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Bonds, Griffey top '93 All-Star voting

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NEW YORK — Barry Bonds, whose blistering first half led San Francisco to first place in the National League West, topped fan voting for next week's All-Star Game, receiving more votes than any player since 1980.

Ken Griffey Jr., who last year made his family the first father-son combo to hit All-Star starters, topped American League players in the final voting announced Wednesday.

Bonds' total of 3,074,603 votes was the most since Davey Lopes of the Los Angeles Dodgers received 3,862,403 votes in 1980. Bonds was elected to start last year for the first time, when he was with Pittsburgh.

Griffey, the top vote-getter in the American League in 1991, received 2,696,918 votes, and will start for the fourth straight season.

The starting lineups will have new looks this

season, with five first-time starters in the NL and three in the AL. The eight first-time starters are the most since there were nine in 1976.

Barry Larkin of the Cincinnati Reds won at shortstop in the NL, stopping Ozzie Smith's streak of 10 consecutive elections. Larkin received 1,259,939 votes to 1,147,552 for his St. Louis rival, the closest race for any spot.

Ryne Sandberg of the Chicago Cubs, last year's leading NL vote-getter, was elected to start at second base for the eighth straight time and the ninth time in 10 years. Outfielder Andy Van Slyke of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who is on the disabled list, was elected for the second straight time.

The other five NL starters are all first-timers: Darren Daulton of Philadelphia at catcher, Phillies teammate John Kruk at first base, Gary Sheffield of Florida at third base, David Justice of Atlanta in the outfield and Larkin.

Sheffield, traded last month from San Diego

to the Marlins, is the first player elected from an expansion team.

The new AL starters are John Olerud of Toronto at first base, Blue Jays teammate Joe Carter in the outfield and catcher Ivan Rodriguez of Texas. Olerud, hitting .401 entering Wednesday's game, finished ahead of Detroit's Cecil Fielder, who has 23 home runs and 76 RBIs.

Baltimore shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. will start for the 10th consecutive season, including 1988, when he replaced Alan Trammell of Detroit, who was elected to start.

Wade Boggs of the New York Yankees was elected at third base for the seventh consecutive year. His first six appearances were with the Boston Red Sox.

Blue Jays second baseman Roberto Alomar was elected for the third consecutive season and Minnesota outfielder Kirby Puckett was elected for the second straight season. Puckett and Griffey were elected for the fourth time.

Brewers end Rangers' four-game streak, 7-6

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MILWAUKEE — Robin Yount singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning Wednesday as the Milwaukee Brewers blew a three-run lead, then beat Texas 7-6 to end the Rangers' four-game winning streak.

Yount's single was his 3,082nd hit, moving him into 12th place on the career list.

Juan Bell singled with one out in the eighth off Craig Lefferts (1-7) and stole second. Gary Redus, whose three-run pinch-homer in the eighth tied the game at 6, made a running catch in right to rob Darryl Hamilton, with Bell taking third.

Matt Whiteside then replaced Lefferts, who gave up only one hit in 2 2-3 innings and Yount, pinch hitting, singled to left on a 1-0 pitch.

Doug Henry (1-2) blew a save in the eighth but got the victory with a scoreless ninth as Milwaukee won for just the fifth time in 18 games.

Redus hit the first pitch from Henry for a three-run homer in the top of the eighth. Henry had replaced Jesse Orosco, who gave up a leadoff double to Rafael Palmeiro and single to Juan Gonzalez.

Orosco started the eighth in place of Cal Eldred, who allowed six hits, including Gonzalez's 22nd homer in a three-run third. Eldred failed for the fourth straight start to get his 10th win.

Milwaukee, took a 4-3 lead with two runs in the fourth as B.J. Surhoff singled and John Jaha hit an RBI double. Dave Nilsson reached when Ranger shortstop Mario Diaz and left fielder Gonzalez miscommunicated and Gonzalez dropped Nilsson's short fly for an error. Juan Bell then hit a go-ahead RBI single.

