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Sanders likely to sign agent, enter pro draft

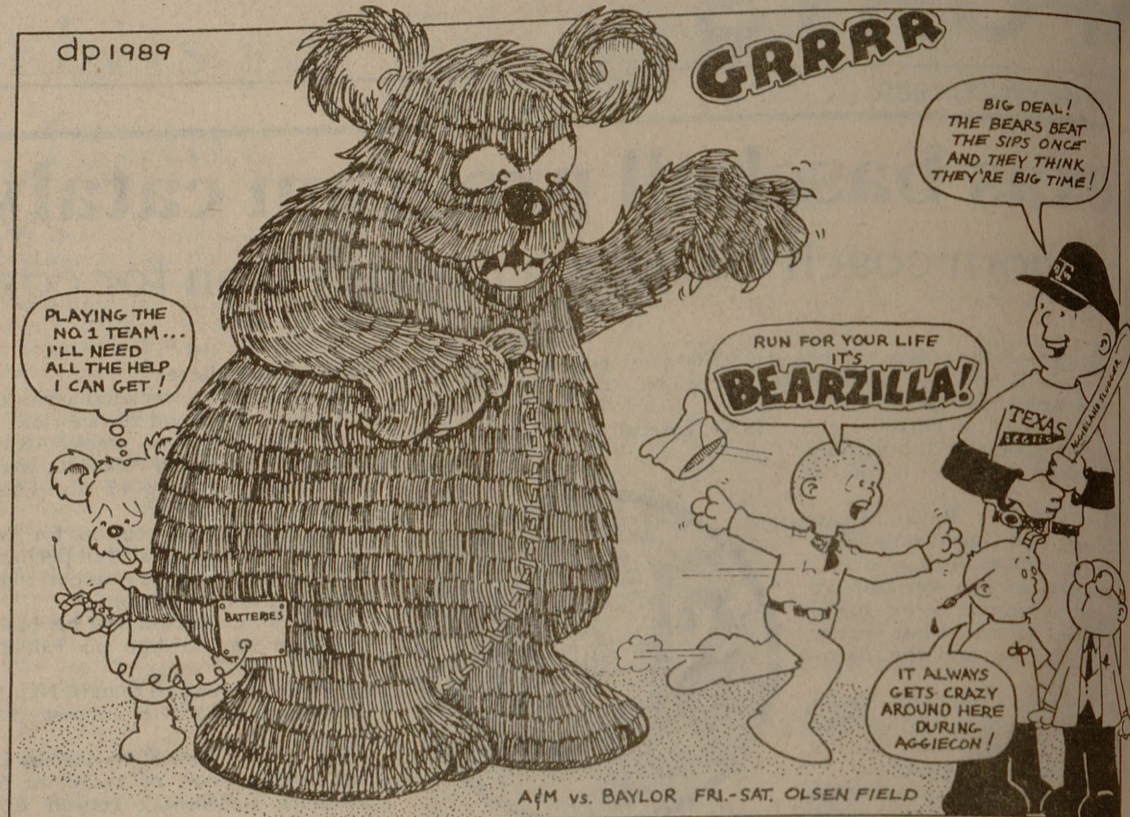
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders has talked with an agent and likely will turn pro, testing the NFL's restrictions against drafting underclassmen, The Associated Press learned Thursday.

A pro football source said Sanders will be represented by David Ware, an Atlanta-based agent, to negotiate his contract. However, it wasn't clear whether he had formally signed with Ware.

Sanders will announce his decision at a news conference in Denver on Saturday.

In January, the NCAA placed Oklahoma State on four years probation, barring the Cowboys from bowl games for the next three years and live television for the next two.

Sanders, true junior — has been at Oklahoma State for just three years — and would be the first such underclassman to attempt to enter the NFL through either the regular or supplemental draft.



Punchless Astros looking for hitting

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros are in the same old holding pattern as they begin the 1989 season — loaded with pitchers and looking for a few more hits.

