

# Astros may move to D.C.

## Entrepreneur Bill Collins is negotiating with Drayton McLane to move the Astros.

HOUSTON (AP) — A Northern Virginia-area group is trying to buy the Houston Astros and move them to the Washington, D.C., area, television stations in Houston and Washington reported Wednesday.

Bill Collins and his Virginia group have had substantial discussions with Astros owner Drayton McLane about purchasing the Houston club, KRIV-TV in Houston and WTTG-TV in

Washington reported. McLane told KRIV that the Astros have lost millions since he bought the club and that he and Collins have "talked on several occasions."

"And he was looking at all the clubs that had weak franchises — you know, poor attendance," McLane told KRIV in a telephone interview from his Temple home.

"He certainly looked at the Houston Astros. We've had some discussion, but we certainly would not even begin to focus on this until after the World Series."

The Astros' financial losses

are "extremely devastating," McLane said.

"If we were even breaking even, that would be no issue for us. But we have lost in three years about \$65 million, and there's no end in sight. So we are going to consider every option there is," he said.

Bob McClaren, Astros senior vice president for business operations, told KRIV that there is no timetable for the negotiations. However, "I would think he (Collins) would need to get things moving pretty quick to have a team ready to go in 1996."

Michael T. Scanlon Jr.,

spokesman for the Collins group, declined to comment on the discussions.

However, WTTG reported that the Collins group would move the Astros first to Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington for next season, then to the Northern Virginia suburbs as soon as a stadium could be built, probably near Dulles International Airport.

WTTG quoted unidentified sources as saying the main focus of Collins' pursuit has become the Astros. In the past, teams in Pittsburgh, Montreal, Seattle and San Francisco have been mentioned as the object of Collins' efforts.



# Phillips breaks his silence

## Tom Osborne will not let Phillips play against Kansas State or Colorado.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska running back Lawrence Phillips, who was indefinitely suspended after hitting an ex-girlfriend, broke his silence today about the trouble he has faced.

In a telephone call to an Omaha radio talk show, Phillips said he could have just left the university and turned to pro football after his Sept. 10 arrest and no contest plea to an assault charge. He said agents called him.

"I could have just left," he said. "I didn't do that I stayed here. I'm going to school. I'm going to do what's right."

Phillips is awaiting sentencing Dec. 1 on the misdemeanor charge. Coach Tom Osborne said

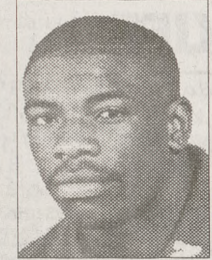
Tuesday that the junior could return to practice next week but won't play for at least the next two weeks.

News that Phillips could be returning to the team was the subject of caller comments to a talk show on Omaha radio station KFAB when Phillips himself called the station.

Phillips said, "it's just killing me" how people are talking like they know him and know the situation.

Osborne said No. 2 Nebraska will be without Phillips at least until the Nov. 4 game against Iowa State. He said Phillips will not play against No. 8 Kansas State in Lincoln on Saturday nor at No. 9 Colorado on Oct. 28.

"What will happen beyond that, I don't know, but he will not play in those two games,"



Phillips

Osborne said Tuesday. "He probably needs at least two weeks of practice before he can play effectively in a game."

The 6-foot, 215-pound star tailback was kicked off the team Sept. 10 after attacking a former girlfriend, Katherine McEwen, a 20-year-old Nebraska basketball player.

Osborne the next day said Phillips was suspended. But Osborne has said that keeping football as an option for Phillips was the best choice for the running back.

"Believe me, right now bringing him back doesn't necessarily make us a better football team," Osborne said. "He's a great player and when he left the team, he was playing about as well as any I-back we've ever had ... but you're going to change the chemistry of the

team, there's going to be a lot of media uproar. It isn't a case of bringing him back to win games."

Another potential hurdle for Phillips remained. The university's Student Judicial Board announced that Phillips violated the student conduct code and is subject to potential sanctions, including suspension and expulsion.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he, Phillips and university judicial officer Linda Schwartzkopf will meet within the next week to discuss penalties.

In similar cases of misdemeanor assault involving students, Griesen said, students are required to make restitution for medical costs and receive behavior education. Expulsions or suspensions from school are rare.

Osborne said he won't allow Phillips to practice or play until his student status is cleared up.

# Maddux, Hershiser set for Game 1

## Braves and Indians are getting ready for 1995 World Series.

ATLANTA (AP) — After all those worries about wild cards, expanded playoffs and a skewed season, the World Series is baseball the way it ought to be: the two best teams in the game — the Cleveland Indians and Atlanta Braves — meeting in October.

The Indians, who led the majors in hitting, scoring and home runs, coming off the most impressive pitching performance in AL playoffs history. They're trying to bring Cleve-

land its first championship since 1948.

The Braves, featuring the strongest staff the majors has seen in years. They're on a mission, too, to finally win it all in their fourth try.

Greg Maddux, certain to win his record fourth straight Cy Young Award, starting Game 1 for the Braves. Orel Hershiser, whose 7-0 record is the best in postseason history, likely to face him Saturday night in Atlanta.

The Indians bring Albert Belle, the first player ever to hit 50 home runs and 50 doubles in a season, perhaps the most exciting player in the game in leadoff man Kenny Lofton — the guy

who scored from second base on a passed ball Tuesday night in Seattle — and a Gold Glove shortstop named Omar Vizquel who occasionally doesn't bother using a glove to field grounders.

Cleveland dominated the regular season by going 100-44, swept Boston in three games in the first round of the playoffs and posted an AL playoffs record 1.64 ERA in beating Seattle in six games.

"This team and staff is play-off-tested and they are ready for the World Series," said Hershiser, the series MVP against the Mariners. "They are ready to execute."

The Indians are making

their first World Series appearance since 1954. Back then, they did not have to worry about the annual DH debate in the World Series. Cleveland, though, may not get hurt too much in games at Atlanta because designated hitter Eddie Murray can play a steady first base, although that will push Paul Sorrento to the bench.

The Braves, unlike the Indians, do not have many players in the top 10 in the NL's major batting categories. Instead, they won 90 games in the regular season, beat Colorado 3-1 in the playoffs and swept Cincinnati in four games because of pitching.

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