

Soccer fan takes losing too seriously

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When is a game not a game? When the cost of winning or losing means a human life.

Of course I'm talking about the murder of Andres Escobar, the Colombian soccer player who scored an own-goal during Colombia's 2-1 loss to the United States.

The world of sports is an emotionally-intense ride, full of ups and downs. When your team wins, you feel great. When you lose...well, things aren't so rosy.

There must be some difference in philosophies when the rest of the world thinks of the World Cup. Newspapers in Europe openly editorialize about matches in their headlines. Some criticize the coaches, which led one columnist from Miami to remark that their paper had never printed the headline, "You stink, Shula!"

Surely there are times in all sports' fans lives when they look at a player and wish, maybe just a little bit, that he or she takes a fall and can't play anymore. You know, nothing that would end his career. Just something to keep him or her out of the game, so the home team would win.

But, how many would lay in wait for that one particular player and gun him down?

Escobar supposedly was a popular player in Colombia. He wrote articles for El Tiempo and was quoted as saying before the World Cup that, "Our success lies in our sense of togetherness."

Kind of ironic, huh? The ferocity of the attack might have something to do with the opponent the Colombians were playing. The United States has, in past years, had the reputation as, in past years, had the reputation as, in past years, had the reputation as...

Just as a comparison, it would be like the Dallas Cowboys (before free agency) losing to the Indianapolis Colts. A couple of fans see Emmitt Smith in a bar. Smith fumbled the ball away, allowing the Colts to score the game-winning touchdown.

The fans, upset by Smith's error, decide to make it where he can't fumble the ball anymore. Of

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Lady Aggies' hire head coach Candi Harvey to lead women's basketball team

The Texas A&M women's basketball team ended its search for a head basketball coach Saturday by hiring Candi Harvey.

Harvey was the former coach of the Tulane Green Wave.

A&M Athletic Director Wally Groff said he was pleased by Harvey's selection and thought she would do well in the A&M program.

"I believe she will do an outstanding job," he said.

"She inherits a solid program here at Texas A&M and I believe she will help us continue to strive for excellence."

In her tenure at Tulane, Harvey amassed a record of 46-68, beginning with a 6-22 mark in 1990-91 and finishing the 1993-94 season 17-14 with a bid to the Women's NIT post-season tournament.

The 1994 NIT appearance was Tulane's first ever.

Harvey said she was excited by the chance to come to A&M.

"Texas A&M is an ideal academic and athletic institution," she said.

"This is a wonderful opportunity

for me."

She was also quick to praise the Lady Aggies' departing head coach Lynn Hickey, who was promoted to Senior Associate Athletic Director in April.

"Coach (Lynn) Hickey has done a tremendous job and she has quality ladies in the program," Harvey said.

One of Harvey's first actions as head coach was to hire Kristy Sims as an assistant.

Sims, who served under Harvey for two years at Tulane, comes from Stephen F. Austin where she helped coordinate recruiting, academics and promotions.

"Kristy is an outstanding coach and I'm pleased to name her as one of my assistant coaches," Harvey said.

Before her time as head coach, Harvey served for six years as the top assistant to Gary Blair at Stephen F. Austin University.

HARVEY'S RECORD

	Year	Record (post season)
Head Coach: (4 years all at Tulane)	1990-91	6-22
	1991-92	9-19
	1992-93	14-13
	1993-94	17-14 (WNIT)
Totals:		46-68 (.404)
Assistant Coach: (6 years all at SFA)	1984-85	3-24
	1985-86	16-12
	1986-87	25-6 (WNIT)
	1987-88	29-5 (NCAA 2nd round)
	1988-89	30-4 (NCAA Sweet 16)
	1989-90	28-3 (NCAA Sweet 16)
Totals:		131-54 (.708)

During that time she focused on recruiting and academic counseling for the Ladyjacks.

In those six years, SFA won three Southland Conference Championships, appeared in three straight NCAA post-season tournaments and finished ranked in the Top 20 for those three years.

- From Staff and Wire Reports

Five Astros chosen as All-Stars

HOUSTON (AP) — After baseball fans didn't vote any Houston players to this year's All-Star game, Philadelphia manager Jim Fregosi selected a club-record five of them for next weekend's game.

Fregosi, the National League's coach for the July 12 All-Star game, picked his reserves on Sunday.

They included first baseman Jeff Bagwell, second baseman Craig Biggio, third baseman Ken Caminiti and pitchers Doug Drabek and John Hudek.

The Astros, who had four All-Stars in 1979 and 1986, will have more players at the game, which will be played in Pittsburgh, than any other team.

"It's about time we started getting some recognition," Astros manager Terry Collins said. "We are all elated and very excited. They are all very deserving."

