Judge refuses to halt Winfield court order

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge asked to block an order that New York Yankees' outfielder Dave Winfield pay $234,129 to a woman pending a divorce trial said Thursday he could not rule on the issue.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner said he had to abstain from making a ruling because Winfield's attorneys didn't properly pursue claims in state court first.

Winfield's attorneys had sought relief in federal court from a state judge's ruling that the player pay the money to Sandra Renfro by this past Tuesday.

A jury ruled last month that Renfro is Winfield's common-law wife. The couple have a 6-year-old daughter.

Winfield wanted the order stayed while his attorneys appealed the ruling, which was issued by a jury in State District Judge Allen Daggett's court.

An Aug. 22 hearing has been set for Daggett to consider Winfield's request to stay the payment.

Daggett ruled July 10 that Winfield pay $10,500 a month in temporary support for Renfro pending their divorce trial. He also ordered him to pay $3,500 a month child support for his daughter, Lauren Shanel, plus $3,000 in dental bills, hospital bills and repairs to Renfro's property, set at $21,129. Most of the sum — $210,000 — is for Renfro's attorneys' fees.

Alexander has said that Winfield, who testified he earns $1.4 million a year plus revenue from seven Burger King franchises, is willing to pay the child support, the home repairs and the medical bills. But he is opposed to paying support for the woman and the attorney fees.

Cincinnati rips Astros, 18-2

Reds break league record with 16 1st-inning hits

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds scored 14 runs in the first inning on a major-league record 16 hits and went on to beat the Houston Astros 18-2 Thursday.

Seven Reds had two hits off Houston starter Jim Clancy and reliever Bob Forsch in the first, breaking a century-old record.

The previous record for most batters with two hits in an inning was set by Chicago against Detroit in 1883.

The Reds fell one run short of the National League record for most runs in one inning, set by Brooklyn in the first inning against Cincinnati in 1952.

The previous one-inning hit record was set by the Boston Red Sox, who had 14 against Detroit in 1953. The NL record of 12 hits in one inning was held by the St. Louis Cardinals, who did it against Cincinnati in 1925.

Twelve of the first-inning hits were singles, breaking another major-league mark. St. Louis had 11 singles against Cincinnati in 1925, and Boston tied that mark against Detroit in 1953.

Luis Quinones, Eric Davis, Ken Griffey, Rolando Roomes, Todd Benzinger, Jeff Reed and Ron Oester all had two hits in the first inning Thursday.

The 16 hits broke the Reds' club record of 12 in one inning, set in 1942 against the New York Giants and tied in 1977 against Atlanta.

Clancy, 5-9, faced seven batters and retired none.

He allowed seven runs on six hits and a walk. Forsch faced the next 13 batters, allowing 10 hits and seven runs.

The first eight Reds reached base before pitcher Tom Browning grounded out.

The Reds then pounded Forsch for nine straight hits before he retired Mariano Duncan and Quinones to end the inning.

Duncan and Quinones tied a major-league record with three plate appearances in an inning.

Duncan led off with a walk, stole second, and moved to third on a bunt single by Quinones.

Davis singled home Duncan, and Griffey hit his seventh home run of the season to make it 4-0.

Singles by Roomes, Benzinger and Reed made it 5-0 and finished Clancy. Reed scored on a wild pitch by Forsch, and Oester's RBI double made it 7-0 before Browning grounded out for the first out of the inning.

Duncan doubled home Oester and moved to third on Quinones' second hit of the inning.

Davis and Griffey followed with run-scoring singles to give the Reds a 10-0 lead.

Roomes' infield hit loaded the bases, which Benzinger cleared with a double, making it 13-0. Benzinger moved to third on Reed's second hit and scored on Oester's single.

Browning singled to reload the bases but Forsch retired Duncan and Quinones on fly balls to end the inning.

The Reds scored three more runs in the seventh and one in the eighth.

Browning, 9-10, pitched an eight-hitter. Houston's runs came on Glenn Davis' 24th homer in the second inning and Rafael Ramirez' RBI triple in the fourth.

Texans will get first-hand look at future U.S. athletes in 23rd AAU-USA Olympics

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texans will be getting a first-hand look at the U.S. athletic future as many of the nation's top younger performers compete in the Alamo City.

