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AL wins in Anaheim, 5-3 Royals' Bo Jackson chosen as All-Star MVP

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Bo Jackson, and so the American League goes.

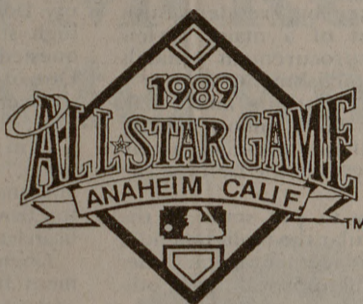
He did it all and when he was done, the Americans won 5-3 and had consecutive All-Star Game victories for the first time since 1958.

He led off with a monstrous home run. He stole a base, and took two others. He drove in two runs, scored twice, saved two more with a running catch and was named the game's most valuable player.

Jackson, who has never led off for Kansas City, made Manager Tony La Russa's gamble pay off. He and Wade Boggs hit consecutive home runs in the bottom of the first inning off Rick Reuschel. Jackson became the fifth player to lead off an All-Star Game with a home run and the ninth to homer in his first All-Star appearance.

"He's a sinkerball pitcher and I think he left a sinker out over the plate a little bit, and I was able to golf swing and get a piece of it," Jackson said.

"I thought I made a good pitch. He just went down and got it," Reuschel said.



chel said. "I heard about his power and strength and I saw it first-hand tonight."

The NL, true to tradition, came out running. Ozzie Smith led off with a single and was caught stealing, and Tony Gwynn walked. Gwynn was on the move as Will Clark grounded out, but major league RBI leader Kevin Mitchell and Howard Johnson hit RBI singles.

Jackson drove in the tiebreaking run in the second, singled in the fourth and left after the sixth. By

then, Nolan Ryan was on the way to being the winning pitcher and AL narrowed its All-Star gap to 37-22-1.

Starter Dave Stewart, who pitched eight innings for Oakland on Saturday and was La Russa's choice over fan favorite Ryan, left after one inning, giving up two runs. He usually does not eat on game days because he gets nervous, and maybe he was this time.

Ryan, at 42 the second-oldest pitcher in All-Star history and the oldest to win a game, pitched two scoreless innings in relief. Ryan allowed one hit and, even without his best fastball, struck out three.

Atlanta's John Smoltz, the youngest pitcher in the game, was the loser.

The AL led 5-2 after three innings. The NL tried to rally in the eighth when Von Hayes hit an RBI single, but Doug Jones retired Tim Wallach on a fly ball with two runners on base to end the inning.

The victory was the third in four All-Star games for the American League after losing 20 of 21.

Alabama authorities say prep sports linked to gambling ring

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — The FBI said Tuesday that more than \$500,000 in cash was confiscated in raids on an alleged gambling operation that, according to Florence police, may have involved game-fixing at the prep level.

Florence police chief Rick Thompson was quoted in the *Florence TimesDaily* and *The Birmingham News* as saying coaches may have been involved in the alleged scheme.

"Nothing is more disheartening and discouraging . . . as the allegations brought forth during this investigation that high school coaches and officials are manipulating the outcome of high school sporting events to cover the point spread given by odds makers," Thompson told the *TimesDaily*.

"In turn, these so-called coaches and officials have been tampering with the lives and future careers of our high school athletes," Thompson said.

The *TimesDaily* quoted an unnamed investigator as saying the allegations included tampering with yardsticks on the sidelines of football games, altering time clocks and fixing scores to meet the point spread.

Tom Wiseman, an FBI spokesman in Huntsville, told the Associated Press that the game-fixing charge was a local issue being investigated by Florence police not the FBI.

"It's based on some allegations they've got," Wiseman said. "It's purely a local matter. We're not pursuing it."

Meanwhile, FBI special agent Allen Whitaker of Birmingham said the searches were continuing Tuesday. On Monday night, agents searched 11 homes and businesses in seven North Alabama cities, including the houses of two former high school coaches and a police investigator.

