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NHL franchise for Houston and Dallas possible

HOUSTON (AP) — The president of the NBA's Houston Rockets said hopes of landing a National Hockey League franchise in Texas probably rests on Houston and Dalas sharing a team.

Rockets president Ray Patterson is representing Rockets owner Charlie Thomas in a bid to get a new NHL franchise. The league's board of governors may consider expansion of pro hockey when it meets later this week in Florida.

"I don't think Houston or Dallas has a chance of getting a hockey franchise on their own," Patterson told the Houston Chronicle on Mon-

But if they try to share one, with 20 or 21 games in each city, I think the NHL might go for that. And I think we can sell a 21-game package

Patterson said if the NHL governors approve an expansion plan to include Texas, he'd contact potential investors in Houston and Dallas to try to put his idea together.
The NHL has not had a presence

in the South since the Atlanta Flames fizzled in the late 1970s and moved to Calgary, Alberta. In the 1970s, Houston had a team called the Aeros in the defunct World Hockey Association.

"I remember when the Aeros outdrew the Rockets by 2,000 a game," Patterson said. "Now we're selling out. Who knows what hockey could do here now?'

Patterson is looking for dates to fill the Summit, the Rockets' arena, because the National Basketball Association team gets 49 percent of the receipts for events held there.

"The Rockets' net revenues have

been dropping because The Summit has too many empty dates," he said. He also sees a Texas hockey team

as opening the sport for television exposure in the South.
"We can put a hockey into a lot of homes in Texas, Oklahoma, Loui-

siana and Arkansas," he said.

left in the game, and the Gents capitalized on their sudden rebounding

the Aggies 55-48 in the game, and Centenary Coach Tommy Vardenan thought the Gents' smaller size only helped them in the fast-paced game.

"When you've got big guys playing from free throw line to free throw line, they can't get in there (quick enough). The little guys have the advantage in a game like this."

A&M found itself down by nine

points with two-and-a-half minutes to play, and suddenly started playing

inspired basketball.

The Aggies turned to a full court

ress, and the Gents were rattled a

bit by the sudden pressure.

Freshman Brooks Thompson stole an inbounds pass, and dished off to an open Milton driving to the lane. But Milton missed the easy

layup.
"Our shots not falling was taking something out of us," Milton said.
"We kept shooting, and unfortunately they weren" falling. Our in-

Metcalf agreed, saying that when

the Aggies started pressuring them, the Gents played better.

"If anything, we slowed down a little bit," he said. "We came to life

when we got scared, but they defi-nitely picked their game up a couple of notches. They whipped us on the offensive boards."

were optimistic at halftime, he said, they couldn't keep up their intensity in the second half.

"We just let it drag in the second half," Rhea said. "We came out ag-

gresive, but got soft. We let them beat us on the offensive boards. We

three-point shot by Suber, Rhea

That they did. After a missed

Rhea said the rebounding advantage the Gents had was a big factor in the loss. Although the Aggies

tensity went down.

offensive boards.

just let it slip."

"It's to our advantage in a fast-

The smaller Gents outrebounded

Bow

advantage.

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Cowboys

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Cowboys punter Mike Saxon also said two Eagle players contacted him and told him about the bounty.

Johnson already has filed a complaint with the NFL, but said he'd like to file a comment or two with Ryan. Johnson tried after the game; Ryan just left the field.

"I would have talked to him after the game, but he wouldn't stay on the field," Johnson said. "He just took his fat butt into the dressing

However, don't look for the Cowboys to go delivering any cheap

"I don't want us to be intimidated, but if we ever resort to going after an opponent to injure him and take him out of the game, then I'll get out of coaching," Johnson said.
"I really don't have any respect

for him.

Still, I like a lot of Dallas fans. I would love to see Zendejas go into Philadelphia and on his first kickoff, set his sights for Ryan on the sideline and take out Ryan's knees. Instead, I'll have to suffer

through another humiliating defeat at least until the Cowboys regain

their previous form as champions, "It's history as far as this incident is concerned," Johnson said. "We will remember it though.

And someday, we will be good enough to have our time.'

grabbed a big rebound in heavy traf-

lead to 82-78 on a thundering dunk.

of the play. He hit the ensuing jump

shot to keep the game within four

from Robinson in the backcourt on

Thompson tried to shoot a three-pointer, but couldn't get around the

defender. He instead tried to dump it off to Suber in the paint, but the

Gents stole the ball and made two

free throws after a Thompson brea-

need to find that right five - soon.

to finding that combination.'

82, Centenary ran the clock out.

they'll start winning.

kaway foul.

