

# This time it's real: Olajuwon nets rare quadruple double

HOUSTON (AP) — After coming close to a quadruple-double earlier this month, Akeem Olajuwon knew it was just a matter of time before he became the third player in NBA history to accomplish the feat.

"I thought if not this year I would get it next year," Olajuwon said after he scored 18 points, 10 assists, 16 rebounds and 11 blocked shots to lead the Houston Rockets to a 120-94 win over the Milwaukee Bucks Thursday night.

Olajuwon was stripped of a quadruple-double in a game against Golden State earlier this month. The Rockets staff looked at the game's film after the game and detected an uncredited 10th assist, but the league reinstated the original stats a few days later, restoring Olajuwon's assists total to nine. He ended the March 3 game with 29 points, 11 blocked shots and 18 rebounds.

11 rebounds, 10 assists and 10 steals. Olajuwon said he realized he had a chance for the quadruple-double in the third quarter.

"I knew I needed three blocks and three assists in the third quarter. When I got the blocks, I concentrated on passing the balls," he said.

As Olajuwon closed in on the accomplishments, lacking in the assists category, his teammates helped by shooting the ball after receiving a pass from Olajuwon.

"The whole team cooperated," Olajuwon said. "I would like to thank them."

Houston Coach Don Chaney also was aware of Olajuwon's chance at the feat.

"I was told he was two shy at the five-minute mark. I felt I owed it to him to leave him in. We did some things to help him get it," Chaney said.

Robertson believes Olajuwon will record another quadruple-double before his career is over.

"Akeem has a better chance to do it again because blocked shots are easier than steals," he said.

Olajuwon leads the league in blocked shots with 327.

The only other National Basketball Association players to record quadruple-doubles were Nate Thurmond of Chicago on Oct. 18, 1974, and Alvin Robertson, then of San Antonio, on Feb. 18, 1986.

Thurmond had 22 points, 14 rebounds, 13 assists and 12 blocked shots, and Robertson had 20 points,

# Mavs sneak by Spurs, Blackmon leads the way

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Rolando Blackman scored 28 points, including 13 of Dallas' final 15, as the Mavericks posted their sixth straight victory with a 109-105 decision over the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday night.

The Mavericks took their first lead 94-93 on a 3-pointer by Sam Perkins as the shot clock went off with 3:21 left in the game. A turnaround jumper by Blackman made it 96-93.

San Antonio led most of the way and had a 16-point bulge in the first quarter. Poor free throw shooting by the Spurs (23 of 37) allowed the Mavericks to get back in the game.

San Antonio went almost 5½ minutes without a field goal midway through the final period. The Spurs' only points between the 7:39 and 2:11 marks were three free throws by Rod Strickland and a pair by Anderson that gave the Spurs a 99-98 lead.

David Robinson scored 33 points to lead the Spurs and Terry Cummings added 17.

# Nicklaus must wait one day for senior debut

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Jack Nicklaus' debut on the PGA Senior Tour was pushed back a day when a series of storms washed out first-round play in the Tradition at Desert Mountain tournament on Thursday.

# Rangers' Ryan may pitch for a few more years

DALLAS (AP) — Baseball's all-time strikeout king — Texas Rangers star Nolan Ryan — now says he might pitch beyond the 1990 season despite hints at retirement a few months ago.

"I had a good warm-up. I was looking forward to playing. I didn't get a chance to," Nicklaus said after play was called off at 1:28 p.m. MST.

Nicklaus was still awaiting his tee time when a severe storm — rain, wind, hail and lightning — pounded the course in the desert highlands near Phoenix.

The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday that Ryan's agent, Dick Moss, spoke with Rangers general manager Tom Grieve Wednesday about a contract extension. Ryan's two-year contract expires after this season. Moss relayed Ryan's interest in playing beyond 1990 and asked Grieve what the Rangers level of interest would be in keeping Ryan, who is 43, the newspaper said.

"There was no possible way that we could have got the golf course back into a playable condition," Brian Henning, tournament director for the PGA Tour, said after the rare desert downpour.

"Nolan still feels pretty good," Moss said. "This is a nice situation for Nolan. He loves it here with the Rangers. I think the club likes having him, too. Something might happen."

The average rainfall in the area for the month of March is less than an inch, but more than two inches fell in a brief period. The water flooded the course, washed out some gravel roads and disrupted the tournament schedule.

The Rangers are interested in bringing Ryan back both as an attraction and a pitcher. His gate appeal figured heavily in last year's club-record attendance of more than 2 million.

Henning said Senior Tour rules prohibit the playing of more than 27 holes in a day, so the tournament, originally scheduled for 72 holes, was reduced to a three-day, 54-hole format, with the final round on Sunday.

"It's obvious what Nolan has meant to the franchise and the job he has done," Grieve said. "We're open to any discussions they might want to have. We're glad to hear Nolan is considering the possibility of playing beyond 1990. We'll continue to discuss it with him. I hope we can work something out."

"Weather permitting," Henning cautioned. He said the forecast for Friday "is about the same as today."

Barring injury, Ryan will be the Rangers' opening-day starter April 9 against Toronto at Arlington Stadium.

Grieve and Moss did not discuss salary. For his two seasons with the Rangers, Ryan will receive \$3.2 million.

Play initially was delayed at 8:34 a.m. by heavy rain that filled the bunkers and turned tees and greens into ponds. Play was resumed at noon, then halted for good about 90 minutes later.

None of the 78 men in the field had played as more than seven holes when the round was washed out. All will begin play from the first tee on Friday.

# Moyer pitches Rangers to split with White Sox

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Jamie Moyer allowed two hits and no runs in five innings as the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 2-1 on Thursday.

out later, Tatis doubled. Kevin Reimer hit a high chopper to third base and Tatis raced home.

Earlier in the day in Port Charlotte, the White Sox beat the Rangers 10-2.

In the ninth, winner Brian Bohannon gave up Frank Thomas' single to score Ramon Sambo.

In the night game, Bernie Tatis had an RBI double in the eighth inning, then scored from second on a groundout.

The White Sox had runners on the corners against former teammate Jack Hardy with one out. But Robin Ventura popped up to second baseman Fred Mantique, who threw to Hardy covering first to double up pinch runner Marcus Lawton to end the game.

Loser Barry Jones opened the eighth by walking Jeff Kunkel. One

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