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Merced, Fernandez lead Astros over Marlins

By Steven Wine
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MIAMI — If Jared Fernandez threw his knuckleball on the Florida Turnpike, every car would pass it.

But his 56-mph pitches were enough to frustrate the Florida Marlins early, and a 98-mph fastball from Billy Wagner finished them off, giving the Houston Astros a 3-1 victory Sunday.

Fernandez made a successful debut for Houston, combining with Wagner and two other hard-throwing relievers on a five-hitter. Fernandez, recalled Friday from Triple-A New Orleans, allowed one run and three hits in 5-1/3 innings.

"You don't know how things are going to work out," Houston manager Jimmy Williams said. "The Marlins are a great team with a tremendous speed and power, and they're playing about as well as anybody in the National League."



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The Marlins went 7-2 on a homestand that has propelled them into the NL wildcard race, but they lost two of three games to Houston. The Astros won five of six in the season series.

"We don't have to face them anymore," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said, "except in the playoffs."

Florida remained two games behind wild-card leader Philadelphia.

The Astros increased their lead in the NL Central to two games over St. Louis, and they head home after playing 14 of 17 games on the road since the All-Star break. Houston went 10-7 during the difficult stretch.

Orlando Merced hit his second home run of the season for the Astros, but pitching again saved them. They scored three or fewer runs for the 11th time in 13 games but have gone 6-7 during that span.

Fernandez (1-0) filled in for right-hander Roy Oswalt, who went on the disabled list Wednesday with a groin injury. The knuckleballer retired 11 in a row during one stretch with pitches mostly in the 56-65 mph range.

"They look so good to hit, they look like a basketball," McKeon said. "The guys want to see how far they can hit it, and that's not how it works."

It was Fernandez's first appearance in the majors since last September with Cincinnati.

"I'm happy to be part of a winning team," he said. "I know what's going on in the standings and that these games are important."

Brad Lidge pitched 1 2-3 perfect innings, and Octavio Dotel followed with a 1-2-3 eighth. Wagner gave up two hits in the ninth but still earned his 33rd save in 36 chances.

Marlins leadoff hitter Juan Pierre said Fernandez's floaters made Wagner's pitches look like 110-mph fastballs.

"You get different ends of the spectrum," Pierre said. "You have to sit back on the knuckleball, and then you have three guys throwing 95-plus. As major league hitters you've got to make the adjustment, and we didn't do it."

The Marlins' best chance to rally came in the sixth. Trailing 3-1, they had runners at first and third with one out, but Brad Ausmus threw out Luis Castillo trying to steal second, and Ivan Rodriguez grounded out.

Rodriguez then was ejected for shouting at plate umpire Justin Klemm. It was his second ejection in a week but only the third of his career, he said.

"I feel bad because the fans come to see me and the Marlins play. They don't come to see the umpire," Rodriguez said. "I'm just going to keep my mouth shut so they don't throw me out the rest of the season."

Florida also threatened in the ninth against Wagner. Pierre reached on an infield single and Mike Lowell hit a two-out single, but Juan Encarnacion broke this bat on a 98-mph fastball and lined softly to short.

Houston scored in the second when Jeff Kent singled, Lance Berkman walked and Adam Everett hit an RBI single.

Merced's homer leading off the third put the Astros ahead 2-1. Morgan Ensberg followed with a double and scored on Berkman's two-out bloop single.

Zorn adds another title to her belt

Staff & Wire

READING, Pa. — Texas A&M junior compound archer Mary Zorn added the 7th annual U.S. Open title to an ever-expanding list of accomplishments that seems to grow daily Saturday afternoon.

Zorn was never threatened in any of her five matches in the single-elimination tournament, according to results released Friday by the National Archery Association.

Zorn defeated No. 11 Maxine Bots, 115-102 for the fourth major gold medal she has won in the last two weeks. Bots eliminated U.S. Championship runner-up Jessica Grant, 110-109 in the semifinals.