They have a new manager in Art Howe and a pair of new faces in the starting rotation, but there's still no big stick to help first baseman Glenn Davis.

The Astros fell to fifth place in the National League West last season and unless they can increase their run production, another second-division finish is not out of the question.

But there is no shortage of optimism.

"We're out to show people that we're a good club," second baseman Bill Doran said. "We're not the team that was out there last year, we're better than that."

The Astros are depending on pitching and good defense to provide a better game plan than last season when they cratered in the final

month for the second straight year.

The past two seasons, Houston has finished the season 11-20 and 11-18.

"We have six or seven strong starting pitchers and not many teams can claim that," said Rick Rhoden, slated as the Astros' No. 4 starter. "As long as you have pitching and defense, you have a chance."

Rhoden, obtained from the New York Yankees, and Jim Clancy, from Toronto, will replace departed Nolan Ryan in the starting rotation. They join returning starters Mike Scott, Bob Knepper and Jim Deshaies in the rotation.

Third baseman Ken Caminiti will be the only new face in the starting infield that will include Davis at first base, Doran at second and Rafael Ramirez at shortstop.

Alan Ashby and Alex Trevino will share catching duties with Billy Hatcher in left field, Gerald Young in center and Kevin Bass in right.

Three Aggs win at regional boxing tourney

Three Texas A&M boxing club members claimed gold medals at the National Collegiate Boxing Association Western Regional Tournament last weekend at Berkeley, Calif. The trio will represent A&M at the NCBA Nationals April 7 at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jackie Whitley won the 132 pound class, Bryan Fitzgerald topped the 147 pound division and 172 pounder Scott Armstrong was victorious in his division.

A&M had one silver medalist, Tim Allen, who placed second in

the 156 pound class. Keith Swainson (139 lbs.) and Chris Morales (165 lbs.) managed third place finishes in their weight classes.

A&M competed against teams from California-Berkeley, Nevada-Reno, Santa Clara and Iowa State. The Western Regional is one of four national regionals.

The three Aggie gold medalists take this weekend off before making the trip to Colorado.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each of four weapons divisions: men's and women's foil, sabre and epee.

The tournament, sponsored by the Southwest Intercollegiate Fencing Association, takes place on the basketball courts on the third floor of the Read building

Fencing championships here this weekend

The Texas A&M fencing team hosts the Southwest Intercollegiate Fencing Championships today through Sunday.

The Aggies will compete against teams and individual competitors from the University of Texas, Southern Methodist, North Texas, Southwest Texas State, Tulane, Rice and San Antonio College.

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Revamped Rangers set to open season

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers will be strangers on opening day. Bring your program.

There will be new owners, new players and former Dallas Cowboys' coach Tom Landry throwing out the first ball when Texas meets the Detroit Tigers on April 4.

Who are all these people out there at Arlington Stadium?

A group headed by George W. Bush, son of the president, and Dallas businessman Edward "Rusty" Rose became the fourth owner of the franchise on March 18.

The sale awaits approval from major league baseball but that's not an expected hurdle, considering that commissioner Peter Ueberroth put the buyers together.

The ownership change upstaged the Rangers' off-season trades that brought .300 hitters Julio Franco and Rafael Palmeiro into the lineup along with strikeout king Nolan Ryan, 42. He was snapped up by general manager Tom Grieve for \$1.2 million when the Houston Astros decided not to sign him.

The trades, coupled with spring training in which the Rangers won nine straight games — the longest winning streak in club history, exhibition or regular season — have enthusiasm among Texas fans at an all-time high.

The club, which has been in Arlington since 1972 and never won even a division pennant, sold a record 6,500 season tickets.

Rangers' third baseman Steve Buechele said the new Rangers on the field have made a big impact.

"All of the new guys are good positive guys to have," Buechele said. "They have blended in, creating a good chemistry. But I also think the singles, doubles and homers they are hitting makes for good chemistry,

too."

Palmeiro, obtained from the Chicago Cubs along with pitchers Jaime Moyer and Drew Hall, has been moved to first base.

