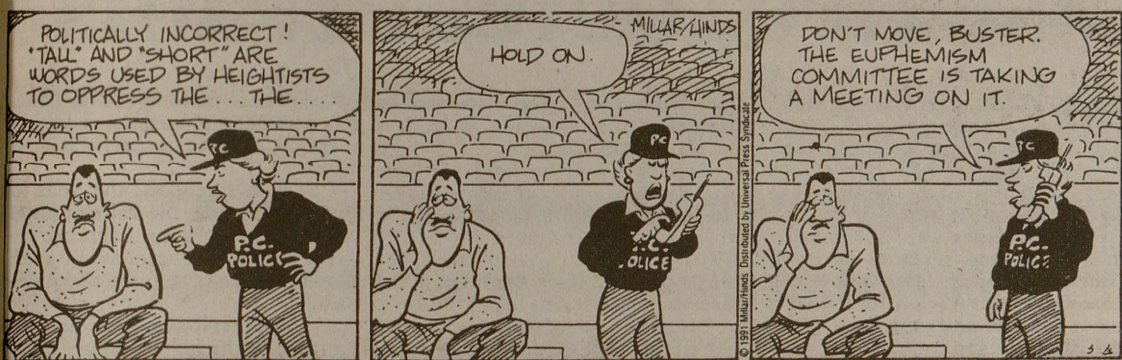


TANK McNAMARA

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Young pitcher he was and would be disappointed if he tainted that legacy by pitching again and doing poorly.

It should be expected that all great athletes will at one time try a comeback. After a lifetime of competition, an athlete can't just walk away from his sport.

If an athlete finishes his career and accepts that he can't ever compete on the same level again, what kind of competitor is he?

Palmer is such a fierce competitor that he has a legitimate shot at pitching in the major leagues again.

The Orioles were impressed with Palmer enough to invite him to spring training, and manager Frank Robinson said Palmer will probably start the team's first exhibition game on March 7.

Still, some think Palmer should let things rest.

But with all that's gone bad in baseball over the past year, it's a welcome relief to see such a great player return to baseball.

Arbitration has made sportscasts look more like financial reports. Pete Rose, baseball's all-time leading hitter, is currently teaching grade school P.E. classes as part of his punishment for income tax evasion.

All this after Roger Clemens assaults an American league umpire on national T.V. during the 1990 playoffs.

And Palmer just wants to throw again.

He's hearing the voice of youth call him back to the ballpark.

And that's what baseball is — a kid's game even when played by grown men.

If Palmer goes out and plays for the fun of playing then he's sure to make it.

And if he really wants to pitch again, for the love of the game, then his fans should be happy for him and support him.

I hope Jim listens to that voice inside him and makes it.

Frogs shock UT, Coogs roll on

FORT WORTH (AP) — Allen Tolley, who averages 5.4 points per game, tied a career high with 20 points Wednesday night and the Texas Christian Horned Frogs snapped an eight-game losing streak to Texas with a 78-70 Southwest Conference victory over the Longhorns.

TCU improved its overall record to 17-9 and 8-7 in the SWC while Texas dropped to 19-7 and 12-3. It was the first time a Tom Penders-coached team had lost to TCU in seven games.

TCU, which was shooting only 57 per cent from the free throw line, scored its last 18 points from the charity stripe after Michael Strickland's 3-pointer with 5:35 to play.

Joey Wright led the Longhorns with 25 points, Benford Williams had 14 and Locksley Collie added 12.

Tolley scored 14 points in the first 20 minutes to stake the Horned Frogs to a 36-31 halftime lead.

Tolley, who has been in double figures only five times this year,

hit seven of eight shots in the first half.

TCU built a 9-point lead at 32-23 on Strickland's 3-point shot at 3:27 but Texas outscored the Frogs 8-4 to narrow the lead just before intermission. Strickland finished the game with 15 points and Reggie Smith had 17 for the Horned Frogs.

Texas was trying to notch 20 victories for the third straight year, but a crowd of 6,125 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum watched as TCU denied the Longhorns. Both teams have one game left in the regular season. Texas had won 14 of its last 16 games before meeting the Horned Frogs.

Elsewhere, Houston senior forward Darrell Mickens scored 14 points and had eight rebounds as the Cougars used a 39-8 run late in the first half and early in the second half Wednesday night to defeat Southern Methodist 85-58 in a Southwest Conference game.

Derrick Smith led Houston with 15 points and Byron Smith followed with 11 more as Houston set a team conference record

with 10 three-point shots.

The Cougars are now 17-9 overall and 9-6 in conference play. SMU, which fell to 11-16, and 6-10, has lost seven of its last nine games.

Houston opened the second half on a 17-2 tear to complete the 39-8 performance that started in the first half. Three-point goals by Mickens, Tyrone Evans and Derrick Daniels paced the second-half burst.

In the first half, Houston used a 22-2 run to take a 43-21 lead after a three-point shot by Evans with 1:10 left in the half.

During that stretch, Mickens had seven points, four rebounds and two steals, while Derrick Smith contributed six more points.

SMU outscored Houston 9-1 and trailed only 21-19 following Gerald Lewis' three-point basket with 7:41 left in the first half. But the rest of the half was all Houston, and the Cougars led 43-25 at intermission.

Ryan enjoys VIP treatment at White House

FORT WORTH (AP) — It wasn't your everyday lineup — the president of the United States, Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and Nolan Ryan.

Who's your cleanup hitter in that group?

Ryan, official Texas hero, and his wife, Ruth, received an up-close and personal look inside the White House last week when they were guests of President and Barbara Bush for a state dinner honoring the queen. Afterward, the Ryans spent the night in the Lincoln Room.

Ryan liked it so much he said he wouldn't mind going back someday.

Enough, perhaps, to stay a few years?

"Well, I don't know if I'd go that far," said Ryan. "I don't think that's in the works. Maybe that first stop (the governor's mansion) in Texas

would be all right. But I really don't have political aspirations."

The Ryans joined a group of about 130 guests for the black-tie dinner last Wednesday.

Their stay included a personal tour of the White House with the president, who showed them the Oval Office, his private office, his television room, the White House horseshoe pits — "I didn't pick one up because I didn't want to embarrass myself," Ryan said — the tennis courts, weight room and private living quarters.

"The president took about an hour out of his day just to show us around," Ryan said. "That's one of the nicer things we've ever done. They were gracious hosts and really made us feel at home."

The Ryans joined the president and Barbara Bush for another short visit before the dinner, then went in for the official reception. The guest list also included comedian Don Knotts and actress Melanie Griffith, who, Ruth Ryan said, was the hit of the evening in a dress that was "short, tight and very revealing."

"I was nervous when I found out Nolan and I

were going to be sitting at separate tables," Ruth said. "But I was sitting between Walter Cronkite and Secretary of State James Baker, and they both have Texas backgrounds, so it was really nice."

Ryan found himself at the head table with the president and the queen.

"It was boy-girl, boy-girl," Ryan said. "The queen, the president, Colin Powell's wife, Alma, me and Katherine Couric of 'The Today Show.'"

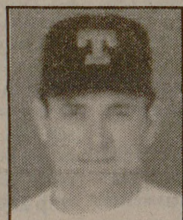
Ryan said he and the queen didn't talk much baseball.

"She probably knew less about me than I did her, and I didn't know a whole lot about her," Ryan said. "I don't think she was interested in any free agents."

Later in the evening, the Ryans were invited to join the Bushes and some of their family in the sitting room adjacent to the president's living quarters.

"We just shot the breeze for about an hour," Ryan said.

The Ryans were extremely impressed with the White House.



Ryan

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