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# Rangers announce Ryan's return

BEAUMONT (AP) — Pitcher Nolan Ryan will be signed and will be back with the Texas Rangers next year, team owner George W. Bush said Tuesday.

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"Nothing has changed in our attitude," Bush said at a Beaumont news conference while campaigning for Republican congressional candidate Maury Meyers.

'Nolan Ryan makes an enormous difference in the Texas Rangers. He is a legend, and the way you build a successful baseball franchise is you've got to have some legends," he said. "You've got to have grandfathers and grandmothers pass on stories to their grandkids. And that's what Nolan Ryan provides for us. He's huge.

Speculation about Ryan's

Owner says pitcher makes enormous difference in team

future came after baseball's all-time strikeout king said Monday the Rangers, who hold a \$3.3 million option on his contract for 1991, haven't spoken to him since he indicated last month he plans to return next year.

General Manager Tom Grieve, in Milwaukee for the final series of the season, told The Dallas Morning News that exercising the option was "a mere formality." He said he expects the club to make it official before the deadline of 15 days after the season ends.

"Obviously, we want him back," Grieve said. "That's no secret. In my mind, it's a foregone conclusion that he's coming back

Bush said he wasn't troubled by any perception of a delay in the team signing Ryan.

'I know Tom Grieve at the end of the season is going to make that move," he said. "There's no reason for us not to.

Bush credited Ryan's no-hitter earlier this season — a record sixth for Ryan — for turning around the

"It energized the fan base," he said. "The no-hitter also coincided with the team playing better base-

'No question about it. Nolan is the cornerstone of the fan excitement." Ryan, however, hasn't been taking

any chances.

Ryan wants to keep the ball used in his final career strike-

rranged to have 11 balls

thrown out of his last start last Sunday. Ryan said he arranged with plate umpire Ted Hendry to have the final ball from each

Ryan strikeout removed from "In case I don't come back,

I wanted to make sure I had the ball from Sunday. You never know what's going to happen. I can't predict the future," he said.

"The day I walked off the mound in the Astrodome with the Achilles' problem (in 1989), I never thought that would be the last time I wore an Astros uniform," Ryan said. "But it was.

## Lady Ags host Rice tonight

The Texas A&M volleyball team will open Southwest Conference play today at 7 p.m. against Rice University at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Lady Aggies (6-10) are riding a three game winning streak and a first place finish in the Texas A&M Invitational last weekend.

The Owls are 7-10 after losing three straight matches. A&M and Rice are the last two

teams to begin conference play. The Lady Aggies own the series edge over Rice, 21-3.

The two teams split their two matches last year, with each team

winning on it's home court.

The first 500 fans receive a Lady Aggie poster, sponsored by local radio station Aggie 96.

# Brewers' Brown hops over Texas 1-0 in first major league victor

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A blister But it was burning. wouldn't let Milwaukee left-hander Kevin Brown finish what he started Tuesday night, so he had to settle for his first major league victory with help from the Brewers' bullpen.

Brown pitched a one-hitter over seven innings — allowing only an infield single — and Chuck Crim and Dan Plesac preserved the Brewers' 1-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"It was bad enough to come out. I hadn't had any problems with a blister in a month, but I hadn't pitched enough they hit it at somebody. I'm regularly in a month. I've tried everything - mashing the blister in rice, crazy glue," said Brown, who came to Milwaukee in a Sept. 7 trade winter ball. I like my chances."

from the New York Mets. "I wanted to stay in regardless of the blister. In just his third major league to stay in regardless of the blister.

Brown (1-1) has made an impression for next season when he hopes to win a spot in the rotation.

"I wanted to go out and have a good start," he said. "I wasn't anticipating a one-hitter. I was fortunate

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not going to speculate (about next year). We'll see what happens in spring training. I'm going to pitch

In just his third major league

inning infield single to Rube Sierra. The 24-year-old left-hande walked Julio Franco in the sixth is ning and struck out three. Crimga up two hits in the eighth and Pes pitched a perfect ninth for his 24

"He (Brown) mentioned the 🖟 ter after the seventh, but said to could go on," Milwaukee manage. Tom Trebelhorn said. "I thoughthat would be kind of silly lie made 94 pitches and I'm not gor to send him out there if he's less the

Milwaukee got its run in thethroff Kenny Rogers (10-6) who George Canale walked, was satisficed to second by Mike Felder at scored on Jim Gantner's do

