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## KC's Saberhagen nabs Cy No. 2

World Series MVP Stewart snubbed again after 20-win year

NEW YORK (AP) — Bret Saberhagen of the Kansas City Royals won his second Cy Young Award in four years on Wednesday, beating Oakland's Dave Stewart with ease. Saberhagen, a 25-year-old right-hander who went 23-6, got 27 of 28 first-place votes from a panel of the Baseball Writers Association of America and one second for 138 points. Stewart, the Most Valuable Player of the World Series, got the other first-place vote, 24 seconds and three thirds for 80 points. Mike Moore, his teammate on the World Series champion Oakland Athletics, was third with 10 points, followed by Bert Blyleven of California with nine and Nolan Ryan of Texas with five.

Jeff Ballard of Baltimore, Dennis Eckersley of Oakland and Gregg Olson of Baltimore, the AL Rookie of the Year, got

three points each and Jeff Russell of Texas got one. Saberhagen, who won the Cy Young in 1985, led the majors in victories, earned-run average (2.16), winning percentage (.793), complete games (12) and innings (262 1-3). He threw four shutouts, three three-hitters and two four-hitters. Kansas City was 29-6 in his starts and he beat every club in the league at least once. But perhaps his most impressive statistic was that he won 20 of his final 22 decisions. He was 6-1 in September with a 0.98 ERA. He allowed eight runs in his last 80 innings and had a streak of 31 consecutive innings without an earned run.

He allowed more than three earned runs just three times in 35 starts and not once in his final 14. In his six losses, the Royals

were shut out three times and scored one run twice. Saberhagen is 92-61 in six seasons with Kansas City. He was 20-6 in 1985, then went on two pitch two complete games as the Royals beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series. He is the fourth pitcher to win the AL Cy Young Award more than once. Denny McLain (1968-69), Jim Palmer (1973-75-76) and Roger Clemens (1986-87) did it previously. Saberhagen has lowest ERA for an AL Cy Young winner since Palmer 1975, when Palmer's ERA was 2.09. Stewart failed to win the Cy Young despite winning 20 games for the third consecutive season. He was 21-9 this year and lost to Saberhagen. Last year he was 21-12 and lost to Frank Viola, then of the Minnesota Twins.

## Timberwolves muzzled by San Antonio

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Frank Brickowski, Vernon Maxwell and Willie Anderson sparked a 14-3 surge early in the fourth quarter Wednesday night as the San Antonio Spurs rallied from three quarters of lethargy for an 86-76 NBA victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The Spurs barely made it past their lowest-scoring game ever, a 78-point showing 16 years ago when they were in the American Basketball Association. It was the low game for the expansion Timberwolves by seven points.

San Antonio trailed 60-59 with 11:29 to play before Brickowski made a 15-foot jumper and dunked in a rebound to put the Spurs ahead for good, 63-60.

After Sidney Lowe's jumper pulled Minnesota within one, the Timberwolves missed 12 straight shots as the Spurs built a 73-63 lead. Maxwell hit a reverse



layout and assisted on baskets by David Robinson and Anderson, who scored the last six points of the spurt.

Losing 78-68 with two minutes left, Minnesota scored six straight points. But Anderson's layup and Terry Cummings' slam quashed the Wolves' rally.

Cummings led San Antonio with 22 points, and Anderson added 16. Tony Campbell and Sam Mitchell had 23 each for the Timberwolves.

The first half featured terrible shooting, poor passing and generally haggard play by both teams. San Antonio, which led 40-39 at halftime, shot 43 percent and committed 10 turnovers. Minnesota missed two-thirds of its shots and had 11 giveaways.

Play didn't improve in the third quarter, after which Minnesota led 58-57 despite 41 percent shooting and four turnovers. San Antonio shot 44 percent and committed seven turnovers.

