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#### Oilers-Vikings agree in principle to trade Moon

The Associated Press

HOUSTON - Warren Moon, the star quarterback who led the Houston Oilers to the playoffs for seven straight years, is heading to the Minnesota Vikings.

Oilers owner Bud Adams said Wednesday the team has reached an agreement in principle to send Moon to Minnesota.

'For all practical purposes, we have a trade, but we have a lot of details to be worked out," Adams said Wednesday. "But I see no problem to keep us from working it out. I think within 72 hours we'll have a deal.'

Adams' comments came shortly after a phone conversa-tion with Vikings president Roger Headrick, who also said the deal was near completion.

'As of yesterday, it wasn't that close but right now I have kind of mixed feelings," Moon said. "Everybody knows I wanted to finish my career here but also knowing there's another team that wants me is a chal-

lenge.
"You can give your all if you know the fans are behind you." But his emotions are mixed.

'I'm still going to be calling Houston home but I won't be playing football in the dome any more," he said. "I really didn't want to leave here ... but I do have a team that wants me.

### Arena

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A staunch supporter of the new facility has been head men's basketball coach Tony Barone. Barone has previously stated improved facilities as one of his eight steps in his "Blueprint for Success" for the

men's basketball program. Hickey said the limited amount of space available for teams to practice is another strong argument for the new arena.

"There were no practice for all of us (both basketball squads and the volleyball team)," Hickey said. "We took turns with the men this semester having practice late at

night. We need more floor space."
Last week, the University made a Last week, the University made a presentation of the plans for the center to the Building Committee of the Coordinating Board. The proposal was approved for further consideration, and the committee will report to the full Coordinating

Board sometime later this month. If the Coordinating Board agrees

to the proposal, the university's fi-nal approval will be voted on in

Groff also stated the impending conference merger with the Big Eight as a reason for the urgency of a new facility.

"We pride ourselves on our facilities, and G. Rollie is one of the few facilities that is not first class,' Groff said.

'Some of the schools in the Big Eight have facilities with seeing between 12,000 and 15,000. With this facility, we're in the top 10 percent of the country(in quality).

'We pride ourselves on our facilities, and this is highly desir-

# Ouch!



The Battalion

Jockey Matthew McCarron takes a fall off "Best Cue" as Jonathon Smart on "Northern Pat" goes over him during the fourth race of the 62nd running of the Carolina Cup April 2. Both McCarron and his horse were OK after the fall.

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Marino's back The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. - Bernie Kosari oe back in a Miami uniform

Ten years after leading the mi Hurricanes to their firs tional championship, Kosarsi a two-year, \$1.65 million to Wednesday with the Miamil phins. He will be the bad

phins. He will be the back quarterback to Dan Marino.

"It's exciting and an hour me to come back home and here," Kosar said at a news conce. "South Florida has an been special in my heart."

Kosar, 30, became an upstricted free agent after finite last season as a reserve for the

last season as a reserve for the per Bowl champion Dallas (boys. He also reportedly nego ed with Dallas, Kansas City Washington, and may have pur up a chance to start for the le skins.

"I had some other options the last week or so," Kosar said had opportunities to play m regularly with other teams. But didn't really think the teams we as talented as the Miami Do phins.

For the nine-year veteran, ting on the bench with a Su Bowl contender has more all than playing for a poor team.
"What I like most about NFL is the January games," Kos

# Olajuwon MVP says Minnesota's Brown

HOUSTON — After being in the trenches on successive nights with two of the top candidates for the NBA's MVP award, Minnesota center Mike Brown is prepared to cast his ballot.

Is it San Antonio's David Robinson or Houston's Hakeem

Olajuwon?

Hakeem is the best center in

the league, and he's been the best the last five or six years," Brown

said.
"David is having an MVP season by the numbers but Hakeem has played that way for years. He was my MVP last year."

Olajuwon was second in the MVP voting to Phoenix's Charles Barkley last season and is battling with Robinson for the honor this

Olajuwon scored 42 point including 13 in the final 4:07 keep the Timberwolves from late rally on Tuesday night for 98-89 victory.
On Monday night, Brown

the Timberwolves lost to Spurs 101-89. Robinson sco 29 points and got 11 rebounds Both players left vivid impressions on the Timberwolves will Olajuwon taking the edge.

# Re-alignment

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Houston from the old National League West.

The Reds' presence does make me feel a little better, because the

Reds-Astros series over the past three seasons has escalated into a near warlike state It all started back in 1991, in the very first weekend of the sea-

son. Rob Dibble, always known for his peaceful demeanor on the field, had just given up a runscoring single to Astros' pitcher Pete Harnisch At this point, Dibble, unable

to control his frustration, blew off some steam by throwing his next pitch behind the head of the Astros' next batter, shortstop Eric Yelding. Despite his slight of build,

Yelding wasted no time charging the monstrous Dibble, first peg-ging Dibble with his batting helmet, then jumping into the melee as both benches cleared.

Later in the year, former Astro and at the time current Red Billy Doran played peacemaker between Yelding and Dibble. Or so he thought.

A year later, the two teams were at it again, with Dibble as the primary instigator one more This time however, Dibble met his match in the brawl in Astros' first base coach Ed Ott, he of 10 knee surgeries. grabbed Dibble in a choke hold, and was later quoted saying he watched Dibble turn red, then blue, then purple before letting

That's the kind of talk old-time baseball fans love. It hearkens back to a time when two cities and two teams just didn't want to beat each other, they wanted to beat each other up, and send the losers home with their tails between their legs.

The Astros used to have that kind of wonderful relationship with the Giants, Braves and

With the Giants, it was mainly the apathy felt by the city of Houston towards Will Clark (for having the nerve to light Nolan Ryan up), and towards former Giants manager Roger Craig, who

taught Mike Scott the split-fing fastball, and then constantly cused him of scuffing the ball. With the Braves it was the ha

tred of the fact that the Braves perennial cellar dwellers were suddenly very, very good. Once they got hot, it seemed they constantly beat the Astros senseless. With the Dodgers, it was a

ways special just because the were the Dodgers. The Dodgers had dominated the division du ing the 1980's, and always seemed to have the Astros' num ber. Plus, Los Angeles was the home of the Houston Rockets nemesis in the 1980's, the Lakers I get chills remembering summe nights in Houston when the As trodome would rock to chants of 'Beat L.A.! Beat L.A.!"

Rivalries are not born overnight, except in the case of an extraordinary occurrence. will take some time for the Hous ton fans to familiarize themselve with the new teams' heroes and villains, now that we'll be seeing them 13 times a year each. But still, I just cannot envision myself screaming, "Beat Pitts-burg! Beat Pitts-burg!".

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