Former Rangers Oddibe McDowell, Pete O'Brien and Jerry Brown were all dealt away in the Franco trade.

Franco cements a troublesome spot at second base. He led Cleveland in hitting with a .303 average, 186 hits, and 88 runs.

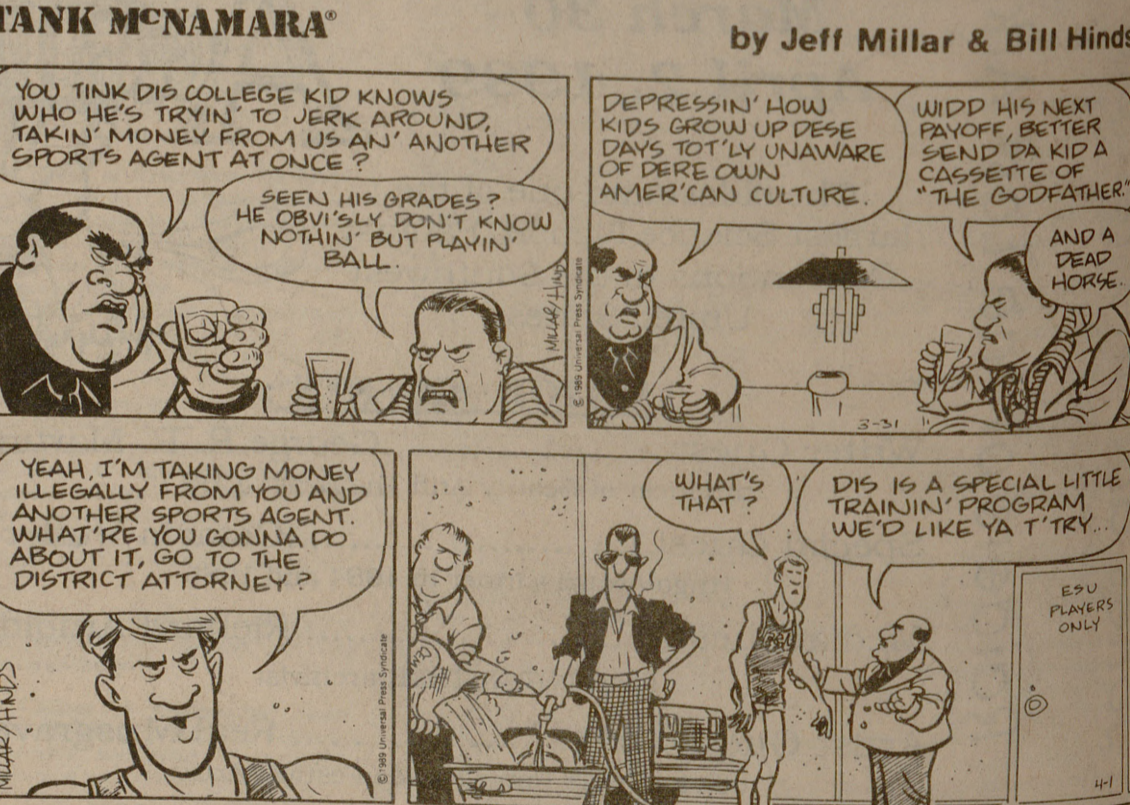
"You've got to feel good when you see two .300 hitters like those guys in the lineup," said pitcher Charlie Hough. "We've got some pitching help, too. Nolan will be a great help to the young guys and he can still go out there and do a job. He's a marvel."

Hough, who will start for Texas in its opener against Detroit, has 111 victories in the last seven seasons for the Rangers, second best in the majors behind Jack Morris' 116.

Ryan, who has 273 major league victories, will make his Rangers debut on April 6 against the Tigers if his troublesome pulled leg muscles stay healthy.

"I'm pretty close to being on schedule," Ryan said. "I could have pitched a few more innings. I probably won't go more than seven innings in the opener."

Grieve said the Rangers should be vastly improved.



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