



Ryan talks still going, says Wood

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros General Manager Bill Wood said negotiations with free agent pitcher Nolan Ryan continued on a "give and take" basis Wednesday.

"The process is still working and negotiations are give and take," Wood said in a statement. "We still hope to get it settled before Thanksgiving."

Wood declined interviews Wednesday. Ryan confirmed on Tuesday that the California Angels had offered him a substantial one-year contract and that he would meet with Wood Wednesday to get an updated offer.

California General Manager Mike Port is believed to have offered Ryan a one-year contract worth between \$1.2 and \$1.3 million.

Ryan pitched for California from 1972-79 before Astros owner John McMullen made Ryan the best-paid player in baseball with a \$1 million-a-year contract in 1980.

"We received shipment on our 'Bring Back Nolan Ryan' T-shirts today at the office," Port said. "We all put them on and we're keeping our fingers crossed."

Ryan led the National League in strikeouts for the second straight year last season with 228, marking the ninth time he's led the league in strikeouts.

Detroit GM denies offering Glanville Lion coaching job

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers Coach Jerry Glanville isn't commenting about it, Detroit Lions General Manager Russ Thomas is denying it and Oilers owner Bud Adams said he will not allow it to happen.

The "it" is recent speculation about whether Glanville will be the Lions' next coach.

The Houston Post reported Wednesday that Glanville met unofficially with Detroit and was offered a five-year, \$3 million contract.

Although Glanville has refused to comment, the Lions' general manager denied the report.

"If I had any interest in Jerry Glanville, I would talk first with (Oilers owner) Bud Adams and (general manager) Ladd Herzog," Thomas told KRIV-TV in Houston in a telephone interview Wednesday.

"If (Lions owner) Bill Ford was interested in Jerry Glanville, he'd tell me and we would follow the rules. That's why we have rules," Thomas said.

Adams, meanwhile, said he would not release Glanville from the remaining two years of his five-year contract with the Oilers.

"That's something I don't even want to talk about," Adams said. "As far as I'm concerned, he's got a contract for two more years and he has to honor it. I'm not interested in Jerry Glanville coaching anywhere else. That's why you sign contracts,

so you won't have to deal with these things."

Glanville would not address the subject Tuesday, saying, "I'm just trying to get ready for the Cardinals." The Oilers host the Phoenix Cardinals on Sunday in the Astrodome.

Glanville, who was born and reared in Detroit, once wrote an essay in the eighth grade saying he was going to be the head coach of the Lions some day. He also has been friends with Ford since he had his first National Football League coaching job with the Lions in 1974.

Adams said he would not even allow Glanville to talk to the Lions about the job.

"But he's never told me he wanted to coach there. All I've heard were

rumors to that effect," Adams said.

On the two remaining years of his contract, it is believed Glanville will get \$300,000 per year, about half of what he reportedly would be paid by the Lions.

The Lions named defensive coordinator Wayne Fontes as an interim replacement for Darryl Rogers, who had an 18-40 record when he was fired Monday.

"We've interviewed no one and have no plans at this point," Thomas said. "Wayne Fontes is our interim coach and we hope he does well and can stay in the seat. He's a strong candidate for the job."

Glanville is 21-23 as a head coach but he took the Oilers to the playoffs last year and seems to have them headed back for a return appearance this season.

Tarpley out for 4 weeks after successful knee 'scope'

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Roy Tarpley will be sidelined four weeks while he recovers from successful arthroscopic knee surgery Wednesday, a team spokesman said.

Lateral meniscus cartilage was removed from Tarpley's left knee, Kevin Sullivan said.

He said rehabilitation is scheduled to begin Friday.

The 7-foot Tarpley won the NBA's Sixth Man Award last year.

This year, he averaged 14.5 points and 11 rebounds in four games. He was injured last week in a game against Phoenix.

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