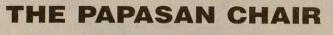


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season games.

"They know all the tricks to bury you," Elliott said. "They know how to look at you, they know what to say to you just to get you intimidated."

But so far Elliott, already a Spurs starter, scored 16 points and grabbed five rebounds in his NBA debut, the Spurs season opener win over the Los Angeles Lakers Saturday. And he picked up 14 points in a Spurs loss to the Portland Trailblazers Wednesday.

Still, the No. 3 overall draft pick who holds the Pac-10 career scoring record with 2,555 points is trying to improve his offensive game.

<sup>4</sup>In college I was able to take a drive from the wing and go all the way to the basket and maybe get a dunk or a layup or something. Here there's a lot of good guys under-neath the basket, so I've just got to learn to pull up and shoot a short jumper," he said.

"It's over in my mind," he said. "And my life's going to go on.'

However, he did reveal that he never declared his racetrack winnings on his income taxes — as required by law — because he always lost money in the long run.

Rose also said during a telephone interview Thursday that he's had no recent discussions with federal prosecutors conducting the grand jury investigation of his taxes.

In another interview Wednesday, Rose said he was getting psychiatric help for a gambling problem.

The former Cincinnati Reds manager and baseball's all-time hit leader was banned by baseball on Aug. 24 for illegal betting. Although his baseball career is over for now, Rose

still is being investigated by a federal grand jury in Cincinnati trying to determine whether he claimed all his income from memorabilia sales, autograph appearances and gambling. Representatives from the Justice Department and

the IRS interviewed him several times earlier this year, he said.

In explaining why he didn't claim his racetrack winnings on his taxes, Rose said:

go over there that don't have a job, and they colled ery ticket and they stamp it to their program and st like that and they file at the end of the year (on the taxes).

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"It was entertainment for me. It wasn't a business don't want to sit down and start complicating my ta with Daily Double tickets and Quinella tickets and su I don't need all of that," he said.

"I'm not a bookkeeper. You just don't have ime do all that. If I thought there was going to be a prob because I won a hell of a lot more than I lost in a then I'd do something to have a record of it. But I'm everybody involved knows through checking arou and stuff that I lose more than I win. That's why " don't concern yourself," he said.

Federal law requires that all gambling winnings be reported as income, but can be offset by gan losses up to the amount that a person won. Gamb must provide proof, such as losing tickets, in the rept

ing. Rose's agreement to a number of interviews coind with the release of his authorized biography.

The book contains one chapter on Rose's gambin but contains no major revelations.

At the height of the scandal this summer, Rose pro ised to someday give his side of the story.

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and forced the Aggies to punt. The Irish first team won't even need to show up for this one. Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz is a nice guy, and won't try to run up the score. However, with a team as talented as the Irish, the third-stringers will have something to prove, and will be trying to score.

It's a no-win situation for the Irish. No football fan in the nation doubts that they're better than SMU in every aspect of the game, and yet if they're merciful (or unlucky) enough to not cover the 55 point spread, they'll be ridiculed for not playing well enough. If they do run up the score, and they may not have a choice, you'll hear every bleeding heart in the nation saying that Holtz should have been more generous.

No matter how easy the Irish take it on the Punies, SMU won't be able to satisfy everybody. Holtz should know better, he should have tried to get out of this fiasco.

True, SMU wouldn't be happy about losing the revenue that being thrown to the Irish will bring them, but Lou is a quick thinking guy. He could have gotten out of it if he had tried. It would've only taken one phone call.

"Hello, Coach Gregg? This is Lou Holtz. Yeah, the game . . . That's what I wanted to talk to you about. You see, our team bus broke down, and we can't make it.'

"What are you talking about? You don't have to travel, the game is in South Bend.'

"Oh, yeah right. Well, what I meant to say is that we can't play because . . . well, the whole team came down with a case of the . . . uh . . small pox. Yeah, the darndest thing I ever saw.

'Really? That's terrible."

"Yeah, it's so contagious that you probably shouldn't even come to Indiana. Pity we can't play you guys the team was reallly looking forward to it.

"Gee Lou, we were looking forward to it, too."

"Well, our junior varsity has an open date ...

## Rockets lose 128-127 to Denver in overtime

HOUSTON (AP) - Alex English continued his streak of double figures, Fat Lever had an-other triple-double and the Denver Nuggets needed all of that.

English stretched his consec-utive-game streak of scoring in double figures to 200 when he hit an eight-foot jump shot with four seconds left in overtime to give the Nuggets a 128-127 victory over the Houston Rockets on Thursday night.

"To go in and hit the game-winning shot was really imporearly in the game," English said. "I really thought the clock was running down, but I knew the

shot was in when I released it." Houston's Otis Thorpe said th Rockets "had shut him (English down pretty good earlier, but had a feeling they were going " go to him."

The Nuggets overcame an l point first-quarter deficit to for overtime and give English chance to extend his consecutive game streak.

The winning shot was only his third basket in 11 attempts for 10 points.

Fat Lever had only one point, seven assists and four reboundsat halftime but finished with 1 points, 10 assists and 14 rebound for his second consecutive triple double