8-4, with an outburst against reliever Roger McDowell, 5-4. With one out in the ninth and the score tied 3-3, Will Clark reached on an error by first baseman Dave Magadan, who had just replaced Keith Hernandez. Kevin Mitchell

followed with a single that sent Clark to third and Mike Aldrete was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Pinch-hitter Joel Youngblood was hit by a pitch on the left hip by McDowell's first delivery, force ing home the go-ahead run. Mar waring then singled to right and Youngblood scored from first base, beating second baseman Gregg Jefferies' relay by bowling over catcher Barry Lyons.

Scott Garrelts, 4-7, got the victory with 1 1-3 scoreless innings. Larry Sorensen got the final three outs.

#### Pena homer seals Cards 5-3 win over Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Tony Pena hit a three-run homer off Tom Browning in the sixth inning to help the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-3

Sunday. Tom Lawless also hit a solo homer off Browning — his first regular-season homer since April 25, 1984 — to send the left-hander to his first loss since July

16. Browning, 13-5, had won his last five decisions.

Bob Forsch, 9-4, allowed six hits in six-plus innings for his third consecutive victory. The right-hander is 5-1 in his last six starts, allowing just 10 earned runs. Ken Dayley pitched 2 2.3 innings of one-hit ball and Todd Worrell got the last out for his 26th save.

#### Flannery single lifts Padres past Expos 5-3

MONTREAL (AP) - Pinchhitter Keith Moreland's sacrifice fly snapped a ninth-inning tie and Tim Flannery added a runscoring single for his fourth hit, leading the San Diego Padres past the Montreal Expos 5-3 Sunday.

Roberto Alomar walked with one out off reliever Neal Heaton, 3-10, before advancing to third on Tony Gwynn's single. Gwynn moved to second on the relay and

Carmelo Martinez was then intentionally walked. Moreland, facing reliever Jeff

Parrett, hit a line drive that forced left fielder Tracy Jones into a sliding catch, and he was unable to make a throw to the plate.

Flannery, who had singled tripled and doubled in his thi previous at- bats, then singled for

#### Smoltz sparks Braves' 4-2 win over Cubs

ATLANTA (AP) — Rookie John Smoltz allowed four hits in eight innings and sparked Atlanta's winning rally with a double as the Braves defeated the Chicago Cubs 4-2 on Sunday Smoltz, 2-4, struck out six and

walked one, and Paul Assenmacher pitched the ninth inning for his fourth save

Lonnie Smith hit his first home

run of the season against Jamie Moyer, 7-13, in the first to give the Braves a 1-0 lead.

Smoltz led off the fifth with a double, and two outs later, score on a single by Gerald Perry w then stole second. A walk by Dale Murphy and a single by Andre Thomas loaded the bases. Par Runge then walked to force in Perry with the go-ahead run.



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