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## Irvin indicted on two drug counts

The Cowboys' all-time leading receiver could face up to 20 years in prison if he is convicted of the charges.

DALLAS (AP) — Michael Irvin, the Dallas Cowboys' all-time leading receiver and one of the NFL's most popular players, was indicted on two counts of drug possession Monday. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Irvin and two female companions were indicted by a grand jury less than a month after police found them in a motel room littered with cocaine and marijuana.

The indictment charges Irvin with felony possession of at least 4 grams of cocaine and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Irvin, former teammate Alfredo Roberts and the two women, described by police as topless dancers, were found in an Irving motel room on March 4 with drugs and paraphernalia.

Jail officials said Irvin was arrested shortly after the indictments were returned, then released on \$5,500 bond.

He was seen entering the grand jury courtroom about

1:30 p.m. Monday and was seen leaving the Lew Sterrett Justice Center with Roberts about 3 p.m.

Just 10 weeks earlier, Irvin helped the Cowboys to their third Super Bowl championship in four years.

Telephone messages left with Irvin's attorney, Kevin Clancy, were not immediately returned. No trial date has been set for the case.

A statement released by the NFL said:

"We are aware of today's grand jury charges and will closely monitor the case. Players ultimately convicted of drug-related violations of law are subject to disciplinary action by the commissioner.

"Pending resolution of such court cases, the NFL drug poli-

cy and program for drugs of abuse and alcohol states that players involved in drug-related incidents are required to undergo on a confidential basis a medical evaluation by independent doctors that could result in a mandatory treatment program.

In addition, players in the drug program are subject to 10 tests per month for two years. Failure to comply with any portion of the policy would result in fines leading to suspension."

There was no decision on whether to indict Roberts, a 31-year-old business associate of Irvin, said a spokeswoman with the district attorney's office.

Irvin and one of the women, 22-year-old Angela Renee Beck, face punishment of two to 20 years and a fine of \$10,000 if convicted on the cocaine charge.

The misdemeanor charge is punishable by up to 180 days in county jail and or a \$2,000 fine.

Beck was charged with felony possession of at least 4 grams of cocaine and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Jasmine J. Nabwangu, 21, was charged with possessing less than a gram of cocaine, a felony, and with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Nabwangu could face 180 days to two years in jail and or a \$10,000 fine if convicted of the cocaine charge.

Police said Beck claimed the drugs belonged to her, and officials estimated their worth to be \$6,000.

She was the only one arrested when the drugs were seized on March 4.

Roberts and the women had been offered immunity from prosecution for their testimony, Fort Worth television station KXAS had reported.

Irving police said they found the drugs and paraphernalia in the motel room after responding to a motel manager's complaint about a noisy party involving possible prostitution and drug use.



Irvin

## Kentucky justifies preseason hype

The Wildcats defeated Syracuse, 76-67

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Kentucky has its first national championship in 18 years, the one it was supposed to win all season.

The Wildcats got it with a 76-67 victory over Syracuse on Monday night, a loss that earned the Orangemen the respect few gave them going in.

The sixth national title in school history, second only to UCLA's 11, came through the scoring of senior Tony Delk and freshman Ron Mercer. And, of course, the famed pressure defense and the ability to use college basketball's deepest roster.

Syracuse, a 14-point underdog, has the most NCAA tournament victories without a title. A 36th NCAA win would have meant a first national championship.

Now, this Syracuse team joins the one-point losers to Indiana in the 1987 championship game in sustaining the

most bitter defeats in school history.

Delk finished with 24 points and tied the championship game record with seven 3-pointers. The Wildcats finished with 12 3s, something critical in cracking Syracuse's 2-3 zone. Kentucky tied the championship game record for 3s by a team.

Mercer came up with a career-high 20 points, all but six of the points the deep Kentucky bench provided.

More importantly, the extra bodies enabled the Wildcats to keep up the defensive pressure; Syracuse finished with 24 turnovers, 19 more than it had in the semifinal win over Mississippi State.

John Wallace, the senior who returned to school rather than enter the NBA last year, finished with 29 points and 10 rebounds. But he left the game in tears when he fouled out with 1:06 to play and Kentucky leading 72-67.