All of them are first-time picks except Biggio, who went in 1991 at catcher and 1992 at second. He's the only player to achieve that All-Star double.

Bagwell's .352 batting average is second in the NL. He's first in runs (71), runs batted in (77), total bases (204), slugging percentage (.711) and extra-base hits (49).

"It's exciting, being the first time and everything," said Drabek, who had won Cy Young Award but never been an All-Star until Sunday.

"I had a lot of help getting there, everybody playing behind me. I feel very fortunate," he said.

Drabek, who won the Cy Young while playing for Pittsburgh in 1990, has rebounded from his 9-18 record last year, his first season with Houston. He didn't plan to make the All-Star team.

"I just wanted to come back and pitch the way I had before last year," Drabek said.

Drabek is fourth in the league in earned run average (2.83), third in victories (10-5), second in innings pitched (127) and tied for the league lead in shutouts (two) and complete games (five).

He is seventh in strikeouts (97), and had a seven-game winning streak from April 10 to May 24.

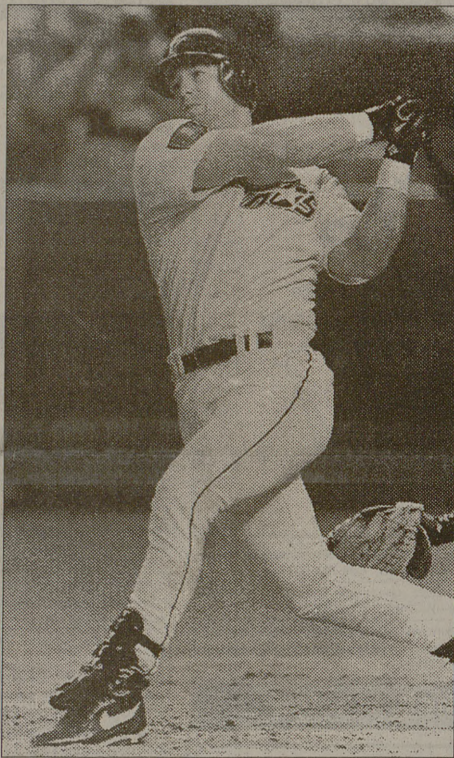
Biggio marked his third selection to the All-Star team by going 4-for-5 at the plate Sunday and driving in three runs.

"A lot of hard work that you put into the season pays off in this one game," he said.

Caminiti also was surprised to make the team.

"This is the best I've done in a first half," said Caminiti, who is hitting .292 with 16 home runs and 55 RBIs.

"I don't think I had All-Star years before. So this is a gift. I'm very happy with it."



Houston Astros' Jeff Bagwell was fifth in the All-Star voting for first baseman.

Wimbledon officials want slower game

Softer balls considered to increase rallies

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Softer balls, fuzzier balls, any kind of balls that might put more rallies back into men's tennis on grass are under consideration by Wimbledon and International Tennis Federation officials.

A frantic cry arose at Wimbledon, along with a lot of harrumphing and hand-wringing, in the aftermath of Pete Sampras' slam-bang final victory over Goran Ivanisevic.

One British wag commented Monday that "the Wimbledon concourses resembled the Commons' corridors, when a Government is in the throes of a crisis of confidence. They buzzed with heated assertions that Something Must Be Done."

If Jeremy Bates, England's patron saint of lost tennis causes, had won the same match the same way, no one in Britain would have been talking about changing anything. Instead, he would have been knighted immediately and toasted in the House of Commons as well as in the House of Lords.

But Sampras, an American, and Ivanisevic, a Croatian, are seen as threats to the integrity of the game at this bastion of tradition, even though grass courts have always produced a faster brand of men's tennis with few long rallies. When there is hot weather and no rain, as happened this past week, the courts dry out and become even faster.

Ripping up the lawns in favor of cement or clay is unthinkable. Forcing players to abandon their giant graphite rackets for old-fashioned wooden ones is unacceptable to racket manufacturers and the ITF.

So all the talk is turning to the balls. "Broadening the specifications would allow Wimbledon to use softer balls, and that could slow things down," said Bill Babcock, the ITF's Grand Slam administrator. "You can forget about offering Wimbledon the chance to bring in other rule changes. That would mean turning the tournament into something of a freak show."

Wimbledon referee Alan Mills worried about the effects on different players of changing the balls just for grass.

"You have to consider whether it's right to penalize one type of player," Mills said. "But it's a serious point, and if the ITF decide to allow a certain tolerance over ball pressure, we would obviously consider the possibilities."

Sampras suggested perhaps bringing out new balls less often during a match.

One problem with changing the balls is whether they would be altered for both men and women. The current balls are just right for the women, most of whom still play from the baseline. Slowing them down would create a different kind of boredom.

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