The two coaches were identified as Ganum Smith and William Floyd

"Brub" Hamilton, former Coffee High School assistant coaches. The police investigator was identified as Muscle Shoals police Lt. Tom Berryman.

Muscle Shoals police commissioner John Conn told the AP that Berryman was placed on 30 days administrative leave.

The newspapers said Hamilton, a former star running back at the University of North Alabama and now a driver's education teacher at Bradshaw High School, coached football at Coffee about 10 years ago. Contacted by the AP, he had no comment.

The *TimesDaily* said Smith resigned at the end of the 1988-89 school year. He has an unpublished telephone number.

Thompson, the Florence police

chief, said no current athletes were involved in the searches.

But the newspapers said the FBI's list of residences searched Monday night included the home of a former Colbert County High School football player, Carl Matthew Keenum.

He could not be reached by telephone Tuesday.

Jim Hartley, head football coach at Coffee, told the *Birmingham News* he was unaware of any investigation into gambling in the North Alabama area until he heard about Monday's raids.

Thompson, however, told the *News*: "We feel like this is not just gambling on the local level. It's a multistate operation, and we feel like we can connect it to organized crime."

Rockets sign free agent Smith

HOUSTON (AP) — Unrestricted free agent Larry Smith, a rebounding specialist with Golden State the past nine seasons, signed a three-year contract worth \$2.5 million with the Houston Rockets Tuesday.

The 6-foot-8 Smith, Golden State's first-round pick in 1980, averaged 5.7 points and 8.2 rebounds per game last season and started 78 games for the Warriors.

Smith has been one of Houston's primary targets in obtaining a strong rebounder during the off season. Since he was an unrestricted free agent, the Rockets do not have to compensate Golden State for Smith.

"He's recognized as one of the top three or four rebounders in the

NBA," General Manager Ray Patterson said. "He's a blue-collar player who gives us additional strength in the front line along with Akeem Olatunji, Otis Thorpe, Tim McCormick and Walter Berry."

Smith has averaged 10.4 rebounds during his NBA career, and only once in his nine seasons has he had more points than rebounds. That was in 1984-85 when he had 887 points and 869 rebounds in 80 games.

Smith underwent off-season surgery to repair ligament damage to fingers on both hands.

"I had ligament tears on the little fingers of the right and left hands but everything is okay now and I'm

excited about getting started," Smith said.

Rockets coach Don Chaney said the addition of Smith would bolster his rotation system.

"We needed additional rebounding and we made great strides last year by signing Otis Thorpe," Chaney said. "Now we've got that third guy to come in and give us a three or four man rotation."

Smith earned \$600,000 with the Warriors last season and recently rejected a two-year contract offer.

Smith, who attended Alcorn State, was the Warriors' first round pick in the 1980 draft, the 24th player chosen overall.

ESPN to cover Ag, LSU 1989 football opener

The 1989 Texas A&M football season will open the way it ended, not with a loss to Alabama, but in front of ESPN cameras.

A&M will take on LSU in a Sept. 2 matchup slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Kyle Field.

The Aggies home opener will be the debut of head coach R.C. Slocum and will be the starting point for Darren Lewis' run for the Heisman Trophy.

Lewis, the nation's leading returning rusher, gained 1,692 yards last season as a sophomore, second only to 1988 Heisman winner Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State.

His season total was the second-best in the history of the Southwest Conference behind 1977 Heisman winner Earl Campbell of Texas.

A&M is led defensively by senior Aaron Wallace, an All-America candidate at linebacker.

The Aggies failed make it into The Sporting News' Top 20 Pre-season poll, but are not far away with an overall ranking of 22nd.

Other rankings by the magazine included Darren Lewis' rating of ninth-best rusher in the country and Kyle Field as eighth-best stadium to see a football game.

LSU is picked to win the Southeastern Conference according to The Sporting News, and is led by third-year coach Mike Archer, who won his first collegiate game against A&M in 1987.

Quarterback Tom Hodson and running back Harvey Williams highlight the Tiger's offensive attack for 1989.

Cowboys facing real public relations problem as season nears

The Dallas Cowboys have a public relations problem.