## Hard-working Dingwall strives to achieve heart of a champion

By Tom Day  
THE BATTALION

Humble, yet hungry.

These words may be the motto of Nancy Dingwall's favorite professional sports team, the Houston Rockets, but they provide an accurate description of herself, as well.

The Lady Aggie Tennis player is not loud or flashy, nor does she overwhelm opponents on the court. But like the two-time defending NBA champions, she's a competitor that does what it takes to win.

"She's not a real hard hitter or too flashy, but she hangs in there," A&M Head Coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "She has a good tennis mind to where she works through the opponent and finds ways to hit their weaknesses."

The keys to exploiting those faults, Kleinecke said, lies in Dingwall's persistence as a player.

"She's kind of pesky," Kleinecke said. "Some people might come in and think they're going to dominate her in the first set, but Nancy finds a way to hang in there and put herself in a position to win the match."

"She can change her game to do what it takes to beat an opponent, and that's probably her biggest asset."

That strategy has carried Dingwall a long way in her three-year stint at A&M. The junior already ranks in the school's career top 10 in both singles and doubles victories and is currently ranked No. 77 nationally in singles play. She is also ranked No. 40 with senior Wilson Pate in doubles play.

Despite spending long hours on the court practicing, Dingwall credits her mental approach to the game as a key to her success.

"It's not so much working hard as it is my mental game," Dingwall

said. "It takes concentration and keeping my mind on the match the whole time and not losing focus like some players do."

As a freshman, Dingwall was an immediate success, making an impact as the team's leader in singles and doubles wins. She also paired up with Pate to earn All-Southwest Conference honors and a berth in the NCAA Championships.

"She's pretty much an all-court player," Kleinecke said. "She can play the net and she's pretty consistent from the baseline. She's at the top of the lineup in singles and doubles and she's had a lot of success at both, so she's a very integral part of our team."

"But more important than that, she's helped Wilson with our leadership roles and keeping the team on track."

Stepping into that role was an easy decision for Dingwall, who hopes to be the team's captain next season.

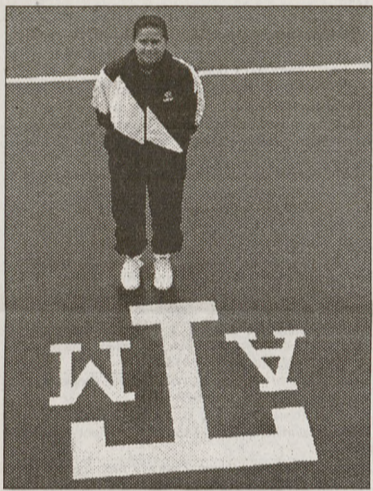
"Last year, we kind of had a problem with leadership and we had a lot of tension on the team," Dingwall said. "This season, we needed someone to step forward and let everyone know what their roles were. I'm really excited about (the chance to be team captain) next year."

Although she has been satisfied with her accomplishments on the court, Dingwall said her biggest desire still eludes her.

"Overall, I've been pretty happy, but I'm still wanting to reach All-American this year or next year," Dingwall said. "That's been my main goal the past three years."

Kleinecke said she thinks Dingwall has a good shot at achieving her goals.

"She's shooting for All-SWC and a conference title, and that's something



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Nancy Dingwall takes a moment to reflect at the Omar Smith Center.

that's still up there for grabs in both singles and doubles," she said. "But we're also hoping that she'll make it to the NCAA Tournament and have a good shot at All-American."

"She's had some great wins and she's capable of beating anybody."

In addition to her high expectations on the tennis court, Dingwall has what she believes to be even loftier goals off the court. A member of the GTE/SWC Tennis Academic Honor team as a sophomore, the accounting major has used her scholarship to her full advantage in the classroom as well as on the courts.

"I realize I'm here to go to school, so my main goal is academic," Dingwall said. "I want to work for a Big Six (accounting) firm after I graduate, and right now I'm applying for internships for next summer with one of them. That's what I'm aiming for."

## Rangers' past filled with injury, insult



Among other things, Papa was a big Texas Rangers fan. Let me emphasize that.

