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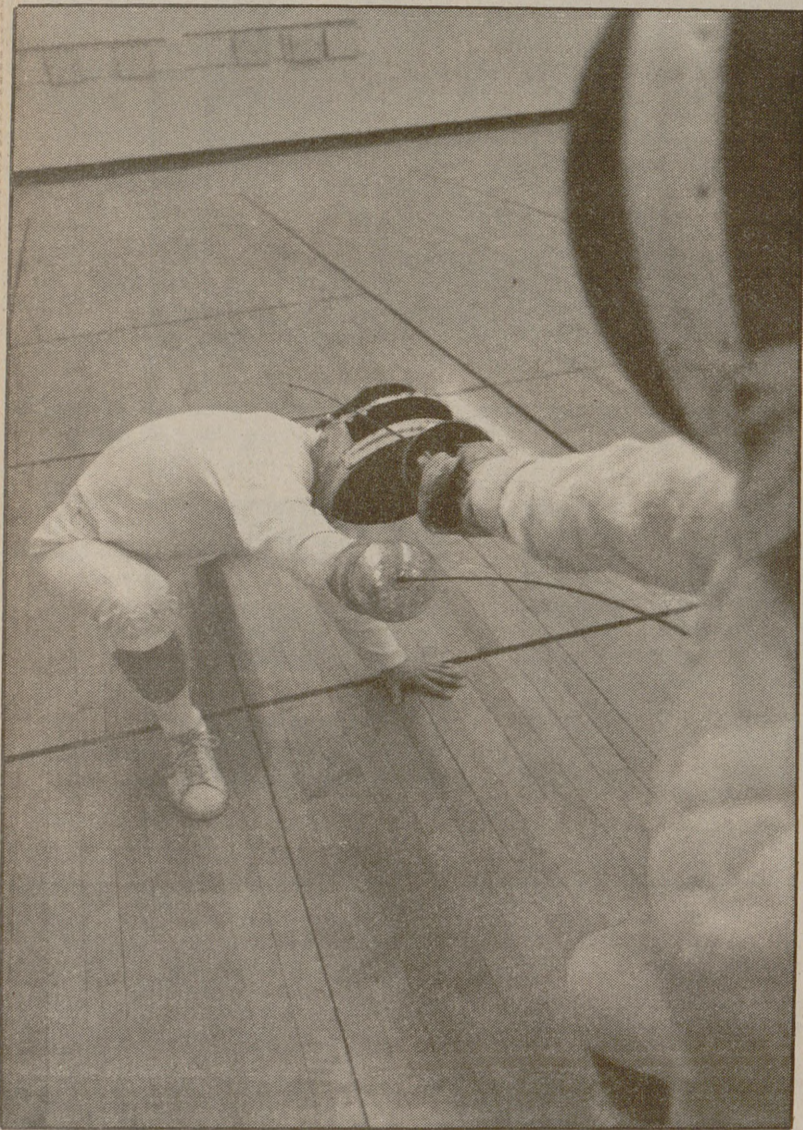


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Texas A&M Fencing Club member Angie Betker avoids a stab Tuesday night by her opponent, Norman Hecht. The club practices Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Read Building.

Ryan Express jumps track

Rangers' pitcher fails to capture his 300th win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Nolan Ryan failed to win his 300th game Wednesday night, leaving after eight innings and trailing 7-4 to baseball's worst team — the New York Yankees.

Ryan wound up with a no-decision when the Texas Rangers rallied in the ninth to tie it at 7 on Pete Incaviglia's two-out, two-run homer. The game went into extra innings.

Ryan was shaky from the start, never the overpowering pitcher his fans yearned to see. He gave up a triple to open the game, lost an early lead and allowed his highest run total of the season.

He likely will make his second try for 300 Monday night in Milwaukee.

The milestone slipped away on solo home runs by Kevin Maas and Roberto Kelly that put the Yankees ahead 3-2 in the fourth inning and Bob Geren hit a two-run single in the sixth. Geren had a two-run homer that made it 7-3 in the eighth.

