

# Hogs' Foster opts for bucks, enters draft

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — Many of those familiar with Barry Foster's family understand completely why he is anxious to leave Arkansas and start hauling home those NFL paychecks.

Foster, a two-year starter for the Razorbacks and a former star at Duncanville High School, has decided not to return for his senior year and will be up for grabs in the NFL draft, scheduled Sunday and Monday.

Projected by some as a late second-round pick, Foster says any signing bonus and salary he receives will go to help his struggling family.

Foster's mother is a single parent, who has been unable to work since 1986, and has had neck and back surgeries in that time. She is trying to raise Foster's twin sisters, Yulena and Selena, on \$376 monthly in federal assistance.

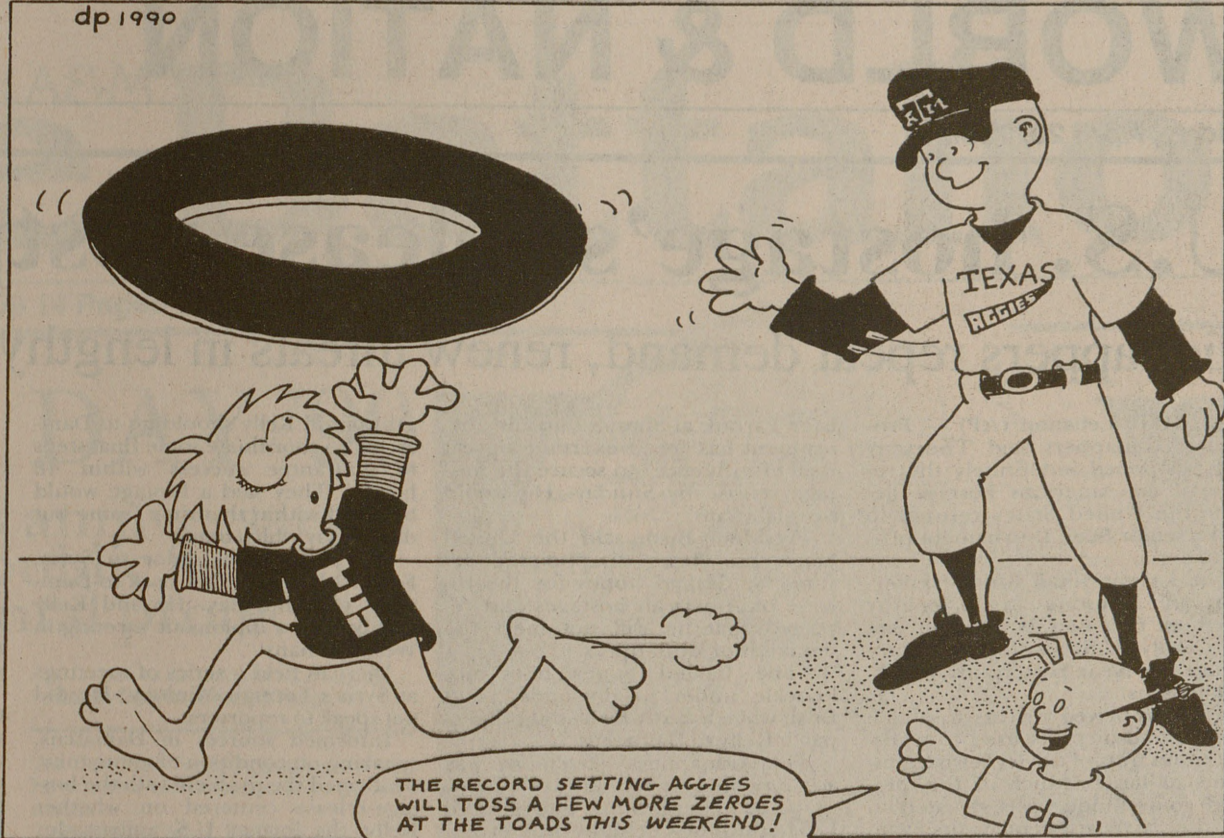
"My children don't go hungry," Mrs. Foster said. "But since I got hurt, I can't work. We don't want the world. We just want a decent living."

"If Barry makes it in the pros, I told him he doesn't have to give me anything. That makes him mad. He wants to help us."

Arkansas coach Jack Crowe, who replaced Ken Hatfield three months ago, said he initially had a poor time communicating with Foster after the standout fullback announced he would be leaving. But Crowe said he now believes the Razorbacks should encourage underclassmen to enter the draft if they are projected as early draft picks.

"People ask me if I am upset that Barry is turning pro," Crowe said. "I am not. I told him that if he can make the money as a pro, then you need to take it."

Last year's second-round draft choices averaged \$165,000 in salaries. The average signing bonus was \$255,000, with a \$43,000 addition for making the team's roster.



# IRS: Everything coming up Roses; ex-manager planning to plead guilty

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pete Rose has agreed to plead guilty to failing to report income in exchange for avoiding harsher felony charges as part of an agreement with federal prosecutors to be announced Friday, a source told The Associated Press today.

There was no deal on a possible jail sentence for the former Cincinnati Reds manager, who was banished from baseball last summer for gambling.

Rose, however, would have to pay several hundred thousand dollars in back taxes as part of the agreement, the AP learned.

Rose is expected to appear Friday morning before U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel, who can either accept or reject the arrangement.

"There's been some documents filed. They've been sealed. Any comments I could make would be inappropriate," Assistant U.S. Attorney William Hunt said. "I would anticipate that they will be unsealed tomorrow."