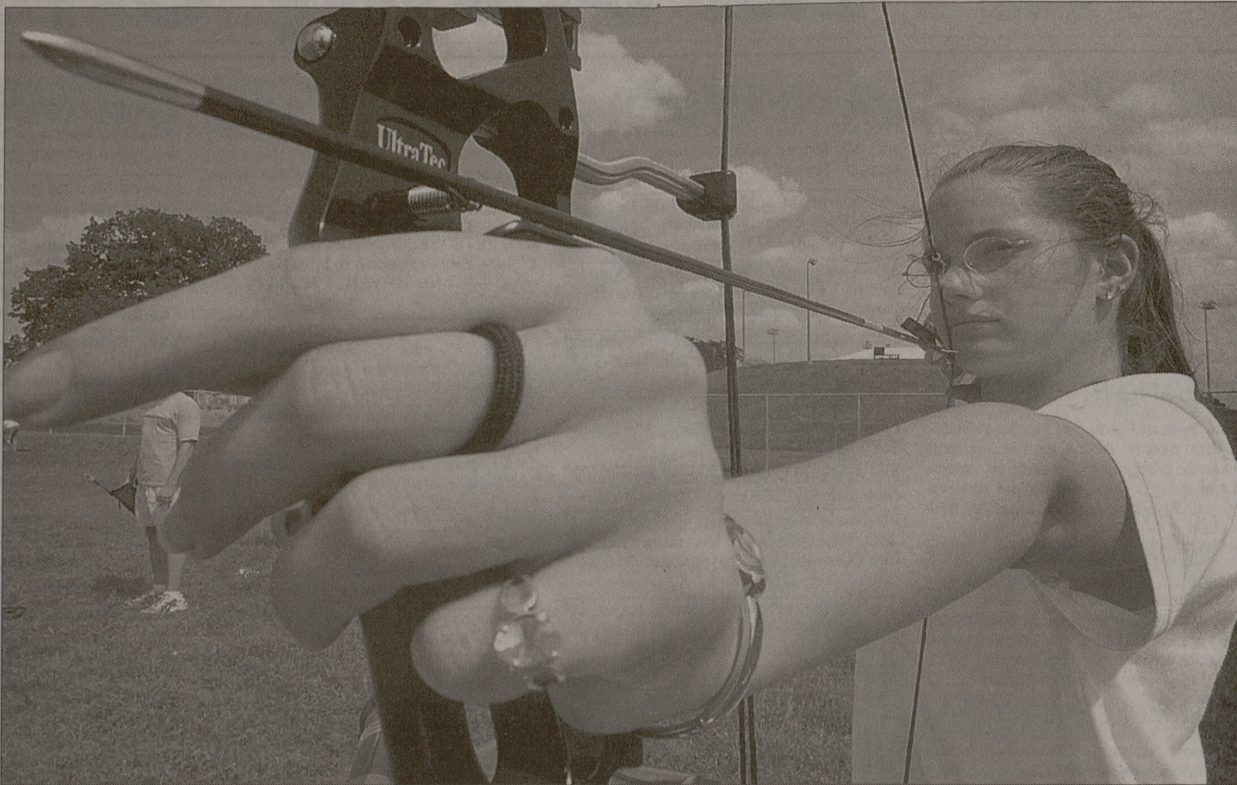
The current U.S. and world champion's closest matches came in the quarterfinal and semifinals.

Zorn eliminated fellow Aggie archer and world championship silver medalist Amber Dawson 117-111 in the quarterfinal round before downing No. 13 Ann Bakken 115-109 in the semifinals.

Zorn's score of 117 points against Dawson fell two points shy of the current 12-arrow world record which she tied in the semifinals of the U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championships in May.

Zorn came within one point of tying the 18-arrow world record in her third round defeat of No. 16 Jessica Mattson.

After a bye in the first round,



Junior archer **Mary Zorn** takes aim at practice this spring. **Zorn** won her fourth gold medal in the last two weeks at the U.S. Open Saturday.

Dawson beat No. 25 Joayn Fleury, 167-152, then knocked off No. 9 Becky Pearson, 167-164, before running into her seemingly invincible Aggie teammate in the quarterfinals.

A&M freshman Amanda Raffaelli

beat her sister Tami in the first round before falling to No. 6 Madeleine Ferris 167-166 in the second round.

On the recurve side, Aggie freshman Kristi Nelson upset No. 29 Brooke Rosania in the first round

before falling to No. 4 Stephanie Miller, 143-142 in the second round. No. 19 Dawn Chudy, an A&M senior, was upset by fellow Texan Lindsey Carmichael, 149-147, in the first round.

Cowboys and Texans square off in weekend scrimmage

By JAIME ARON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — From first string to fourth, the Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks did a good job in their first chance to impress new coach Bill Parcells.