## They may be free as a bird, but they have a lot to lose

Deadlines, deadlines. Quite frankly, I dig 'em. If it weren't for deadlines, not only would I never get anything done around here, but my body would be deprived of a great deal of stress and nervous energy that is normally reserved for diet pill abusers.

But the deadline that caught my attention most this week was one that expired Monday.

Yes, by Monday 90 major league baseball players (a new record) had filed for free agency.

Ninety! Ninety ballplayers feel they need to seek a better deal if their present clubs don't cough up enough cash.

Where have you gone, Joe DiMaggio? A nation of general managers (and managers) turn their lonely eyes to you.

Can you imagine how a guy like Tony LaRussa must feel?

He's poised at the helm of a club that has appeared in back-to-back World Series, one that steamrollered the Giants in the last one but has more free agents than any team in the big leagues.

Storm Davis, Dave Parker and (feel LaRussa shudder) Rickey Henderson are among the seven from Oakland that have filed.

Can you imagine the last Series without Rickey Henderson? And can the A's imagine themselves in another Series without him?

But, in your wildest imagination did you or the A's ever think you'd see him in pinstripes again?

That's right, the Yankees, the same team he was paroled from in the middle of last season, is the team in hottest pursuit of Henderson.

That's what confuses me about free agency. Why would Henderson want to return to a team he couldn't leave quickly enough? Why would he want to

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## Four West German cities give Berlin preference in race for 2004 Olympics

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Four West German sites are willing to drop out of the running for the 2004 Olympics to clear the way for a bid by East and West Berlin, a West German official said Wednesday.

Among the West German sites that had expressed interest in holding the games were Frankfurt, Hamburg, the Ruhr valley and Stuttgart.

"All have said they would drop out of contention if Berlin applies to host the Olympics," said Wolfram Kratzat, Frankfurt's top Olympics project director.

Manfred Seeger, West Germany's national Olympic Committee spokesman, said East Germany's lifting of travel restrictions made a Berlin Games a possibility.

"The main problem was the (Berlin) Wall, and that problem is now gone," Seeger said. "But we must still wait and see how the situation develops in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany)."

East German officials, in a dramatic move permitting its citizens freedom of travel to the West on Nov. 9, opened the Berlin Wall and sections of border barriers to West Germany.

The unexpected development in rela-

tions between the two German states has spurred speculation about holding the 2004 Olympics in Berlin.

Willie Daume, National Olympic Committee president, said the signs were encouraging.

"These plans have been around for a long time," Daume said. "Even former U.S. President (Ronald) Reagan said that Berlin should hold the Olympics. The chances are better now after all that has happened."

But Daume, who has been West Germany's Olympic Committee president since 1961 and has been a longtime proponent of holding the Olympics in Berlin, cautioned against hurried optimism. "A lot can happen in the next 15 years," he said.

Asked about the prospects of West Germany and East Germany forming a single German Olympic team, Daume said: "That is absolutely not a theme because of political developments since 1946. There are now two separate Germanys."

Holding the Games in Berlin also has the backing of International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Samaranch was quoted in the French sports daily L'Equipe Wednesday as saying

that for Berlin to host the Games "is no longer a utopian ideal."

"This idea (of Berlin) is appealing because it is a symbol of peace even if between now and then there are many changes in the present day situation," L'Equipe quoted Samaranch as saying.

If the Games are to be held in Berlin, it would take the agreement of both East Berlin and West Berlin officials to make it work.

West Berlin Mayor Walter Momper's Olympic advisor, Ulrich Eggstein, said the Games would be discussed soon by Momper and East Germany's new premier, Hans Modrow.

Berlin hosted the Olympics in 1936, when Jesse Owens of the United States won four gold medals in the face of Nazi leader Adolf Hitler's "Aryan" theories on white supremacy.

Owens, a black, set world records in the broad jump (now the long jump) and the 200-meter dash and tied the world record in the 100 meters. His fourth gold medal came in the 400-meter relay.

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