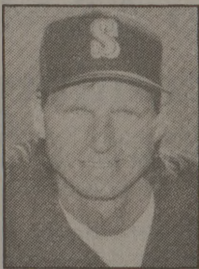


Ryan reflects on his career in watching Johnson's show

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ARLINGTON — Randy Johnson's slider was baffling hitters like never before, and Nolan Ryan watched from the dugout and smiled.



Johnson

What he saw was a younger version of himself.

Johnson struck out 18 batters through eight innings Sunday, tying the American League record for lefthanders, before departing with a no decision after throwing 160 pitches.

His strikeout total fell two short of Roger Clemens' major league record and one shy of Steve Carlton's mark for a left-handed pitcher.

Neither Johnson nor Ryan got a decision in Texas' 3-2 victory, which paled by contrast to the strikeout show.

"I probably shouldn't tell you this," Johnson said after icing his arm for an hour, "but I was playing cards before the game and Nolan called to congratulate me on how well I have been pitching in the second half."

"Now, there's not too many pitchers I'm going to call on the day of a game and tell them how impressed I am with the way they've been pitching."

"If I was going to lose to someone, I wouldn't mind losing to Nolan Ryan. He's my idol. He brought out the best in me today."

He's what this game is all about. When you face him you have to pitch your best."

Ryan actually brought out the best in Johnson on Aug. 8 when the Rangers were in Seattle and he called Johnson over to watch his workout.

Afterwards, they talked, power pitcher to power pitcher.

Ryan related that he, too, was erratic as a youngster, but how with hard work and perseverance, control and proper mechanics eventually prevailed. He told Johnson to quit worrying about walks. He told him about how his most important pitch shouldn't be the fastball, but the breaking ball.

Johnson won his next four starts, and since their talk has struck out 110 batters in 78 innings to lead the major leagues with 233.

"We discussed his mechanics some and his mental preparation to the game," Ryan said. "We talked about his approach to setting up hitters, using the slider."

"He had confidence in it today," Ryan said. "He was throwing it for strikes to set up the fastball. It's enjoyable to see someone with his ability put it together."

On Sunday, Johnson (11-14) scattered six hits, walked four and sent 14 hitters down swinging and four looking. He has struck out 45 hitters in 25 innings over his last three starts, but has only a loss and two no-decisions to show for it.

He's been a lot like Ryan in that respect, too. Ryan compiled an 0.99 ERA in his last four starts, but had a loss and three no-decisions.

Ryan finished his 26th season 5-9, his fewest victories in a full season, although the Texas bullpen blew six leads he entrusted his relievers. He struck out 157 in 157 1-3 innings, snapping a six-year streak of at least one strikeout per inning, but increasing his record to 5,668 for his career.

Johnson matched the mark of 18 strikeouts for a lefty set by Ron Guidry of the Yankees on June 17, 1978, against California. He also set a Mariners record for strikeouts, surpassing the 16 fanned by Mark Langston and Mike Moore in 1988.

Only twice in AL history has a pitcher struck out more than 18 in a nine-inning game. Clemens set the major league record of 20 against Seattle on April 29, 1986, and Ryan fanned 19 for California against Boston on Aug. 12, 1974.

Mariners manager Bill Plummer wanted to take Johnson out after the seventh, the first inning he had failed to strike out at least two batters.

"But I wanted to get a chance to win the game and I wanted to break the Mariners' strikeout record," Johnson said.

But Johnson said he didn't even think about going out for the ninth to chase Clemens' record, even though he would have faced David Hulse, Cris Colon and Jack Daugherty.

"I was getting pretty tired," Johnson said. "I still have another start and didn't want to abuse my arm."

"Did he get tired?" asked Daugherty, who struck out twice. "That's what he gets for striking out 18."

McGuire to speak at first Barone Bash

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Basketball Hall of Famer Al McGuire, former head coach at the University of Marquette and college basketball analyst for CBS-TV, will be the featured speaker at the first Barone Bash Oct. 2 at the College Station Hilton.

The dinner will follow a golf tournament which will be held earlier the same day.

McGuire's Marquette teams won the NCAA championship in 1977 after finishing as runner-up in 1974. The Warriors won the National Invitational Tournament in 1970. In 13 years at Marquette, McGuire built a record of 302-80, was twice named national coach of the year and took his team to 11 straight postseason tournaments.

McGuire worked as NBC-TV's college basketball analyst for 15 years, and joined CBS during the 1992 NCAA Tournament.