Surhoff doubled and Nilsson and Darryl Hamilton had run-scoring singles in the fifth for a 6-3 lead. Brown lasted five innings, giving up 10 hits.

Gonzalez hit a two-run, 430-foot shot in the third. Rafael Palmeiro also had a sacrifice fly in the inning.

Milwaukee loaded the bases in the first when Brown walked three batters but couldn't score. Nilsson, Hamilton, Bill Spiers and Greg Vaughn hit singles in the second to make it 2-0.

Cowboys cut Saxon with no proven replacement

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IRVING, Texas — Since 1989 the Dallas Cowboys haven't brought any punters into training camp to compete with incumbent Mike Saxon.

This year, they released Saxon without a proven National Football League punter on the roster.

"Mike did a good job for us through the years," head coach Jimmy Johnson said in a statement. "We simply have decided to move

in a different direction with the punting position on this team."

Saxon, originally an 11th-round draft pick of the Detroit Lions in 1985, spent all eight of his NFL seasons with the Cowboys. He has a career average of 41.5 yards per punt and 68 career punts downed inside the 20 yard line.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said Johnson would give no further details about Saxon's release. Before being cut, Saxon had the longest tenure of all punters in the National Football Conference.

Saxon could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Since 1985, Saxon leads the NFL in dropping punts inside the 20, with 166. The next closest punter is John Kidd of the San Diego Chargers, who has 153.

In 1986, Saxon set a club record for punts in a season with 86.

Last season, Saxon averaged 43 yards per punt, the second-highest average of his career. He had 19 kicks inside the 20 and nine touchbacks.

Free agents Steve Domingos

and John Jett will compete for the position when training camp opens in Austin on July 15.

Domingos, 6-3, 200 pounds, was cut by the Los Angeles Rams in their training camp in 1992. He played at San Francisco State and spent the 1991 season with the semipro Fresno Bandits.

Domingos had a 45.6 gross-punt average with the Bandits.

Jett is a 6-0, 184-pounder from East Carolina who was released from the Minnesota Vikings' training camp last year.

Pirates hand Astros third straight loss

HOUSTON (AP) — Orlando Merced drove in three runs with a double and a single to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 5-2 victory Wednesday night over Houston, handing the Astros their third straight loss.

Paul Wagner (4-5) logged 3 1-3 innings off scoreless relief, giving up two hits while striking out three and walking two. He entered with two outs in the fourth and the bases loaded in relief of Tim Wakefield and retired Craig Biggio on a grounder to end the inning.

Joel Johnston, called up Tuesday from Triple-A Buffalo, pitched 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief but walked two batters in the ninth and gave way to Stan Belinda, who got the final out for his 16th save.

Houston's Mark Portugal (6-4) went 3 1-3 innings, allowing 10 hits. He struck out four and walked one.

Murray becomes rodeo millionaire

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FORT WORTH — Ty Murray has become the seventh Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association competitor to pass \$1 million in career earnings, reaching that milestone faster than any of the other riders.

The 23-year-old Stephenville cowboy won \$12,435 in five rodeos over the July 4th weekend to reach the \$1 million mark about twice as fast as the previous six PRCA million-dollar men.

Roy Cooper of Childress and Lewis Feild of Elk Ridge, Utah, each took 11 years to win \$1 million. Murray has taken 51/2 years.

Murray, who has four consecutive all-around titles for his bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding, pushed his career earnings to \$1,004,523.

Oklahoman Tom Ferguson, a six-time world all-around champion in the 1970s, was the first cowboy to reach \$1 million in 1986.

Three-time world champion bull rider Tuff

Hedeman of Bowie may become the eighth to join the club. The 10-year pro has earned \$997,371.

Although Murray is the quickest PRCA millionaire, the others started in the 1970s when the sport paid less prize money.

When Ferguson won a record sixth all-around title in 1979, the PRCA's 640 rodeos paid \$8,762,629 and the National Finals Rodeo offered competitors \$350,700.

When Murray won his first all-around in 1989, the PRCA's 774 rodeos paid \$16,879,429 and the NFR paid \$2,165,800.