However, Milton fouled out of the

fic, then went back up and cut the

Snow lands Butku as No. 1 linebacker

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) --- Michigan State's Percy Snow, who has patterned himself after some of football's most ferocious defensive players, on Tuesday won the Dick Butkus award as the top

linebacker in college football. The 6-foot-2, 235-pound senior who made 163 tackles this season, grew up just 10 minutes from the Pro Football Hall Of Fame in Canton, Ohio. He said he had always looked up to But-kus, Jack Lambert and Mean Joe

"They were my idols, my boy-hood heroes, and I always wanted to be like them," Snow said during a telephone hookup with the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando, which presents the award.

Snow was picked by a 13-mem-ber panel over Keith McCants of Alabama, James Francis of Baylor, Ron Cox of Fresno State and Andre Collins of Penn State Snow collected four first-place

votes and 27 points, votes and 21 points, based or

2-1 system.
"He's a good student a citizen and should be the fin fensive player selected in the draft," said Michigan State of George Perles. "He gets a mendous break on the ball creates an explosion through

"I haven't seen any better said Michigan coach Bo Scher

Snow said he had hoped to the award, "but the team g

He also said he believed fensive players should get consideration for the Hei Trophy. Only one defe player — Leon Hart of I Dame in 1949 - has won Heisman and Snow said award designation should be best offensive player.

Astros may be considering trade offers for pitcher Scott

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston from other teams about Scott Astros are contemplating a trade involving ace pitcher Mike Scott to either the Boston Red Sox or the Philadelphia Phillies, according to a published report.

The Houston Post, in a report But Milton picked up his fourth foul while preventing an easy layup, and the Aggies still found them-selves down by four after a Patrick from Nashville, Tenn., site of the annual winter baseball meetings, said the Astros were discussing a trade of the right-handed pitcher to Boston an offensive outfielder and a work for outfielder Mike Greenwell or to pitcher in return. Greer free throw.

Suber got the ball at the top of the circle, and pump faked twice to throw Greer and Byron Steward out Philadelphia for Von Hayes and a left-handed pitcher.
"Any time we talk to any team, we

always try to improve our offensive situation, but I won't mention the specific players we discussed," tros General Manager Bill Wood said Monday.

game as he tried to steal the ball "I don't feel good about the conversations we had today ever leading an inbounds pass. Robinson's two free throws all but sealed the Gents' victory — giving Centenary a 86-80 lead with 37 seconds left. to anything, but you never know. What you thought was a routine discussion might blossom into some All hopes of an Aggie miracle thing else the next time you talk. died on the next A&M possession. While Wood listened to o

While Wood listened to offers tible.

said the days' discussions did leave him optimistic about solvi the nagging offensive problem thas plagued the club since it wont National League West in 1986. Wood told The Post he wo

trade Scott or any other start pitcher only in the right drow stances and that the Astros want

Scott, a Cy Young Award wins in 1986, finished second in the ing for the award as top Nation League pitcher in the 1989 season The Phillies said the Astros we

looking for a left-handed l (Hayes) and a left-handed pitch possibly Don Carman.
"We talked to Houston, but

don't see us doing anything withem," Phillies General Manage Lee Thomas said. "I'm not say they don't have any good played but I just don't see how we're comp

Lady Ags

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After a Ricks free throw with 19 seconds left that cut the lead to 89-

A&M senior forward Ray Little who finished with three points and seven rebounds, said the Aggies need to find the right combination great on offense tonight," Hickey A&M controlled the ball from the of players. Once they do, he said,

start of the game, but the Sooners stayed close with heads up play and "It's going to be just like last year fast breaks. - we've got to come together and we've got to blend," Little said.

After exchanging the lead several times in the first half, the Lady Aggies had trouble stopping OU's Tammy Rogers, who led the Sooners "When we do, it's going to be a good ballclub. There's no doubt about with 30 points. "It just takes time."
Milton, who finished with 19 points and 10 assists, said the Aggies

"Rogers was tough," Hickey said.
'We even tried to recruit her."

"We even tried to recruit her."

The Lady Aggies were able to pull away by seven points going into half-time with the score 48-41.

The second half led off where the first half ended, with A&M stretch.

The A&M to 42

The year, and 4-0 at home.

Sooners drop to 2-3 on the year.

The Lady Aggies will have next three days off before tracking the property of the prop

'We just need to find one combifirst half ended, with A&M stretching the lead to as much as 16. However, with more sloppy play by the Aggies, the Sooners closed the gap to be the Pete Maravich Assembly (c) nation that we can stick with," he said. "You get one set of five consistent players who play all the time, and just go with it. We're pretty close to seven, 62-55.

"The game was ours," Hide said. "All we had to do was exer

bounds of her own to aid the Lady
Aggies in their victory.

"Madison and Russo both looked great on offense tonight," Hickey

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A&M did just that, with Management of the plays." The Sooners struggled to to

back by throwing up several point attempts, but failed togain ground as the Lady Aggies rand Of the clock taking the victory.

"This was a big win against?

Eight team," Hickey said, "and"

helps us a lot.
"Our kids played hard. Especially comming off a long road may with finals and all."

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