Chad Hutchinson threw two touchdown passes and Quincy Carter was effective, too, as the Cowboys drove for six scores on five possessions in a scrimmage against the Houston Texans on Saturday night. As a group, the four Dallas QBs were 17-of-25 for 199 yards.

The Cowboys' defense also got off to a good start, holding Houston scoreless on their first four 10-play possessions.

The Texan's offensive line, which allowed an NFL record-shattering 76 sacks last season, got off to an ominous start by allowing eight, including three against starter David Carr on the opening series.

Carr and backup Tony Banks weren't even able to get a first down on their first two drives. They finally clicked on their final tries, with Carr throwing a 23-yard touchdown pass to Andre Johnson, the third overall pick in the draft, and Banks tossing a TD to JaJuan Dawson.

"The most frustrating things was we go out and practice in training camp and think we're doing good, then we go out and lay an egg,"

Carr said. "We shouldn't have played this way."

Regardless of how Carr plays this preseason, he'll start the opener. The Cowboys' QBs are a different story.

Parcells has said he'll go with the player who moves the team best, with Hutchinson and Carter getting the most chances. They were both listed as first-string on a depth chart released late Friday, although Carter got the starting nod Saturday night.

Carter completed his first three passes while taking the Cowboys from their 20 to the Houston 7. Antonio Bryant helped by taking an end around 17 yards.

Then the drive stalled as Carter threw two incomplections. Dallas settled for a field goal by Ola Kimrin.

Hutchinson, who went 6-of-9 for 71 yards, capped his first series — which started at the 30 — by throwing a 26-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Swinton. The big play on the drive was a 42-yard run by RaShard Lee, an undrafted rookie from Middle Tennessee State.

Carter, who finished 5-of-7 for 48 yards, started the next possession and drove from the Dallas 40 to the Houston 24, with an 18-yard pass to Terry Glenn along the way.

Hutchinson relieved him and ended the series with a screen pass that Aveion Cason turned

into a 13-yard gain, then a 7-yard TD pass to new tight end Dan Campbell.

"It was a start. I don't consider it any more than that," Hutchinson said.

Said Carter: "It was important for us to come out and play well because this is a brand-new offense."

Clint Stoerner, listed behind undrafted rookie Tony Romo on the Dallas depth chart, got a field goal out of his only possession. Romo played the final series, which began at the Houston 35, and produced two field goals.

The teams will meet again Aug. 15 in a preseason game at Texas Stadium.

A heavily pro-Cowboys crowd of about 30,000 saw a much friendlier game than last year's scrimmage, which included a tussle and the start of a rivalry between the cross-state teams. Emotions were further stirred when Houston beat Dallas 19-10 in last season's opener.

While both teams talked tough leading up to this get-together, there were no incidents — not even when Cowboys defensive end Greg Ellis pulled down Carr by his jersey on the third play, violating the scrimmage's stiffest rule.

Ellis made it clear he meant no harm, helping Carr up immediately and patting him on the helmet.

Cowboys starters Dat Nguyen and Roy Williams

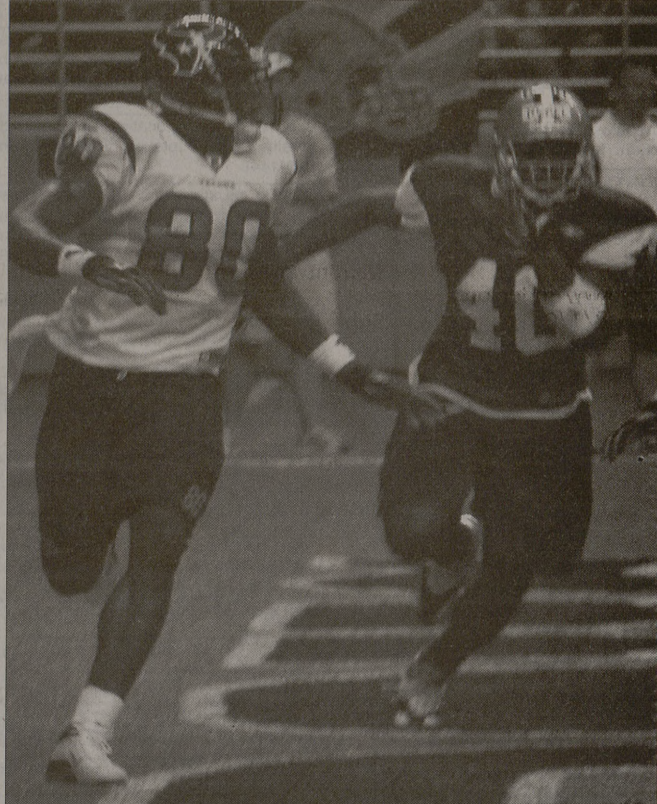


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Texans wide receiver **Andre Johnson** tries to break away from **Don McGee** on a play that scored a touchdown for Houston