The 23rd AAU-USA Junior Olympic Games, which open Saturday and run through Aug. 12, will be the largest gathering of athletes during 1989, according to the event's organizers.

A record 5,065 athletes had registered by Thursday evening to compete in the 14 sports during the eight-day festival. The 1986 games held in St. Louis drew 4,848 competitors.

"This is our showcase event," said Stan Hooley, national director of sports programs for the Amateur Athletic Union. "All 50 states will be represented."

Many in San Antonio see the festival, which is attracting athletes 8 to 19 years old, as way to step into the national sports spotlight.

"This is our opportunity to show the sports world that San Antonio can host these events," Bob Coleman, chairman of the San Antonio Sports Foundation, said. "We've been working on this for two years. Look for San Antonio to become a major sports city."

Coleman's group originally attempted to get the AAU to hold the 1991 Olympic Festival in San Antonio, but lost out to Los Angeles.

"With the lack of experience, we couldn't beat Los Angeles," Coleman added. "But the AAU was so impressed, they gave us the '89 Junior Olympics."

In January, voters approved a half-cent sales tax increase to finance the construction of a 65,000-seat domed stadium.

The festival events will take place at Trinity University, Incarnate Word College and three high school athletic complexes. Athletes will compete in baseball, basketball, biathlon, field hockey, gymnastics, karate, multi-event sports (triathlon, pentathlon, heptathlon and decathlon), soccer, swimming, synchronized swimming, table tennis, track and field, weight lifting and wrestling.

A strong local favorite will be 7-foot center Shaquille O'Neal, a high school basketball All-America who led Cole High to a 68-1 record for the past two seasons. O'Neal signed to play for Louisiana State.

Other strong basketball teams are expected from Indiana, New York, Michigan and Virginia.

About half those coming are track and field performers, Hooley said.

Marcel Carter, from Topeka, Kan., won the senior age division (17-19) 100- and 200-meter dashes last year and is considered the sprinter to beat. Curtis Johnson, from Palmetto, Fla., accomplished the same double in the intermediate age division (15-16) last year. This year, he will compete in the senior division.

The tiny South Texas town of Yoakum will be well-represented at the Junior Olympics too.

Kalleen Madden returns to defend her gold medal in the heptathlon, while Jennifer Myers won the 1,500- and 3,000-meter runs in the intermediate division last year.

Quick says he never encouraged 'unhealthy' loss of weight at UT

AUSTIN (AP) — Former University of Texas swimming coach Richard Quick says he never encouraged his female swimmers to lose weight "in an unhealthy manner," although UT say several athletes suffer from eating disorders.

During the past 18 months, 12 UT female athletes, mostly swimmers, were diagnosed as having a serious eating disorder, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported in a series of articles published this week.

Quick, now coach at Stanford, said he tried to help those with problems.

"I was aware of a few eating disorders on our team at the University of Texas," Quick said, answering questions after a swimming meet in Los Angeles Wednesday night. "We did everything in our power to get them the kind of help they needed to handle the problem."

Quick, who led the Lady Longhorns to five NCAA championships in six years, emphasized weight in training and competition and insisted that the swimmers remain under maximum weight limits. Those who failed to do so were required to participate in special workouts.

"Eating disorders run in varying degrees of magnitude. It's a very secretive thing and it's hard to get a handle on. But we were sensitive to the potential of those problems," he said.

Davis once again a big part of heralded Oiler offensive line

SAN MARCOS (AP) —Bruce Davis does an excellent 300-pound verbal tap dance when asked about his weight.

While dancing around the subject of what he weighs this season, Davis admits to starting last season at 315 and gaining weight during the year.

Davis is once again a big man in the highly praised Oiler offensive line and once again fighting the bulge.

Mystery surrounded Davis' girth last year and he heard enough "fat" jokes to last a lifetime.

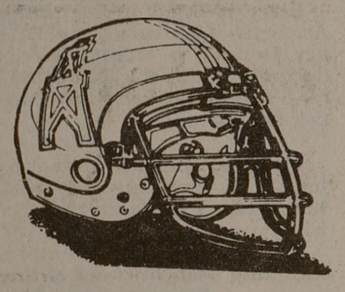
But when the season started, the joking stopped. Davis started all 16 games and had what coaches called a Pro Bowl-type year.