When I was kid, he and I used to go outside on warm summer evenings and listen to Rangers games on his Sears pocket-sized transistor radio while he watered the front lawn. But that all changed one night back in '79 — the night he became known around the neighborhood as "Leone the Blasphemer."

The Rangers were playing somebody (I can't remember who) and had squandered scoring opportunities the whole game but were somehow only down by a run in the bottom of the ninth. That's when they suffered three agonizingly consecutive strikeouts after loading the bases with no outs. The obscenities that reverberated up and down the street ceased only when Dad took a moment to hurl his little radio into Mrs. Holley's weeping willow across the street, two houses down. That's a true story.

Ever since then, Dad has refused to listen, watch or read about the Rangers. He hasn't missed a whole lot during his boycott — just season after season of bad pitching, bad defense, bad luck and bonehead front office decisions.

The old song says you've gotta "accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, and don't mess with Mr. In-Between," but with the Rangers, there ain't any positive to accentuate and there's too much of the low down, rotten dirty blues to keep off your shoes.

After all, after 24 years in Arlington, the Rangers now head into

their silver season as the only franchise besides the Florida Marlins never to taste the sweetness of post-season fruit. Washington Senators? There's been five second-place finishes but no American League West pennant. Even when Texas had a back door claim to first place with a 52-62 record in 1994, a players strike ended the season in August. Tack on 11 more pennant-less seasons before the hapless Washington Senators relocated to the Lone Star State, and that makes a grand total of 35 years of jack-squat.

My parents have been married almost as long, and they have managed, at the very least, to produce two attractive, well-adjusted children and a substantial collection of Anne Murray Christmas albums.

The lack of a postseason excursion, however, doesn't quite explain the depths of doom shared among Rangers fans. With the exception of Nolan Ryan's two no-hitters and the 1989 game when he registered his 5,000th career, the Rangers have few highlights — in fact, this is a franchise that seems to keep finding new ways to knife its fans in the gut with lowlights.

This is the franchise that once had and then traded away the talents of Bill Madlock, Dave Righetti, Ron Darling, Dave Stewart, Rob Nen, Sammy Sosa and Wilson Alvarez.

This is the franchise that selected Jeff Kunkel as the third overall pick (repeat, third overall pick) in the 1983 draft. Anybody seen Jeff lately?

This is the franchise that that used the fifth overall pick in 1989 to select Donald Harris, former Texas Tech defensive back, over Frank Thomas.

This is the franchise that was fined \$250,000 when owner Eddie Giles went against the league and signed free-agent drug-abuser Steve Howe in 1987. Howe would disappear during a mini-camp the following year, apparently getting

lost while snorting every white line in North Texas.

It gets worse. No team has ever had as much bad luck in terms of ill-timed injuries. Third baseman Dean Palmer rupturing a bicep and missing the rest of what could've been a breakthrough season last year. Jose Canseco ripping a an elbow ligament while pitching the end of a blowout loss in Boston in 1993, which caused him to miss the last four months of the season. (I won't mention Canseco's soccer-style, home run producing head bump while playing right field in Cleveland in 1994).

Canseco's elbow blow-out doesn't even merit the Rangers goofiest injury award. That would go to center fielder Oddibe McDowell, who cut his hand in a butter knife mishap at the Rangers "Welcome Home" luncheon before the start of the 1987 season opener.

But the most telling incident conveying the overall doom prevailing over the Rangers organization occurred in the winter of 1985 and involved pitcher Dave Stewart. While on vacation in Los Angeles, Stewart was arrested with a transvestite prostitute named Elston Tyler, a.k.a. Lucille. The arrest took place two days before Stewart was to receive the Ranger's Good Guy Award. Ouch, Dave.

This season doesn't look any more promising. Once again, the pitching staff, as a whole, is a whole lot of nothing. Bobby Witt is the pitcher with the most career victories, if that tells you something. Shortstop Benji Gil was put on the DL last week with a bad back. And you never know how many games Juan Gonzales is going to miss with a sudden case of back spasms. Play-offs, here we come.

And you Astros fans think you have it bad. The only thing you've suffered through was the orange and yellow rainbow uniform period.



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