The charge of failing to report income will be brought against Rose in the form of an information, which is filed by a federal prosecutor rather than through a grand jury, the source said.

A federal grand jury in Cincinnati began investigating Rose's taxes last May. It wrapped up its investigation earlier this year and Rose entered the agreement with prosecutors, allowing him to avoid indictment, the source said.

# Freak baseball accident not so uncommon

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — When a baseball struck a 10-year-old boy in the chest and killed him during a Little League game last month, league officials claimed it was only the second such death in 40 years.

But a 1986 federal study documented nearly two dozen cases in which children died after being hit in the chest by baseballs.

"Parents should be aware of that danger, and they should take some precautions," said Albert King, the dean of bioengineering at Wayne State University who headed the study by the U.S. Product Safety Commission.

"Nobody should be getting hurt that badly playing baseball. It's a non-violent, non-contact sport."

William Ryan Wojick was struck in the chest by

a pitch as he batted during a game here March 18. The impact of the ball stopped his heart and he died at a hospital 45 minutes later.

Little League officials in Williamsport, Pa., acknowledged they read the report evaluating 23 cases like Wojick's soon after it was published. But they concluded the incidents were too rare to justify requiring child pitchers and batters to wear chest protectors as the study panel recommended.

Officials rechecked their records this week and now say Wojick was the third Little Leaguer in 30 years who died after being hit in the chest with a ball.

"These were isolated incidents — freak things. To take drastic measures seems inappropriate," said Steve Keener, national spokesman for Little

League baseball.

After he was told about the study, Wojick's father criticized Little League officials for not following the panel's advice.

"If they had information that children should wear chest protection and did nothing about it, then I'm frustrated," Jeffrey Wojick said. "It's not going to bring my son back. But I'm willing to take it to the Little League to help make the game safe for other kids."

But King said the Little League and many parents resist requiring chest protection for pitchers and batters because they don't think baseball is dangerous.

"Little League should acknowledge this situation and do something to help prevent it because it is preventable," he said.

## Sports Focus: NFL Personalities

# Bum's Back ...

## Coach returns to Oilers in new capacity

FULSHEAR (AP) — Directions to a man's place of business can often offer insights into his personality.

Behind a small forest of oaks you'll find Bum Phillips, the former coach of the Houston Oilers and New Orleans Saints and now one of the more famous ranchers in Fort Bend County.

Instead of herding helmeted behemoths through a football practice, Phillips is yelling at a young cattle dog named Andy and coaxing 20-odd head of cattle into a covered arena.

Phillips is one of the best-liked figures in Houston sports history, but there's little doubt he's from the country and doesn't care to be defined in any other terms.

"I started out in ranching and I'm going to end up the same way," he said.

Phillips is as much at home on winding country roads, creaky old bridges, cattle pens and cutting horses as he was straddling the sidelines in the Astrodome and Superdome.

But Phillips won't be home on the ranch on Sundays this fall.

He'll be back in the Astrodome and other NFL stadiums as a color analyst for the Oilers' broadcast network on KTRH-AM.

Phillips also will accept a limited number of public appearances and speaking engagements on behalf of the Oilers.

It will be Phillips' first association with the NFL since he retired from the Saints in 1985, saying "I'm just loading up the wagon and not worrying about which mule it's hitched to."

He hasn't regretted riding away.

"When I walked away from football I forgot it at that instant," Phillips said. "Coaching does that to you. You get your butt beat one week and you've got to forget

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it and play the next week.

"Evidently, I learned that lesson well. I guess I was ready to get out because I truly didn't miss it. I got right into the cattle business and I've been thinking about that ever since."

So why return now, even to the radio booth?

Because, after the horses have been fed and watered and he's driving home in his pickup truck late at night, Bum has memories.

He remembers returning to the Astrodome to 50,000 crazed "Luv Ya Blue" fans after losing the AFC championship game to Pittsburgh in 1979.

"That was a great feeling to have everyone in town, all on the same page, everybody pulling in the same direction," Phillips said. "I'd like to see that get started again."

He shook his head and spit tobacco on the ground.

"You expect to see 50,000 fans at a major championship game, not coming out and to see a team that just got the hell beat out of it."

That was when Bum, speaking through teary eyes, told the fans "This year we knocked on the door, next year we'll kick the SOB down."

But the Oilers never kicked down the door to the Super Bowl,

and Phillips left under less than harmonious circumstances.

It has taken 10 years and the departure of Ladd Herzog as Oilers general manager to get Bum back in the Astrodome.

"I wasn't trying to hide out; I just wasn't interested in the people who were running it at the time," Phillips said. "I didn't have any ax to grind. I was just happy doing my thing."

Even last season after Herzog's departure, Phillips was conspicuously absent from a reunion of Oilers players at a home game.

"I can't put it in words, but it just didn't feel right to be there," Phillips said. "It was like there was still a division there. Now it's different."

Oilers owner Bud Adams is glad to have Phillips associated with the Oilers once again.

"People on the street thought there was animosity between us, but that was never the case," Adams said. "There are always going to be personnel changes. That's just a part of the game."

"We thought he'd be a positive addition to the broadcast team. He'll add charisma."

Oilers Executive Vice President Mike McClure, who left the Oilers in 1981 and returned prior to last season, wanted to bring Phillips back into the fold.

"I just thought it was the appropriate thing to do. He was such a big part of a successful Oiler era," McClure said.

Fans likely will expect to hear the homey style that made Phillips among the most quotable coaches.

Phillips is eager to give the radio booth a try, but he won't force it.

"If it gets to the point I don't want to do it any more or they decide I'm not what they want, they don't owe me a damn thing," Phillips said.

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