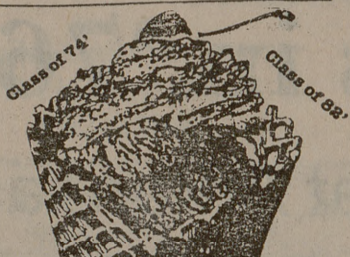


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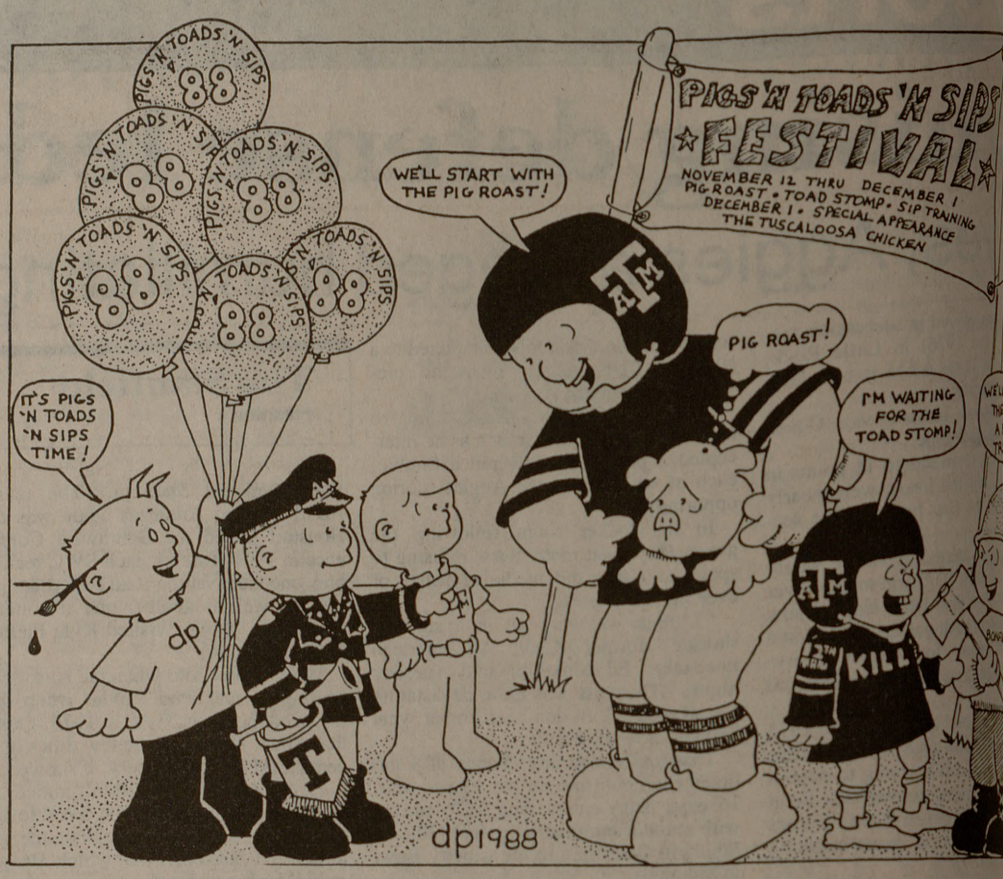
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Hershiser sweeps Cy Young voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Orel Hershiser, baseball's most dominant pitcher ever for the season's final two months, won the National League Cy Young Award unanimously Thursday, adding another honor to one of the most amazing years in history.

Hershiser's record streak of 59 scoreless innings ended the regular season and swept him past all rivals. He wound up 23-8 with a 2.26 earned-run average for the World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

This was the first time since 1970 that only three pitchers received votes.

The pitching-rich Dodgers have won the Cy Young more than any other team, eight times since it was first awarded in 1956.

Hershiser, a 30-year-old right-hander, had been one of the best and most consistent pitchers in the major leagues for his first four full seasons.

"I think my life will be classified in two sections now — before 1988 and after 1988," he said after becoming a World Series hero.

