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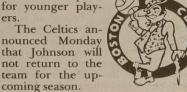
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Celtics' Johnson won't return for next season

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BOSTON (AP) — Dennis John-son, a member of three NBA championship teams, has lost his spot on the Boston Celtics as the team makes a push

Tuesday, October 2, 1990



Johnson, who played seven years for the Celtics, met with team officials over the weekend. They decided not to renew his contract, which expired at the end of last sea-

"This was such a difficult decision to make, considering the stature of Dennis Johnson," said Coach Chris Ford. "I consider him to be the consummate professional and a fine example for present and future Boston Celtics.'

With the return of Brian Shaw after a year in Italy, first-round draft pick Dee Brown and Reggie Lewis, Kevin Gamble and John Bagley, the Celtics have a young corps of guards

to rely on during the coming season. The 36-year-old Johnson said in a statement that he would pursue of-fers from other teams. He said the Celtics officials "presented this to me in the best possible way. They were up front, honest and professional with me, and gave me more consid-eration that I could ever imagine." "My years in Boston have been

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great ones, and I'll always remember them," Johnson said.

Johnson was drafted by Seattle in 1976 and was the MVP of the 1979 playoffs, leading the SuperSonics to their only championship their only championship. After four years in Seattle, John-

son was traded to the Phoenix Suns. He joined the Celtics in 1983 and helped lead the team to champion-ships 1984 and 1986.

Johnson has been named to the league's all-defensive teams more than any other guard in NBA his-

tory. "When Dennis Johnson was brought here to Boston, he filled a huge void in our team. His great de-fensive play and his leadership were major reasons why we were so successful in the 1980s," Celtics president Red Auerbach said.

American League East Race Jays close to elimination

BALTIMORE (AP) - Toronto moved within one game of elimination in the American League East on Monday night as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Blue Jays 6-3 behind the strong pitching of rookie Jose Mesa.

The Blue Jays, who have lost five of their last six games, en-tered the day trailing the Boston Red Sox by one game. The Red Sox beat Chicago 4-3 Monday night and now have clinched at least a tie for the division title as each team has two games remain-

ing. Mesa (3-2) gave up four hits and three runs in 7 2-3 innings for his second victory over the Blue Jays in 19 days. Kevin

Hickey got one out and Gregg Ol-son finished for his 37th save. Baltimore trailed 3-1 in the sixth before rallying for three runs against David Wells (11-6). Billy Ripken walked and Mike Devereaux followed with his 12th

homer. After Cal Ripken fouled out, Randy Milligan singled, took sec-ond on a groundout and scored on Bob Melvin's double.

Baltimore added a run in the seventh against reliever Frank Wills when Craig Worthington doubled and scored on a single by Billy Ripken. Sam Horn hit a pinch homer in the eighth for the Orioles' final run.

As Sox clinch tie with win

BOSTON (AP) — Boston clinched a tie for the American League East title Monday night as Dwight Evans snapped an eighthinning tie with a run-scoring sin-gle to give the Red Sox a 4-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

The win moved the Red Sox two games ahead of Toronto with two games left for each team. The Blue Jays lost to Baltimore 6-3 and will be eliminated on Tuesday if the Red Sox win or they

The Red Sox won the AL East 1988, but have not won a World Series title since 1918.

After the White Sox rallied for three runs in the top of the

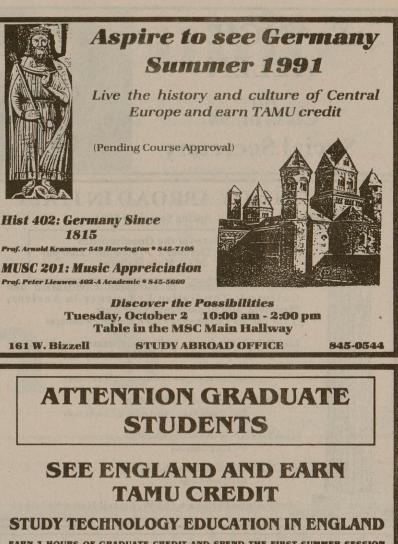
eighth, the Boston came right back

Reliever Ken Patterson walked Wade Boggs to start the eighth. Barry Jones (11-4) relieved and was greeted by Ellis Burks with a single. Boggs, however, was thrown out at third by Ivan Calderon, with Burks taking second on the throw.

Mike Greenwell was walked intentionally and Evans followed with his third hit of the game, a ground single to center. Jeff Reardon (5-3) got the vic-

tory by bailing out Larry Andersen in the eighth.

The Red Sox took the lead in the third with an unearned run off Greg Hibbard (14-10).

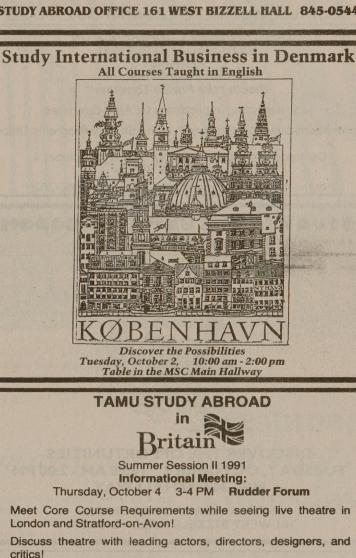


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HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers dug themselves out of an early-season hole with a must-win victory over San Diego Sunday and now they face a

four-game home schedule.

So why aren't they smiling? Possibly because Sunday's opposition is defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco and the following week Cin-

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cinnati visits the Astrodome.

"It was a big win for us," Oilers coach Jack Pardee said of Sunday's victory. "We're sitting here 2-2 right now and that's sure a lot better than being 1-3 with the 49ers coming in."

"We didn't have anyone playing a perfect game but everybody played

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easy 17 yards.

Then, it was A&M's turn to shine. Tailback Darren Lewis was run outof-bounds after a quick five yards and LSU's Derriel McCorvey gave him a good shove. Lewis returned with a forearm and the official, who was standing quite near the incident and should have seen it all, only saw Lewis' aggression and ejected him from the game. Then the ball was back in the Ti-

gers' court and they returned with a powerful passing shot - another 15 yard penalty for a personal foul. All in all, LSU lost 121 yards on 13

penalties. Granted, this is all of their penalties, but in comparison to A&M's loss of only 26 yards on 3 pe-nalties, the Tigers lost a lot of ground on over-aggression.

player would sometimes give their trated loser.

victim a little shove as they rose, just to show that everyone was ready for the matchup.

two touchdowns.

Scuffles arose that referees were quick to stifle, hoping a brawl wasn't about to begin.

The Oilers now can envision themselves getting back in the race for the playoffs.

"We're playing catchup with Cin-cinnati because they've got a two-

game lead on us," running back Al-len Pinkett said.

But eventually everyone left Death Valley with their lives. The Aggies left knowing they weren't invincible (as preseason pollsters were leading everyone to believe), and the Tigers? They left knowing the loss to Vandy was obviously a prank by the gods — a humbling experience. But the time will roll around next

year when LSU will have to venture to College Station. Maybe it's not Death Valley and maybe we don't have the Tiger fan's reputation (what a relief!), but by then, maybe ound on over-aggression. the gods again will be on our side At the end of a play, the tackling and the Tigers will go away the frus-

champions so we've got to get even better. After starting the season with losses to

Atlanta and Pittsburgh, the Oilers' run-and-shoot finally sprang to life against the Chargers led by Warren Moon, who passed for 355 yards and

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hard and it was a team victory," Pardee said. "We are getting a little bet-ter and we're playing the world Theatre Appreciation Courses (choose one):