Today, some competitors earn more money at the National Finals Rodeo in 10 days than they pocket the rest of the season.

Last year, Murray won \$225,992, and second place all-around finisher Clay O'Brien Cooper of Gilbert, Ariz., pocketed \$103,738.

This season, Murray leads Tee Woolman of Llano for the all-around, \$106,712 to \$56,208. He also leads Hedeman for the bull-riding buckle, \$56,943 to \$34,046.

Scoreboard

American League

Detroit	8	Minnesota	4
Milwaukee	7	Texas	6
Oakland	3	Cleveland	0
Seattle	6	New York	5
California	7	Boston	6
Chicago	5	Toronto	2
Baltimore	8	Kansas City	3

National League

San Diego	2	New York	0
Cincinnati	4	Chicago	3
Montreal	3	San Francisco	0
St. Louis	3	Atlanta	1
Pittsburgh	5	Houston	2
Colorado	6	Florida	5
Philadelphia	7	Los Angeles	6

Wholesale Loose Diamonds

Prices are based on the New York "Rapaport Sheet", a wholesale price guide.

Pear Shape

Weight	Color	Clarity	Price
.73	G	Si2/I1	\$2178 ⁰⁰
.71	H	Si2	2250 ⁰⁰
.42	H	VS1	820 ⁰⁰

Oval

Weight	Color	Clarity	Price
1.53	I/J	Si2	\$5800 ⁰⁰
1.09	H	Si1	3631 ⁰⁰
1.03	I/J	Si1/VS2	3512 ⁰⁰
.77	I	Si1/Si2	2267 ⁰⁰
.71	E	Si	2586 ⁰⁰

Marquise Cut

Weight	Color	Clarity	Price
1.47	I/J	I1	\$4800 ⁰⁰
.83	D	Si2	3900 ⁰⁰
.75	G	VS1/VVS2	3500 ⁰⁰
.71	F	Si2	2750 ⁰⁰
.62	I	Si2/Si1	1900 ⁰⁰
.61	F	Si1/VS2	2080 ⁰⁰
.58	F	Si1/Si2	1700 ⁰⁰
.46	H	Si1/Si2	1354 ⁰⁰

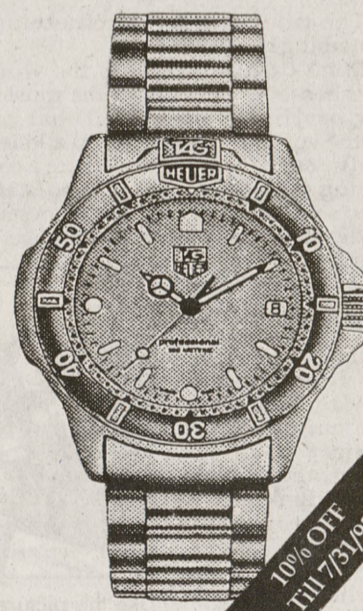
Emerald/Princess

Weight	Emerald Cut	Color	Clarity	Price
1.14		H	VVS2	\$5600 ⁰⁰
.66	Princess Cut	H	VVS2	1850 ⁰⁰
.42	Emerald Cut	H	VVS2	850 ⁰⁰

Round Diamond

Weight	Color	Clarity	Price
9.51	K	I1/I2	\$29,500 ⁰⁰
1.64	J	Si1	6600 ⁰⁰
1.37	K	VS1	4795 ⁰⁰
1.12	D	Si2	4500 ⁰⁰
1.03	G	VS1/VVS2	5300 ⁰⁰
.96	E	Si2	3900 ⁰⁰
.96	I/J	Si1	2950 ⁰⁰
.92	I	Si1/Si2	3208 ⁰⁰
.75	E	VS1/VVS2	3475 ⁰⁰
.72	D	Si1	2700 ⁰⁰
.72	G	Si1/Si2	2300 ⁰⁰
.71	G	Si2/I1	1750 ⁰⁰
.52	J	Si1	1108 ⁰⁰
.50	J	VS2	1065 ⁰⁰
.46	J	Si2	980 ⁰⁰

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