

Weekend Wrap-up

U.S. Olympic Festival kicks off

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The U.S. Olympic Festival, a 10-day event that was six years in the making for the city of San Antonio, got under way with a salute to the amateur athletes taking part.

Bruce Hornsby and former Olympians Kristi Yamaguchi and Pablo Morales helped kick off the festival at Friday night's opening ceremony.

Hornsby sang five songs while local youths demonstrated the 37 sports being played at the festival. Yamaguchi took the festival torch from Morales, skated around both ice rinks inside the Alamodome, then handed it back to Morales.

"This is a day this city's been waiting on for about six years," Bob Coleman, chairman of the local organizing committee, said earlier in the day.

Teaff undecided on leaving Baylor

HOUSTON (AP) — Baylor athletic director Grant Teaff says he'll decide soon whether to leave the school after more than two decades to head the American Football Coaches Association, according to published reports.

Teaff told the Houston Chronicle and The Houston Post in Saturday's editions that he has been offered the post and plans an Aug. 2 news conference to announce his decision.

"I have until Aug. 1 to make up my mind," Teaff said. "They haven't contacted anyone else or talked to anyone else."

The AFCA, a 6,000-member organization, is located in Orlando, Fla., but would move to Waco if Teaff were to accept the job. Former Louisiana State coach Charlie McClendon announced he was stepping down as head of the group.

Staubach predicts Cowboy repeat

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — Hall-of-Fame quarterback Roger Staubach said he knows who will be the next Super Bowl champs.

"The Cowboys will win the Super Bowl again this year," the former Dallas player told about 450 members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes here Friday. "They'll play the Kansas City Chiefs, and Joe Montana will throw an incomplete pass on the last play of the game."

Staubach, who was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1985, led the Cowboys to five Super Bowls, including victories in 1972 and 1978.

Staubach, who lives in Dallas and owns and runs a real estate business, said he was happy to see the Cowboys lift themselves from a slump in the past few years to world-champion status last year.

U.S. Swimming Long Course Championships start today

A&M swimmers to compete in Austin

By MARK SMITH

The Battalion

Members of the Texas A&M swim team are traveling to Austin under the auspices of the Aggie Swim Club this week to participate in the U.S. Swimming Long Course Championships.

"We've got a number of our swimmers going to the tournament," Mel Nash, head swimming coach for A&M, said. "But a lot of our swimmers are also going to the meet with clubs from their hometowns."

There are 13 members from the Aggie Swim Club involved in the tournament, which runs from today through Saturday. They are participating in a variety of events, which include the men's and women's 50-meter free style, men's 100-

meter free style, women's 200-meter individual medley, women's 100-meter breast stroke, the 400 and 800-meter free style relay and the 400-meter medley relay.

"This is the most exciting meet of the year, next to the conference meet," Brandy Anderson, junior swimmer in the 400 and 800 relay, said.

Robert Fleming, swimmer in the 50 and 100 free styles, said, "This is my fourth year going to the Senior nationals, so for me it's just kind of another one of those deals. But, it should be fun to see all of the young guys who are going for the first time."

Both swimmers agree that it should be a good meet for the club.

"This is what we've been training for," Anderson said. "This should be a real good meet."

Fleming said, "Everything is looking good. We have a lot more people and more relays than last year. It should be a terrific meet for some of our guys that have good times now."

Nash said, "We've got some people with individual chances to win. Some of our men's relay team who placed sixth and seventh at last year's tournament are back home, though."

With 40 to 60 people involved in each event a good placing would be anywhere in the top 16, Nash said.

Several other Southwest Conference schools are sending their swimmers to the meet. Members from the University of Texas will be racing with Texas Aquatics, and Southern Methodist University swimmers will compete with the Dallas Mustang Swim Club.

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The swimmers will be racing for more than just pride, however. The meet, held at the Texas Swim Center, is doubling as the Pan-Pacific Selection Meet, which means that some of the swimmers will be selected to compete in the Pan-Pacific games.

Earnhardt takes checkered flag at Talladega

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TALLADEGA, Ala. — On a day fans came to honor the late Davey Allison, Dale Earnhardt won the DieHard 500 on Sunday in a race marked by a critical injury to journeyman driver Stanley Smith.

Earnhardt beat Ernie Irvan by about six inches in a photo finish. But the dramatic doings of the race gave way to more heartache in the stock car community following this year's deaths of Allison and Alan Kulwicki.

By the time Earnhardt crossed the finish line on a steamy day at Talladega Superspeedway, Smith lay in the trauma unit of a Birmingham hospital with a head injury suffered during a seven-car crash just before the halfway point in the 188-lap race.

David Smitherman, a spokesman for Carraway Methodist Medical Center, said the 43-year-old driver was in "very critical" condition.

Racers, fans, family pay respects to Allison

He has a fractured skull and some paralysis on his right side. Doctors were trying to locate bleeding in his brain.

It was a melancholy day for the estimated 100,000 spectators who sat in the 100-degree heat to watch the race and pay their respects to Allison, who died on July 13 of injuries sustained in a helicopter crash the previous day on the Talladega infield.

They sat through an 80-minute red flag delay after the car driven by longtime favorite Neil Bonnett, racing for the first time in more than three years, flew through the air and damaged some fencing. Bonnett came away with only a bruised right arm. The fencing had to be repaired.