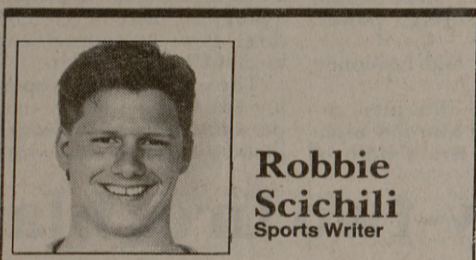
Now that Jerry Jones has taken over, some Cowboy fans are more interested in the price of tea in China than following the actions of the team.

Can you blame them? Jones has the personality of a brick wall. He showed no respect to Tom Landry, Tex Schramm or Gil Brandt and gave them their walking papers.

When Landry was fired, Jones all but lost any respect he could have obtained from Cowboy fans. It wasn't the fact that Landry was gone. It was more of the way he did it.

A man gives 28 years of his life to an organization, and he's dropped like a hot coal. Landry is the epitome of class and one of the most respected people in Dallas. He didn't deserve what Jones was dealing out.

Landry was recently honored in Washington by the Redskin Touchdown Club. He was praised for the mark he has made on professional football and for being a focal point of the Cowboy-Redskin rivalry



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that has lasted for so many years. The club even sang "Hail to Tom Landry" to the former coach. It's pretty sad when the team you had an intense rivalry with gives you more respect than the team you coached for 28 years.

Schramm and Brandt didn't deserve the treatment they got either. Once Landry was gone, you just knew they were next to get the boot. Jones handled each "dismissal" in the wrong way.

Then Jones decided to bring in Jimmy Johnson from the University of Miami.

Johnson brought most of his coaching staff with him and made appropriate "dismissals" in the Cowboy coaching staff. Right away you could see why these two guys from Arkansas are such good friends — they both use the same kinds of classless moves.

Jones continued to damage his already low reputation when he told the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders that they were now going to be hostesses for the players' parties and there would be a change in their uniforms. Most of the veteran cheerleaders quit because they did not appreciate Jones' attitude.

The Dallas Cowboys Band was the next victim. Jones got rid of the band to free up 100-plus seats in the end zone where the band would sit. Maybe Jones didn't realize that those 100 or so seats will probably remain empty if he keeps his actions up.

The Cowboys' public relations department noticed that their reputation with the public was at an all-time low. The problem was Jones, and they knew it. In

desperation, the Cowboys hired an entire public relations firm to deal with Jones and his shifty nature.

There finally was a bright spot in all of the turmoil that the sale of the Cowboys churned up. Dallas selected Steve Walsh from Miami — where else? — in the NFL supplemental draft. Johnson says Walsh will remain a Cowboy, but don't bet on it.

Troy Aikman has a no-trade clause in his contract, so we know he's not going anywhere. The only reasonable option is to package Walsh with some other players to make a trade to fill needs in the offensive line, linebackers and secondary.

Now rumor has it that Tony Mandarich wants to play for the Dallas Cowboys. Green Bay holds his rights, but Dallas may try to offer Walsh and a few others to get Mandarich. Could you imagine having Mandarich lead the way for Herchel Walker? Or perhaps vice-versa? He could be Fridge II.

Jones' hopeful image as a folk hero in Dallas will probably never come about.

What is ahead for the team is unknown, but one thing is certain — Jones needs to clean up his act quick or Dallas will cease to recognize the Cowboys as their team. Cowboy fans are used to classy individuals, as well as first rate management. Jones has shown that he doesn't fall into either category.

Even though Dallas had the worst record in football last year, the fans always had the utmost respect for the management and the coach. Now that Jones and Johnson have moved in, they will ever reach the same level of respect that Schramm and Landry had. Without good public relations, they won't sell enough tickets to fill up a rack of bleachers.

Most Cowboy fans are following Chicago and Denver these days because of their ties with Landry and the great teams of the seventies. The Cowboys are no longer the Cowboys. We've reached a new era in Dallas with management that seems to care only about themselves. My response is "Go Bears!"

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