# Astros painted Red by Cincinnati pitching staff

CINCINNATI (AP) - Jack Armstrong pitched two perfect innings Tuesday night in his first start since Aug. 24, and Paul O'Neill singled home a pair of runs as the Cincinnati Reds exercised their pitching staff in

a 3-2 victory over Houston. Four Reds pitchers retired the first 16 batters in order before Luis Gonzalez doubled off Rick Mahler with one out in the sixth. The Astros managed four hits, all off Mahler, against six Cincinnati pitchers. Glenn Davis' two-run single in the seventh scored both Houston runs. Randy Myers pitched the ninth The victory was No. 91 for the the

National League West champions, who open the playoffs Thursday against Pittsburgh at Riverfront Stadium. The 91 wins are the most since 1978, when Cincinnati had 92.

Armstrong struck out two in his first start since being disabled by a sore elbow. He had made two short relief appearances since coming off the disabled list on Sept. 9. Armstrong is 1-6 as a starter since the All-

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terceptions against the Tigers. Slocum said the senior can be outstanding when he plays within his abilities. trouble, Slocum said.

"Lance does well until he gets in that situation where he feels like he personally has to win the ballgame and tries to make plays that really aren't there," Slocum said. "Lance did not have a good game. He made some poor decisions.

Pavlas completed 59 percent of his passes last year — second best in school history. But of the 227 passes he attempted in 1989, the throw most people remember is the one he'd most like to take back: the fourth quarter interception to Anthony Cooney in Arkansas' 23-22 win at Kyle Field.

'The only times he got in trouble

terback in the nation, threw three in- last year was when he tried to make those plays that most people can't make," Slocum said. "You just don't try to make the impossible plays. It's when Paylas tries to win the Don't feel that burden. Let's punt game by himself that he runs into the ball and play defense. When you've got guys open, then throw the ball there.

'Lance has done a great job of doing that so far this year, and he did it last year. I've got confidence in his ability to do it. I just don't want him to assume too much of the

It's that load that Slocum hopes Pavlas will lessen this weekend against Texas Tech.

"I'd say almost any quarterback would certainly have it in the back of his mind if he threw three interceptions," Slocum said. "He's probably anxious to come back and get that experience behind him. All good players do that. Hopefully he'll learn from that situation.

## Miami faces Florida State with major role reversal

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) ---Florida State's opponent Saturday is a typical Miami team in many respects — fast, aggressive, skilled at throwing the ball, ranked in the Top Ten.

But there is one important difference. This Miami team has lost

"You know, it's usually us with a loss facing them," Florida State

coach Bobby Bowden said Tue-day. "This is the first time I can remember facing them when they've lost a game in a long, long

Miami (2-1) was the preseau No. 1 team but dropped is opener 28-21 at Brigham Youn After victories over California and Iowa, the Hurricanes are ranked ninth.

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three missed field goals by place-kicker Lin Elliott proved the difference in a 21-15 loss to Baylor.

Other than a tough match against the Red Raiders, A&M's march to the conference championship must travel through Houston, Arkansas and Texas for its three toughest games. Plus, the conference's weaklings have proven that they're not as

weak as they used to be The SWC looks like it's a more balenced conference this year where any team could beat any other on

any given weekend.

There's not a single team that A&M can afford to look past and assume there will be an easy victory, and head coach R.C. Slocum's aware

"Over the years you could always circle two or three teams as wins," Slocum said. "You start looking around this year and everybody's looking pretty good.

"It's much harder to look at somebody and say we're not going to have any trouble with these people.

Texas Christian, Rice and Baylor,

brilliance against some strong of The Horned Frogs have on from behind for all of their victors including against the Big Egt Missouri and Oklahoma State &

all of whom will make trips to

Field this year have shown flashed

came within ten seconds of beam 13th-ranked Houston, while Ball played to within a couple of play beating eighth-ranked Nebraska

Even Southern Method whipped Vanderbilt 44-7 and Commodores beat LSU two wed

The race starts now and ev game is just as important as the ne Whether it be Texas or Rice, all conference games will be h fought wars.

The Aggies are still favored come out on Dec. 1 as the SW representative at the 55th @ Bowl, but don't be too surprise the eventual champion goes to year's Classic with one or ever conference losses.

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