

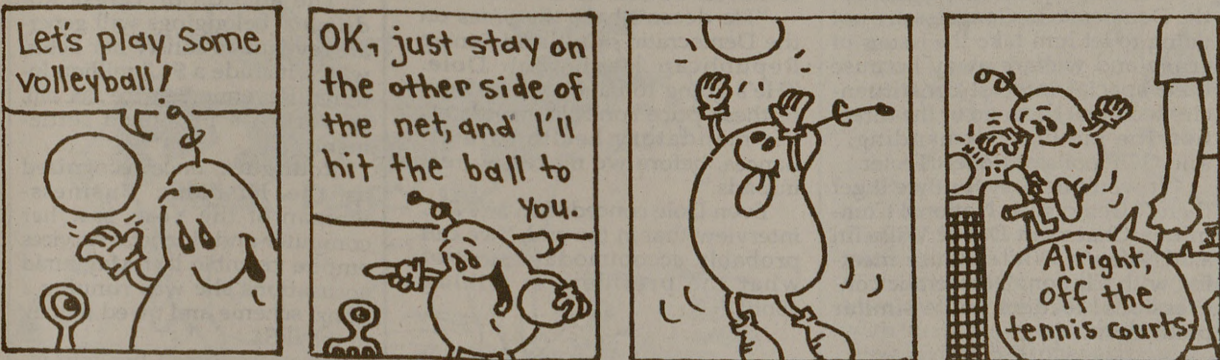
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'Boys dominate merchandise game Cowboy memorabilia declared highly profitable

The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys have officially reclaimed the title "America's Team," at least where merchandise is concerned. The National Football League says the defending Super Bowl champs are the top sellers nationally of licensed merchandise bearing team names and logos. "The Cowboys started last season in eighth position. Then, as they kept winning, getting more media coverage, publicity, the sales started going up," said NFL spokesman Roger Atkin. The Cowboys took the No. 1 spot in March, surpassing the Los Angeles Raiders, who held the sales record for two or three years, he said. Unlike most teams, the Raiders held the spot not because of a Super Bowl victory, but because of a strong fan base, helped by the popular silver and black team colors, Atkin said.

Bears were the most popular. Ray Katz, another NFL official reached by phone in the Super Bowl host city of Atlanta, declined to say how much money sales of Cowboys merchandise have netted the NFL and the franchise. However, he said the NFL makes about \$3 billion annually in licensed product sales and the Cowboys "are No. 1." The NFL said this year is the first time the Cowboys have been top sellers since the Roger Staubach period of the late 1970s, when the Cowboys first were dubbed "America's Team." And in Dallas — where fans at one point in the 1980s were known for booing their then losing "boys — buyers are stampeding to grab the popular garb. From gas stations to grocery stores, you can hardly turn a corner without passing a vendor of Dallas Cowboys apparel. Newspaper ads even show what street corners vendors are on and give telephone numbers for wholesale orders. "It's incredible," said Evan Anthony, regional advertising man-

ager for the Kroger chain that employs quarterback Troy Aikman as a spokesman. "If it has the Cowboys logo on it, you can sell it." "We're selling stuff like crazy, but we're much better prepared this year." He said last year, the chain was caught off guard by the team's return to the Super Bowl for the first time since 1979. "We just didn't expect it. ... We couldn't get the product out of the box and get it marked before it was gone." Anthony said sales of the Cowboys' merchandise are strong across all of northeast Texas and Oklahoma. Robin Gary, manager of one of the 14 area Dallas Cowboys Pro Shops, said the renewed interest in the team is "phenomenal." "We have a lady that just about every few months will call us from Hawaii. I get a lot of calls from Canada, and really, from all over the United States," Gary said. "A lot of people come in that are sending things outside of the United States."

Shooting death of Scot goes to jury

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The case of a homeowner who fatally shot a Scottish businessman, mistaken for a burglar, goes to a grand jury this week. Beginning Friday, grand jurors will hear testimony in the case of Andrew De Vries, who was killed Jan. 7 after he banged on the back door of the home owned by Jeffrey Agee. Agee told police he thought De Vries, who had been ringing his front door bell, then hiding, was a burglar. The grand jury will determine whether charges should be brought against Agee. The case was re-

ferred to the grand jury without charges. De Vries' parents — Fiona and Gert De Vries — arrived in Houston Tuesday and began retracing the last steps of their 28-year-old son. Andrew De Vries was killed about 4 a.m. when the Scotsman climbed over Agee's backyard fence and banged on a back door. De Vries and his companion, Sydney Graves, were both in Houston on business. After a night of drinking at a bar and a woman's home, the two were let out in the Memorial area of Houston while being driven to their hotel. Police have said that De Vries didn't recognize the

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