The Yankees, with the poorest record in the majors, started four rookies and played without Don Mattingly.

Mattingly may miss the rest of the

season with back problems that forced him out of the starting lineup.

Mattingly, who signed a \$19.3 million, guaranteed five-year contract extension the day before the season started, has been bothered by back spasms for several months and has struggled at the plate. He missed seven straight games before the All-Star break.

"It's an ongoing problem," Merrill said. "I didn't want to risk it at this point in the season."

Asked whether Mattingly could be out for the rest of the year, Merrill said, "I wouldn't rule it out."

The team officially said Mattingly's status was day-to-day. Merrill said Mattingly likely would go back to New York on Thursday while the club travels to Cleveland for a doubleheader Friday.

Ryan, pitching with a bad back and a sore Achilles tendon, had won five straight decisions. But the all-time strikeout leader was outpitched by one of the game's softest throwers, Dave LaPoint.

Ryan gave up seven runs on 10 hits. He struck out nine, walked three and threw 141 pitches. The hits and home runs against him also were season highs.

LaPoint pitched six innings and allowed three runs on nine hits with six strikeouts.

A crowd of 41,954 that included commissioner Fay Vincent hoped to see Ryan become the 20th pitcher to

win 300. Instead, they saw him struggle.

Deion Sanders, who was born a year after Ryan made his major league debut in 1966, led off the game with a triple and scored when Steve Sax followed with a ground-out.

Pete Incaviglia's two-run single put Texas ahead in the first and with the crowd cheering on every pitch, Ryan stayed in front until the fourth.

Maas, a rookie, led off with his seventh home run in 52 at-bats this season, and third in three games, and Kelly connected one out later. It was the first time this season Ryan had allowed two home runs in a game.

In the sixth, Ryan walked his first two batters around a single to rookie Jim Leyritz that loaded the bases and Geren hit a two-run single.

Texas tried to rally in the seventh, scoring one to pull within 5-3. But Ruben Sierra fled out to the warning track with two runners on base to end the inning, and Geren hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Steve Buechele hit an RBI double in the Rangers' eighth that made it 7-4.

In the ninth, Dave Righetti retired the first two batters before Rafael Palmeiro singled and advanced on Kelly's error in left field. Sierra hit a run-scoring single and Incaviglia hit his 16th home run on a 1-2 pitch.

Anheuser-Busch, Toyota join IBM, pull advertising

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Toyota and Anheuser-Busch joined IBM on Wednesday in canceling plans to run television ads during next month's PGA Championship at the all-white Shoal Creek country club.

Toyota and IBM officials said they were pulling advertising from the ABC and ESPN telecasts because of racial exclusion in the membership of the Shoal Creek club. Anheuser-Busch did not give a reason for dropping its ads during the golf tournament, Aug. 9-12.

The cancellation of TV ads by major corporations came as Birmingham's black mayor, Richard Arrington, took the role of racial peacemaker in hopes of avoiding protests, opening up Shoal Creek to black members and making clear Birmingham has become racially progressive in the past two decades.

Arrington said a letter he received Tuesday from Shoal Creek officials convinced him the club, located in Shelby County near Birmingham, soon will accept black members.

"It's a positive step," he said. Officials at Shoal Creek, founded in 1977 and site of the 1984 PGA Championship, have said the club's policies do not bar blacks as members and that blacks have been guests.

But calls for picketing of this year's championship were made after Shoal Creek founder Hall Thompson was quoted in a newspaper as saying the club could not be pressured into accepting blacks. He later apologized and said he was quoted out of context.

The letter to the mayor included a promise from Thompson that the club will act in good faith in following a non-discriminatory course. The action on Wednesday by Toyota and Anheuser-Busch followed by one day the decision by IBM to drop advertising during the championship. The IBM commercials were to appear on ABC, which is televising the final two days of the event. The first two days are being televised by ESPN.

