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sports GLANCE

Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder dies at age 76

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, who parlayed odds-making skills and a gift for gab into national prominence before his television career crashed over ill-advised remarks about black athletes, died Sunday.

Olajuwon tops block record as Rockets win

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon set an NBA mark for career blocked shots and Sam Mack scored 26 points Sunday as the Houston Rockets wound up the regular season with a 118-110 victory over the Phoenix Suns.

Olajuwon got his third block of the game at the 5:56 mark of the third period, giving him 3,190 for his 12-year career — one more than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had in his 19 seasons.

Olajuwon then went to the bench for the remainder of the game and Phoenix overcame a nine-point advantage and took the lead early in the fourth quarter.

But Mack, who started in place of injured Clyde Drexler, was 6-of-11 from behind the three-point arc and Houston was 16-of-30 from long-range, tying a club record. Tracy Moore's 3-point shot with 8:57 to go put Houston ahead 94-93, a lead the Rockets never relinquished. Houston had six 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

Phoenix was led by 35 points from Elliott Perry, filling in for injured Kevin Johnson. Wesley Person added 24 points off the bench.

SCORES ROUNDUP

NL

San Diego 2, Atlanta 1, 15 innings
Montreal 9, Pittsburgh 4
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 2
Colorado 6, New York 4
San Francisco 7, Chicago 6
Houston 7, Cincinnati 5
Los Angeles at Florida, (n)

NBA

New York 122, Boston 111
Philadelphia 109, Toronto 105, OT
Chicago 103, Washington 93
Orlando 103, Charlotte 100
Cleveland 89, Indiana 88
Houston 118, Phoenix 110
Dallas 103, San Antonio 98
Denver 99, Seattle 88
Atlanta 104, Miami 92
Vancouver 108, L.A. Clippers 101
Detroit 108, Milwaukee 92
Golden State at Sacramento (n)
L.A. Lakers at Portland (n)

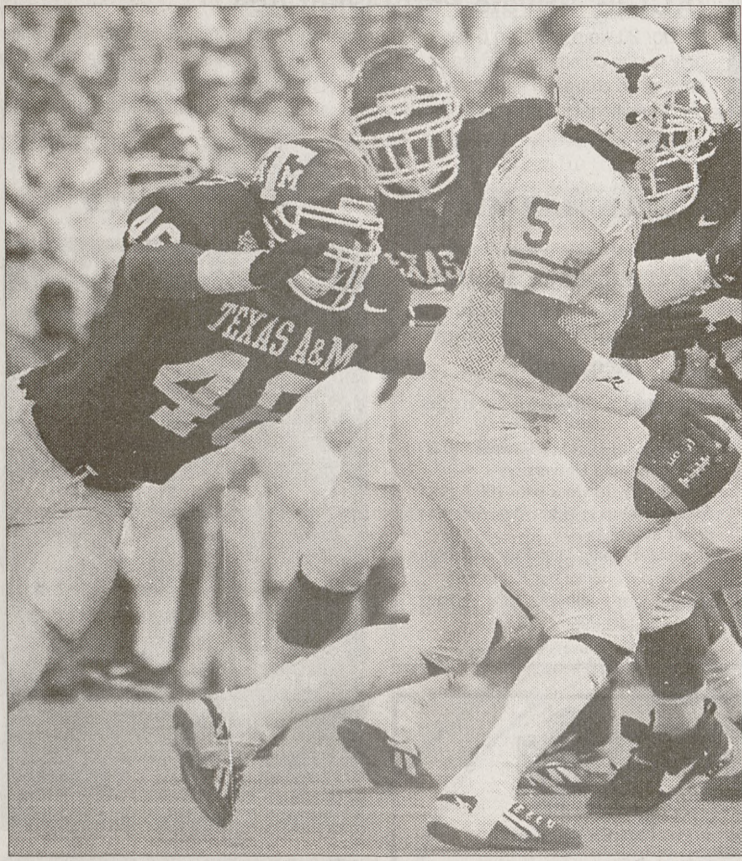
NHL

Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 4, OT
N.Y. Rangers 2, Montreal 1
Winnipeg 4, Detroit 1
Chicago 7, Calgary 5
Toronto at St. Louis (n)

AL

Cleveland 11, Boston 7
New York 9, Minnesota 5
Milwaukee 5, Kansas City 4
Texas 9, Baltimore 6
Oakland 6, Chicago 5
Seattle 9, Toronto 5
Detroit at California, (n)

Brown leads Aggie sixpack into NFL



Battalion File Photo

Senior linebacker Reggie Brown nabs UT quarterback James Brown from behind. Reggie Brown went 17th overall in Saturday's NFL draft.

Detroit selected Brown with the 17th pick.

(AP) Miami coach Jimmy Johnson always liked players with a good work ethic.

So the former Dallas Cowboys coach reached out Sunday and found two of them from the Southwest Conference.

In the fourth round of the NFL draft, Johnson selected La Curtis Jones, a hard-nosed linebacker from Baylor.

In the fifth round, he picked one of the toughest linebackers of them all, Zach Thomas, the All-American from Texas Tech.

Both Jones and Thomas are considered undersized by NFL standards, but Johnson measures a player's heart. Jones and Thomas also will be solid special teams players for the Dolphins.

Texas A&M's Hunter Goodwin, an offensive lineman, got a pleasant call on Sunday as the Minnesota Vikings took him in the fourth round. The Vikings plan on making Goodwin a tight end.

