

Drabek looks for '90 repeat

The Astros' pitcher hopes to continue his '94 All-Star success.

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Doug Drabek no longer worries about his spring training performances — good or bad.

He had a bad spring last year but for the regular season he had a 12-6 record and 2.84 ERA, third best in the National League.

Drabek didn't get down about last spring and he's not putting much stock in this spring either, even with a shutout string of seven innings.

"I used to think how you did here meant something," Drabek said. "But now, I know it doesn't. But you want to do well in spring training just to get the positive attitude going before the season starts."

Drabek, the Astros' opening day pitcher against the San Diego Padres, is trying to prepare this season, as he did following an abbreviated 1990 spring.

"In '90, I wasn't worrying too much about control," he said. "I just wanted to get my arm into shape. I wanted to go five, six

innings and not be laboring before leaving camp."

At 32, the nine-year major league veteran, is taking care to be in top condition and boosting his confidence for the start of the season.

"If you're working on things and they're going well, you feel good about it. If things aren't going well, you have a tendency to say 'I'm behind' and you start concerning yourself with that instead of just going out and pitching."

Drabek won seven games in a row last season, matching the longest streak of his career. He started the streak after losing his first start of the season on April 5.

Drabek was named to the NL All-Star team for the first time in his career last season.

Because of the shortened spring training, some pitchers could experience dead arms that normally occur during the regular six weeks spring training.

"That could happen," Drabek said. "You can have it in spring training, and you can have it during the season too. You really don't have any control over when it's going to happen."

Williams 'startled' by accusations

DALLAS (AP) — A teenage topless dancer, who has accused Cowboys tackle Erik Williams and his friend of sexual assault, had sex with both men, then became upset when Williams said she couldn't be his girlfriend, the player's lawyer said Tuesday.

Attorney Donald Godwin of Dallas said at a news conference that Williams was startled when he discovered two policemen at his front door early Thursday.

Godwin said Williams, 26, told him that the 17-year-old had sex willingly with him and Roderick Carson, 26, of Madison, Wis., that night, and on the previous weekend.

Both men were arrested Thursday and released after posting \$2,500 bond at separate hearings.

Dallas police filed felony sexual assault charges against Williams and Carson in Collin County on Monday, said Deputy Chief Pam Walt.

Sexual assault is a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison. Collin County District Attorney Tom O'Connell said his office would review the charges before forwarding them to a grand jury.

The attorney said he was presenting Williams' version of events the night of April 12 because the woman's version, published by local news media, was inaccurate.

Neither Williams nor Carson was at the news conference.

Her attorney has said that Williams and Carson, each weighing more than 300 pounds, raped the 110-pound woman and forced her to have sex after a night of heavy drinking and that Williams then threatened to have her "blown away" if she went to police.

Hickey: All in the family

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tation," Hickey said. "When we would both have a tough day, we would compete to see who had the worse day. We are just very happy. We support each other."

"(Of course,) he's the only one at home with a Southwest Conference ring."

The Hickeys said the combination of people and the excellent athletic facilities that the campus offers have contributed to the success of A&M's athletic programs.

"The stability in the athletic department and our first-class facilities in baseball have contributed to the success," Bill Hickey said. "When recruits come to visit, they marvel at

the facilities."

"From the women's side, it's the caliber of people who work here," Lynn Hickey said. "We have had excellent support from John David Crow and Wally Groff. Both have made the effort to make all the sports successful."

The Hickeys have the same goals for A&M's sports.

"I'm going through a new experience trying to understand my role," Hickey said. "I have different goals now. I want our teams to be in the top 10."

Coach Hickey agrees with his wife's goals for the baseball team.

"We are on a roll and you have to keep that going," Hickey said. "My goal is to help our baseball program stay in the top 10."

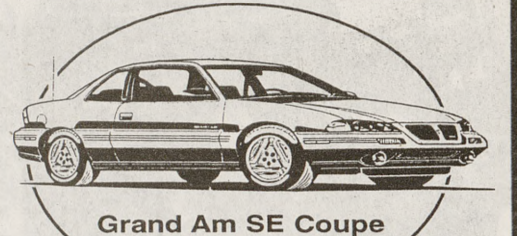
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