Davis expects similar results this season.

"I just take one year at a time," Davis said. "If I start looking ahead, things don't work out that well for me."

Davis, 33, at 6-6 and in more than 315 pounds, is the heaviest and most experienced Oiler, starting his 11th year in the league.

Davis has taken a small peek into the future to observe the Oilers'



first-round draft pick, Florida's David Williams, who will be Davis' backup this season.

But Davis isn't intimidated.

"If you have been around the league awhile and you are secure in your own abilities, nobody else is a threat to you," Davis said.

"The fact is, we have no other backups and you had to fill that void with a quality player."

Davis, who has had to struggle for recognition since his rookie year, played a strong role in the Oilers' offensive line last season.

Despite some outstanding seasons with the Oakland Raiders and Oilers, Pro Bowl status has eluded Davis.

"I've had four Pro Bowl years and for one reason or another I don't make the team," Davis said. "I think my level coming into the league may have had something to do with it."

The Oakland Raiders made Davis their 11th-round selection in 1979 out of UCLA where he played his final two seasons in the offensive line.

"Being an 11th-round draft choice hurts me," Davis said. "If a guy is a first- or second-round round draft choice and he does well, they all remember him. Consequently, I'm overlooked."

The Oilers acquired the durable Davis from the Raiders in 1987. Davis started 11 games for the Oilers that year but the player's strike ended his string of playing in 107 consecutive games.

"As long as my peers and teammates and expecially my opponents know that I can play, that's very satisfying," Davis said. "Still, it would be nice to have a Pro Bowl under my belt."

Bates facing other challenges besides those in training camp

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — On May 24 something happened to Bill Bates that was like being blindsided by a tight end, fullback, and guard on the same play: He became the father of triplets.

"It's just another challenge in my life," said the Dallas Cowboys strong safety who is battling Vince Albritton for a starting job.

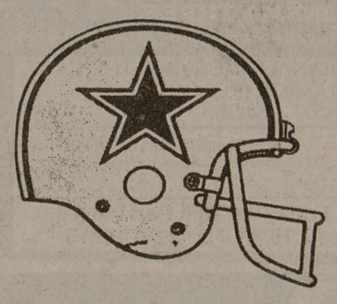
The challenges read from left to right on your depth chart: Graham, 3 pounds, 12 ounces, Brianna; 3-2, and Hunter 3-7.

"They were so premature that they were in the hospital for eight weeks," Bates said. "They were only home three weeks before I had to come to training camp. It's been wild. It's been a big circus like the one in training camp. There hasn't been all the sleep in the world."

Bates dreaded coming to camp. He wanted to be around while his wife, Denise, got back on her feet.

"Gosh, she was big, bigger than Nate Newton," Bates said. "But she's doing fine now."

Bates said his mother-in-law and parents had been helping out.



"I had a little personal rebellion because I didn't want to leave the babies," Bates said. "I had never been a father before. I didn't want to go and I think any father would understand. I'm with the program now but I still wish I was back in Dallas."

Bates came to camp at a slim 199 pounds because of his long days and nights, helping Denise take care of the babies.

"I think I may be a little quicker," said Bates, who is noted for his hard tackles. "It will be a challenge to beat out Vince. I guess it will all come down to who has the heart."

Bates was one of former coach Tom Landry's favorite players, and Landry once said, "If I had a team full of Bill Bateses I wouldn't have to worry much about anything."

Bates even went to the Pro Bowl one season as a special teams player thanks, in part, to Landry's praise.

"I miss coach Landry a lot but I can see some good things in the new coaching staff, too," Bates said. "They get you enthused and thinking positive about what you're doing. If you have talent and it isn't enthused then you won't have as good a team."

Johnson has been heaping effusive praise about Albritton's work in practices.

Bates knows.

"If I don't start, I'll still be the best special teams player in the NFL you can bet on that," he said.

Meanwhile, Bates is settling for nightly telephone reports from Dallas about his triplets.

"Denise puts them up to the telephone and I can hear them breathe," Bates said. "It's just like talking to them."

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