Players from Tech, Baylor and Texas were taken in the fifth round.

Hard-hitting Marcus Coleman, a safety from Texas Tech, went to the New York Jets as the first pick. From Baylor, massive offensive tackle Fred Miller went to the St. Louis Rams while defensive end Gary Bandy was taken

by Atlanta. Offensive lineman John Elmore of the Texas Longhorns went to New England.

In the sixth round, Texas A&M tight end Hayward Clay went to the St. Louis Rams.

Texas A&M linebacker Reggie Brown became the first Southwest Conference player selected Saturday when the Detroit Lions took him as the 17th overall pick in the first round.

Brown had been projected to go late in the first round or early in the second round.

A&M's Leeland McElroy, who was on The Associated Press first team as a kick returner, was expected to be a sure-fire, first-round selection. He dropped into the second round where the Arizona Cardinals took him as the 32nd overall pick.

Tony Brackens, one of the top defensive linemen in the nation for the Texas Longhorns, also was thought to be a first-round selection.

However, he dropped into the second round as the 33rd overall pick just behind McElroy, going to

the Jacksonville Jaguars.

There were two other Texas or SWC players chosen in the first round.

Johnson picked another Baylor Bear, making defensive lineman Daryl Gardner his first choice as the 20th overall pick.



Battalion File Photo

Leeland McElroy slipped to 32nd, picked by Arizona in the NFL draft.

Field continues to mow down Big 12 foes

Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M's Big 12 softball opponents are probably looking forward to 1997. By then, a certain pitcher will have graduated — decidedly leveling the Field.

Texas A&M senior ace pitcher Erin Field continuing her season-long dominance on the mound this weekend, picking up two wins in A&M's three-game sweep of Iowa State in Ames.

Field improved her season record to 19-6 Sunday afternoon as the Lady Aggies defeated the Hawkeyes, 8-2.

Field went the distance for

A&M, allowing eight hits, two runs and striking out two.

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, Field blew past the Hawkeyes, with a complete-game six-hitter.

Field struck out three as A&M won 4-1.

The Lady Aggies' offensive attack was led in the first game by seniors Kendall Richards and Gina Perez.

Richards went 2-for-3 at the plate, scoring a run and driving in two more, while Perez went 2-for-2.

The sweep propelled A&M to a 33-12 record on the year in-

cluding a 9-6 Big 12 mark.

Iowa State dropped to 15-19 on the year and 5-9 in the inaugural year of Big 12 conference competition.

In the second game of Saturday's action, the Hawkeyes got a break from Field, but definitely not from outstanding pitching.

A&M's Lori Gioco went the distance while pitching a four-hit shutout, walking just one batter while striking out five.

The Lady Aggies took the game 1-0 with a run batted in from catcher Shannon Gilley in the top of the fourth inning.

Owls sweep Ags into fourth

Staff and Wire Reports

The Rice Owls continued to hold the Texas A&M Baseball's Team number this season, sweeping the Aggies in three games at Cameron Field in Houston this weekend.

Dominating pitching pushed Rice to a 5-0 decision in the first game. Clutch hitting in late-inning situations gave the Owls the doubleheader sweep on Saturday.

The three straight losses dropped A&M to 8-10 in Southwest Conference play, a huge

setback after the Aggies had used a sweep of Texas Christian University to move into third.

Now only three games separate four teams in the SWC for the fourth-place spot — which is the final qualifying position for the SWC Tournament next month in Lubbock.

The Owls are now 4-0 against A&M on the season, including a 6-2 defeat of the Aggies in the SWC First Pitch Tournament last month in Houston.

The Aggies host the University of Texas-San Antonio Tuesday.



Cory Willis, The Battalion

Texas A&M senior Kendall Richards slides safely into second base during recent action at the Aggie Softball Field. A&M swept Big 12 foe Iowa State in three games over the weekend in Ames.

UT takes first, A&M second in final SWC Golf Champs

Staff and Wire Reports

The fifth-ranked Texas Lady Longhorns closed the book on 14 seasons of Southwest Conference golf competition Sunday, firing a 305 to outdistance second-place Texas A&M and win the 1996 SWC Women's Golf Championship.

It was UT's fourth consecutive and 10th overall SWC team title.

The Lady Longhorns raced to new course records for both low tournament round and total. Freshman Kelli Kuehne captured her second tournament title in four appearances this season, carding rounds of 74-73-75=222 to equal another course record for low individual tournament total.

The Aggies took runner-up honors for the second consecutive year paced by three additional top 10 individual showings.

Sophomore Jamie Hullett, a co-medalist in 1995, trailed UT's Heather Bowie for second place by just one stroke and sophomore Isabelle Rosberg finished fifth with a score of 228.

In addition, senior Kristina Edfors closed out her conference career with a ninth-place finish.

"We played really well today," A&M Head Women's Golf Coach Jeanne Sutherland said. "It was a little tough at the end, but I'm proud of the team. They played hard and never gave up. Jamie played fantastic the whole tournament. She played as focused in three rounds as I have ever seen her play."

We had a great day of golf, and it was fun to be among the top finishers. I'm looking forward to regionals in Nebraska."

Bids for the 1996 NCAA West Region Championship West Region will be announced next Monday. UT, A&M and Texas Tech are expected to receive bids.

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