bounced with glee before and after plays, and linebacker Jamal Brooks celebrated wildly after a third-down stop deep in Dallas territory.

Houston's most eye-popping play was safety Glenn Sumter hitting receiver Zuriel Smith so hard his helmet came off. But the most significant was the Carr-to-Johnson

TD, which sent Carr running to the end zone to congratulate his new favorite target.

"It definitely took a lot of weight off my shoulders," Carr said. "I'll be able to sleep better tonight."

Parcells wasn't keen on the scrimmage, but team owner Jerry Jones had committed to it before hiring the coach.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tyson squanders \$300 million, declares chapter 11 bankruptcy in court

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson has filed for Chapter 11 protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, claiming his finances are in disarray.

The former heavyweight champion has squandered nearly \$300 million in ring earnings through lavish spending and bad advice. Tyson's handlers said in a news release on Friday that Tyson has taken control of himself and wants to resolve his financial problems.

They blamed his out-of-control spending habits and subsequent mounting debt on mismanagement by others.

"As a professional fighter, who relied on others to manage his affairs, he discovered that his debts far exceeded his assets," Tyson's attorney Debra Grassgreen said. "Now, he has taken the lead in bringing order to his financial affairs."

The fighter frittered away millions on mansions, Bentleys, jewelry, and even

Bengal tigers while buying extravagant gifts for his entourage. Don King also took a huge chunk.

Tyson has a \$100 million lawsuit pending against King that goes to trial in September. The suit claims King cheated Tyson out of millions after he got out of prison in 1995 and went back to fighting for the promoter.

Earlier this year, as part of a divorce settlement, Tyson agreed to pay his ex-wife, Monica, \$6.5 million from future earnings.

Besides his financial problems, Tyson is also facing possible jail time again.

He pleaded innocent last month to misdemeanor assault, harassment and disorderly conduct charges for pummeling two men during a brawl at a Brooklyn hotel on June 21. Tyson's lawyers claimed his actions were justified because the two men allegedly menaced the boxer first by telling him they were armed. Prosecutors say the assault went too far.

Tyson, who served three years in prison for rape in the 1990s, faces up to a year if convicted of the latest charges.

Robinson's jersey retired by minor league Brooklyn team

NEW YORK (AP) — Jackie Robinson, who broke baseball's color barrier as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers more than 50 years ago, had his jersey number retired Sunday by the minor league Brooklyn Cyclones.

The Cyclones, an affiliate of the New York Mets, honored Robinson posthumously, retiring his No. 42. "Even symbolically to have Jack represented here in Brooklyn is of great importance to me," Robinson's wife, Rachel, said before the ceremony. "Our roots are here, and a lot of our history is here."

In 1947, Robinson became the first black player in the major leagues, often playing despite death threats and racial taunts.

Robinson's 10-year career with the Dodgers included six National League pennants and one World Series title. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1962 and died in 1972. Robinson's number was retired throughout the

major leagues in 1997.

"People usually associate Jackie Robinson with baseball, but he should be associated with all things good," New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said during the presentation.

The only other number to be retired by the Brooklyn Cyclones is 14, worn by Gil Hodges, a former Dodgers first baseman.

Furyk holds off Woods, wins second title of year

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — Jim Furyk held off Tiger Woods and shot a 4-under-par 68 Sunday to win the Buick Open by two strokes. The victory gives the 2003 U.S. Open champion two titles in a year for the first time.

Furyk had won one tournament in each of the previous five seasons.

Woods carded a 66 in the final round to finish at 19 under, tying for second place with Chris DiMarco, Geoff Ogilvy and Briny Baird. It was Woods' final tuneup before the PGA Championship which will be his last chance this season to win a major.