The golf tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Pebble Creek Country Club in College Station. The tournament will have a scramble format and the \$115 entry fee will include green fee and cart, lunch, ditty bag, dinner and two tickets to the Dec. 5 basketball home opener against Missouri.

For dinner and golf reservations, contact Kevin Hurley at the A&M Basketball Office (409) 845-4531.

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Chiefs drop Raiders to worst start in 28 years

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The biggest crowd in Kansas City in 20 years got exactly what it wanted Monday night, watching the Los Angeles Raiders plunge to their worst record in 28 years.

Quarterback Dave Krieg scored two touchdowns and Barry Word muscled up the middle for 125 yards as the Chiefs (3-1) beat the Raiders 27-7, leaving the Silver and Black with an 0-4 record for the first time since 1964.

Word, a 245-pounder working

mostly up the middle, went over 100 yards against Los Angeles for the third straight game as the Chiefs won their sixth in a row over their old AFL rivals and maintained a first-place tie with Denver in the AFC West.

Krieg, who spent 12 years with Seattle before signing with Kansas City this year as a Plan B free agent, used Fred Jones' block on Ronnie Lott to dash 7 yards into the end zone on the first play of the fourth period for a 17-7 lead.

Krieg also scored on a 3-yard run in the second quarter, becoming the first Chiefs quarterback to

score two touchdowns in a game since Bill Kinney in 1983.

Nick Lowery's 41-yard field goal midway through the final period made it 20-7 and Charles Mincy returned his first career interception 25 yards for a clinching touchdown with 1:52 left.

After a scoreless first period, the Raiders seized a 7-0 lead 4:36 into the second quarter when Eric Dickerson sprang through a big hole over right tackle and sped 40 yards to the end zone untouched, outrunning Charles Mincy the final 20 yards.

After punting on their first four

possessions, the Chiefs finally got moving after Jeff Jaeger missed a 48-yard field goal attempt.

Starting from their own 30, Kansas City needed just 9 plays to forge a 7-7 tie. Krieg hit Tim Barnett for 26 yards on third-and-10 before Word began pounding the middle, picking up 12 yards of second-and-10, then lumbering 10 yards to the 3.

On the next play, Krieg curled around to his right looking for a pass, but got a good block from tight end Jonathan Hayes and darted into the end zone for his first touchdown since 1987.

Norwood

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If owner Bud Adams somehow found the desire to lower ticket prices, the sad fact is that the situation would hardly be resolved without the NFL revamping the blackout rule.

Presently, the rule states that games must be sold out 72 hours before game time. If not, the game will be blacked out among stations within 100 miles of the home site.

The 72-hour portion of the blackout mandate is, at the least, strict. In both of Houston's first two home contests, the games

ended up sold out. But in each case, the sellout came after the previous Thursday night, which was the deadline.

The 100-mile area presents a greater problem, especially for television advertisers. Even though the Golden Triangle area of Southeast Texas is a two-hour drive away from the Dome, all three network affiliates in the region are barely within 100-mile range. What that means during blackouts is that nearly 500,000 viewers are treated to a game they are largely apathetic towards.

Translating that same situation to parts of the country where games are not traditional sellouts, it cannot be fun for advertisers in, for example, Chandler, Ariz., to run ads while the Cardinals are

blacked out in Phoenix.

Considering that the NFL, along with every other major professional and collegiate sport in the country, has become so dependent on television revenue in the past 10 years, it is idiotic to stifle these advertising dollars. If networks have no profits coming in through advertising, they will no longer be able to sign multi-million dollar contracts with the NFL, NBA or anyone else. Just ask any owner of a major league baseball team.

Network affiliates and other businesses are finally starting to vent their frustrations at the league for its blackout policy. In the past, it was routine for an affiliate or a strong local business, like Houston's Continental Airlines, to purchase remaining tick-

ets and prevent blackouts. This year, these same businesses are letting the NFL sleep in the bed that it made.

Things might get even uglier in the future. As NFL teams continue to struggle with blackouts, viewer frustration grows, putting into motion a cycle of blame between league officials, owners, players and fans.

Those fans are the truly important pieces to this infuriating puzzle. Professional sports exist for the fans, and are supported by the fans. It is way too much to ask them to put up with watching such stellar matchups as the Jets against the Rams while their home team's game is nowhere to be found.

If things don't change, the fans will end up nowhere to be found.



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