The green flag was waved on lap 140 and stayed out the rest of the way, allow-

ing the lead draft to pull away from the rest of the field.

Earnhardt, who won \$487,315 for his 58th career victory, averaged 153.857 mph.

Earnhardt, a five-time Winston Cup champion who leads the 1993 point chase, took the lead from Kyle Petty on lap 185 and barely managed to hold off the charge by Irvan, who won this race a year ago.

It was the second straight victory for Earnhardt, who now has six victories for the season and six on the 2.66-mile Talladega oval, including five in the July race. Mark Martin finished third, followed by Petty and Dale Jarrett in the last-lap scramble.

Donnie Allison, Davey's uncle and a former Winston Cup star, drove a replica of Davey's No. 28 Ford Thunderbird

around the track to the cheers of the standing spectators.

After that, the leaders averaged more than 190 mph before the first caution flag finally slowed the field on lap 55.

Robby Gordon, an Indy-car series regular, lost control in the tri-oval in front of the pits and hit the outside wall hard. But, after the rest of the field drove past, he was able to drive the car off the track before climbing out.

Then tragedy struck on lap 70. Jimmy Horton's car hit the wall, rolled along it and finally over it and down the 30-foot earthen banking onto a perimeter road, where it stopped right-side-up. Horton was not injured, but Smith, from the Birmingham suburb of Chelsea, had to be removed from his battered car and was taken away on a stretcher.

The crash also included rookies Ritchie Petty and Loy Allen, teammates Harry Gant and Rick Mast and Kenny Wallace. Nobody else was injured.

Racism still exists in sports, panel says at NABJ meeting

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HOUSTON — The Rev. Jesse Jackson says the Dallas Cowboys — with 40 black players on their Super Bowl roster and three blacks in their front office — typify the racism remaining in professional sports.

Jackson, who has organized protests against racial discrimination at stadiums across the country, discussed the subject with other leaders Saturday during the National Association of Black Journalists' annual meeting in Houston.

The conversation centered on the dearth of blacks in ownership or top management positions with sports franchises.

"It's been 46 years since Jackie Robinson broke the (color) barrier, yet the people who make the decisions — team presidents, general managers, personnel directors, chief scouts ... they're all white, years later," Jackson said.

"There has been too little protest about it. But athletes are going to have to start taking notice because they, in fact, can control the industry."

Jackson was joined Saturday by others, including sociologist Harry Edwards, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon, on the panel.

Moon said it's difficult for athletes to voice their concerns without jeopardizing their jobs.

"Power is the key to change," the veteran said. "Once my career is over, I want to get into ownership and hire minorities into major positions, not just community directors but power positions."

Jackson, who noted the discrepancies on National Football League teams while attending the Super Bowl in January, singled out the Cowboys on Saturday.

"We can protest that," Jackson said. "This is a \$19 billion industry. It's mostly a private industry, but we subsidize their stadiums. And they will respond to pressure."

Wisconsin law professor Linda Greene, however, said protests have damaged the effort to eradicate racism in sports, adding that teams have only made token gestures toward minorities.

"The world of sports has responded to racism the same way other elements of society have responded — with denial," Ms. Greene said. "Athletics are important, but let's not forget the big picture."

The NABJ concluded its four-day meeting on Sunday.



Jackson

On to golf . . . Archer beats Colbert at seniors classic

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — George Archer shot a record-tying 8-under-par 63 Sunday to force a playoff, then parred the third extra hole to beat Jim Colbert and win the Senior PGA Tour's First of America Classic.

Archer, 53, is the first back-to-back winner on the Senior Tour this year. He also won last week's rain-shortened Ameritech Senior Open.

Rain, thunder and lightning delayed the start of the final round for 3 1/2 hours, but the elements didn't cool Archer or Chi Chi Rodriguez. Both matched Billy Casper's course record, set in 1987, to finish at 14-under 199.

Colbert also finished at 199 after a closing 67 on the 6,419-yard The Highlands course.

Rodriguez dropped out on the first extra hole with a bogey, leaving Archer and Colbert to battle for the \$82,500 winner's check.

"You never know what is going to happen in golf tournaments," said Archer. "Crazy things happen in golf tournaments."

On the third extra hole, the 398-yard par-4 18th, Archer hit his tee shot under a tree on the left side of the fairway, but made a daring second shot and was able to scramble for a par.

"I had a little opening through

there," said Archer. "I'm pretty good hitting out of the trees, though. I get in them a lot. If you are going to get in the trees, you've got to learn to get out of them."

Merten wins first open in nine years

CARMEL, Ind. (AP) — With a closing charge befitting a champion, Lauri Merten finally won a tournament after nine years.

And her timing couldn't have been better. She captured the U.S. Women's Open by one stroke Sunday with birdies on two of the last three holes.

Merten chipped from about 45 feet for a birdie on the 404-yard 16th hole. Then she just missed an eagle on the 400-yard closing hole when her 18-foot chip shot stopped two feet from the cup. The birdie gave her a 4-under-par 68 for the day and an 8-under 280 for the tournament.

Helen Alfredsson of Sweden, who began the round leading by two strokes, slipped to a tie for second at 281 with a 74. She pushed a 15-foot putt on the final hole just to the right of the cup that would have forced an 18-hole playoff Monday.

Donna Andrews, one of four women to lead during the final round, shot 71 to tie Alfredsson.

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