Hershiser led the league with eight shutouts and 267 innings. His ERA ranked third, he was seventh with 178 strikeouts and opponents batted just .213 against him. Hershiser allowed two or fewer earned runs in 23 of 34 starts and his 23 victories were the most for the Dodgers since Sandy Koufax won 27 in 1966.

Jackson's 2.73 ERA ranked 10th. Cone, who did not join the Mets' rotation until May, was second with a 2.22 ERA and second with 213 strikeouts.

Hershiser began the season with six straight victories and was 13-3 at the break. His success put him on the All-Star team for the second straight season.

But Hershiser, who sings hymns between innings to relax, was locked in a tight race for the Cy Young until his incredible string started on Aug. 30. At that point, he was 17-8, Jackson 18-6.

Hershiser was Most Valuable Player of the World Series and of the National League playoffs. Voting for the Cy Young was conducted before the post-season began.

Hershiser got all 24 first-place votes and 120 points in balloting by two members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America in each league city. Cincinnati's Danny Jackson, who had an identical record to Hershiser, was second with 15 second-place votes and 54 points. David Cone, 20-3 for the New York Mets, was third with nine second-place votes and 42 points.

Hershiser is the 12th unanimous Cy Young winner, the first since Roger Clemens of Boston and Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets in 1985. Minnesota's Frank Viola, named Wednesday to win the AL Cy Young, was one vote short of unanimous.

Oilers' Byrd working to replace idle Smith

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oiler nose tackle Richard Byrd hopes he's equal to the task of filling in for suspended starter Doug Smith.

"You have to eat your Wheaties," Byrd said. "You get hit from the two guards, the center and sometimes a tackle pulling or a back coming at you." Smith was suspended 30 days by the NFL on Wednesday for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

That will put Byrd into the starting lineup for Sunday's game against the Seattle Seahawks.

Byrd, who has been Smith's backup this season, says his biggest worry is being able to play an entire game at the position.

"I've been practicing the whole year but that's nothing like getting in game shape," Byrd said. "You never know

what kind of game shape you're in until you get out there. That's my main worry right now."

Byrd was drafted by the Oilers as a nose tackle three years ago but he became a starting defensive end.

When the Oilers acquired end Sean Jones from the Los Angeles Raiders in the off-season, Byrd went to nose tackle behind Smith.

Smith has had his best season as a pro and has been a key part of the Oiler defense that has played two outstanding games in victories over Washington and Cleveland.

"Doug's had a great year so I haven't had a chance to get much playing time," Byrd said. "I'm just going to get in there and try to fill his shoes the best way I can."

Yell Practice site chosen

Yell practice Friday will be held at the old post office in Fayetteville, night.

People wishing to attend are to gather at the center square of Park at 11 a.m. Saturday. Kick-off at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

UH talks to NCAA today

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston officials will meet with NCAA Committee on Infractions today to answer 250 alleged rules violations by the Cougar football program.

The incidents allegedly occurred during the tenure of former Coach Tom Sisk, now a \$100,000-a-year coach for the university.

The NCAA has accused UH of paying players and the former coach admitted occasionally helping players with humanitarian reasons.

Yeoman resigned at the end of the 1986 season after former players Phoebe and David Robertson said they received \$18,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

Another former player, Keith said he received about \$150,000 over a year period and he knew of 20 players who got personal loans of \$200.

Yeoman has become a controversial figure as a fund-raiser but he is defended by President Richard Horn.

The Houston Chronicle said the school has been moderately successful in raising money.

Yeoman is trying to raise \$6 million for athletics training center. Chronicle sources say Yeoman raised only about \$250,000 in two years.

Yeoman will keep his job regardless of what penalties the school receives from the NCAA.

"We don't see any changes in the damage is already done, if there is a Chronicle source said. The NCAA finally notified the school of the violations July 12.

After Houston's response, the school is expected to reach a decision on penalties as early as the first of December.

The penalties would come into effect before the Cougars play their bowl game this season. Bowl game can be extended on Nov. 19.

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