Toyota said it had no choice but to cancel its ads on ESPN. To do otherwise "would go against everything we're trying to accomplish" in work with minorities, said Mindy Geller at Toyota headquarters in Torrance, Calif.

Jeff Davis, a spokesman for Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis, said a "corporate decision" was made in which plans for ads on ESPN during the PGA were changed. He declined to comment on whether the racial developments were a factor.

Oilers gain UT receiver

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Size was not a factor when the Houston Oilers drafted Tony Jones in the sixth round of the 1990 NFL draft.

Speed was. Jones, 5-7 and 143 pounds, was among the fastest players in the draft and also among the smallest. But small receivers abound in the Oilers run-and-shoot offense.

"The quick, small guys are so much more mobile, they are suited for this offense," Jones said. "They get there quicker."

Jones caught 108 passes in four years at the University of Texas. He might have caught that many in one season at the run-and-shoot University of Houston.

"I wish we'd had him at Houston," said Oilers free agent quarterback David Ducas, a former UH quarterback.

"He'd have been all right. He'd have been a No. 1 draft choice. He's got so much speed, he's perfect for the run-and-shoot."

Jones made some spectacular catches as a Longhorn, but not enough to move higher in the draft order.

"I think in college if I had caught more balls, I'd have been drafted higher," Jones said. "But they didn't throw to me enough so there was nothing I could do."

Jones got plenty of work in the first two days of Oilers training camp but he saw less action Wednesday when Oiler veterans reported for their first workouts.

Jones is trying to earn a spot with the Oilers at one of the most talented positions on the team.

Jones realizes he'll have to contribute in other ways.

"I know I've got to do some special teams work to make this football team," Jones said. "I've got no problem with that. I wish I could have done more of that in college too."

Former Ranger owner Chiles leaves behind Ryan legacy

DALLAS (AP) — Former Texas Rangers owner Eddie Chiles left behind a special reminder of his 10-year association with the team: Nolan Ryan.

Chiles signed Ryan as a free agent in December 1988, three months before selling the team to a group headed by George W. Bush, the president's son.

Chiles has been in his skybox every time Ryan has started at Arlington Stadium.

"I make it a purpose not to miss him," Chiles told The Dallas Morning News. He said he's seen about 85 percent of the Rangers home games

since he sold the team.

"Eddie could have easily said, 'I don't know if new ownership will want to do that, so rather than extend the kind of money to sign a free agent of Nolan's caliber, let's just leave it as it is,'" said Mike Stone, Rangers president.

"He did take a risk ... He displayed the courage he showed as an oilman in the decision to give us the OK to go after Nolan."

The Rangers lured Ryan with a two-year contract worth \$3.2 million. If he chooses to play another season, he'd get \$3.3 million more.

Americans favor readmission of Rose in baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans overwhelmingly believe Pete Rose deserved jail time for evading taxes, but most also say he should be allowed to work in baseball again — and even get a swing at the Hall of Fame.

Eighty-one percent in a national Associated Press poll said it was right for Rose, baseball's all-time hit leader, to be sentenced to federal prison last week for failing to report \$350,000 in income. He got five

months.

But respondents went easier on Rose in relation to baseball: Fifty-six percent said he had not harmed the game's image, and among those who said he had hurt baseball, only about a third said the damage was serious.

Nearly two-thirds overall said Rose, ex-manager of the Cincinnati Reds, should be allowed to work in baseball again. He was banished from the sport for life last year for gambling, but can apply for reinstatement.

Despite the banishment and his felony tax conviction, two-thirds said Rose, 49, should be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. He amassed 4,256 hits, the current record, in 24 years of ball playing.

Rose becomes eligible in December 1991 for election by sports writers to the Hall of Fame. He was virtually assured of the honor before

he ran afoul of the baseball commissioner and the law, but his chance now is less certain.

The poll did not specify an election date for Rose, asking only if he should be named to the Hall of Fame "at some point." Baseball fans were a bit more likely than non-fans to favor Rose for the hall, 71 to 63 percent, and men were more supportive than women, 74 to 62 percent.

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