
SPORTS VIEW



A gathering of friends

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Hello, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to another edition of "This is Your Life," where some lucky guest is surprised by important people from his past for a heart-warming reunion right here on our stage. And tonight's honoree?

Well, he just came from Texas, where he was the most famous participant in a fight since Santa Anna and Davy Crockett.

Let's hear it for Biiiiiiiiiiiiilllllly Martin.

"Thank you, thank you. Just happy to be here. Anybody hear a Red Sox score? They win again?"

OK, OK, Billy.

Our first surprise visitor was one of your most beloved players in pinstripes, a superstar you respected and admired every day you tenderly put his name on the lineup card. You know who I mean, of course. Mr. October. Reggie Jackson, come on

"Hey, Jackson, run down those steps, don't loaf! You've always been nothing but a bleepin' gold brick! You'll probably want to go into the Hall of Fame in a limo. I just hope they pull it up to the back door. Put

Billy Martin, This Is Your Life.

your name on the lineup card? I'd rather put it on a Mafia man's list of 'Things to do.' "

Guys, guys, settle down. Can we get an usher to separate these two? Back off, men, back off. Billy, please don't throw the microphone.

Whewww. Well folks we're off to a great start.

Now, Billy, here's a man we're sure you'll never forget. You met over a friendly drink at a friendly bar in friendly Bloomington, Minn. Talk about hitting it off. Both of you left that night with stars in your eyes. : Since then he's been out of sight, but

we're sure never out of mind. And here he is again, Joe Cooper.

"Awwwwgg, bleep bleep bleep bleep, it's the bleeping marshmallow salesman."

Billy, don't hold back the emotion. What have you got to say to ol' Joe after all these years?

"Stick it in your ear, milquetoast. Hasn't anybody thrown you into a vat of hot chocolate to boil yet?"

Yes, folks, nothing like old friends. And here, Billy, is former Minnesota pitcher Dave Boswell. Remember when you and he tried to have each other for dessert one night outside a restaurant?

And how about a big hug for Ray Hagar, the sports writer you once came across in Reno, Nev. Or maybe you thought he was really a slot machine when you tried to rip his arm

"I'd rather hug a skunk in heat." And who could ever forget the heart-to-heart talk you had with former pitcher Ed Whitson well into the

night in Baltimore. "Heart to heart? How about fist to head? I broke my arm fighting that stiff, and I still had a better fastball, cast and all. He couldn't get it past Dr. Ruth. I'd rather have Mr. Rogers on my side in a back alley fight."

But now we've saved the best for

We knew the evening would not be complete without this man. A man you counted on for guidance much of your professional life, a man you look up to, a man you affectionately call "Boss" — except for the one time you called him "felon" - George Steinbrenner!

"What's he doing in town? Interviewing people for Yankee manager? But I'm not worried about him firing me. We're in first place. I could hang pantyhose on Ruth and Gehrig's plaques and George wouldn't care as long as we're winning."

Well folks, here they all are. People who have shared great moments with our honoree. Biiiiiillllly, This is Your

"Yeah, quite a collection of slime dirtying up your floor. What happened, the cleaning lady go on strike?"

(At this point, the show was interrupted by a melee on stage, complete with shoves, punches and curses. The last thing we saw of Billy Martin, he was going to the restroom to get cleaned up. There seemed to be a bit of ruckus in there, too, and we're all still waiting for him to come back

Marc Hansen is on vacation

NHL grants Schoenfeld hearing: refs will work

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - The National Hockey League on Monday agreed to give New Jersey Devils Coach Jim Schoenfeld a hearing before passing judgment on his run-in with referee Don Koharski and also reached an accord with league

The action comes one day after what many might consider one of the most embarrassing in league history.

rest of the playoffs.

officials guaranteeing they work the

During a 12-hour period, the league suspended Schoenfeld for the fourth game of the Wales Conference finals and then was forced to sit back and watch as a New Jersey judge issued a restraining order allowing him to coach. Later, regular NHL officials presence and the league eventually statement. "The association looks after the start of the game was de- the NHL to protect and enhance the

layed 67 minutes.

It all left the NHL with a black eye in the minds of many people, and on Monday league officials started the healing process.

The league first rescinded Schoenfeld's suspension and agreed to hold a hearing on Tuesday on his confrontation with Koharski after Game 3 of the series. The hearing will be at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Boston.

The NHL later agreed to provide officials with more security at playoff games, prompting a return-towork promise from officials.

"The association has been assured by the NHL that security at game venues will be improved where necessary," Jim Beatty, a lawyer for the boycotted the game over Schoenfeld's NHL Officials' Association, said in a was forced to use amateur officials forward to continuing to work with

image and integrity of the game of hockey."

Beatty and referees Dave Newell and Andy vanHellemond represented the officials union at the meeting with Jim Gregory, the NHL's vice president of hockey operation, and John McCauley, the league's director of officiating.

In a short written statement, the NHL said simply that the league was satisfied with the discussions with the officials' association and has "agreed with the officials to put [Sunday's] incident behind them."

Schoenfeld is hoping to get a similar statement on Tuesday, adding that he expects to be coaching the team tonight in Game 5 of the bestof-seven series that is tied, 2-2.

"If and when everything is taken into consideration, I feel the charges of physical contact will be put to rest

because there was none," Schoenfeld said Monday. "All this was was a heated verbal exchange between a coach and an official."

Schoenfeld was scheduled to fly with the team to Boston on Monday. But he got off the team bus after the suspension was rescinded and returned to the Devils' offices to prepare for the hearing.

At issue will be Schoenfeld's run-in with Koharski on Friday when the Devils' coach called the official "a fat pig" and allegedly bumped him following a 6-1 loss.

Hours after the NHL announced its suspension, the Devils got a tempo- 'ed. rary restraining order from Superior Court Judge James F. Madden, clearbehind the bench for the Devils' 3-1 victory Sunday night.

Just moments before the game,

however, Newell, linesmen Gord Broseker and Ray Scapinello, along with alternate referee Denis Morel, refused to work the game and amateurs Paul McInnis, Vin Godleski and Jim Sullivan — a skating rink operator, a salesman and a retired police officer replaced them.

The game was almost anticlimactic and lacked a certain amount of intensity with Boston Coach Terry O'Reilly saying that he felt as if it wasn't an NHL game.

Equally embarrassing for the league was the fact that NHL President John Ziegler could not be locat-

"I don't know where Mr. Ziegler was last night," NHL spokesman ing the way for Schoenfeld to be Gary Meagher said on Monday. "We

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4 pitchers flirt, but no no-hitters

PITTSBURGH, PA. (AP) - It's been oh-so-close but no dice for nohitters in the major leagues this season.

Doug Drabek of Pittsburgh became the fourth pitcher to flirt with a no-hitter in the last two weeks, pitching eight hitless innings Sunday against San Diego until pinch hitter Randy Ready had an infield single to start the ninth.

Drabek (4-2) settled for a two-hitter and lost his shutout an out later when Marvell Wynne hit a two-run homer. But he settled down to get the final two outs as the Pirates won, 6-2.

"I don't know if it's the best game I've ever pitched — I didn't even get a shutout — but I know it will be right there at the top," Drabek said. "I know I'll always remember it because I don't know if I'll ever get this close again."

Nolan Ryan, Ron Robinson and John Tudor know exactly how Drabek felt since they've also been ever-so-close to no-hitters recently. That's why major-league hitters, accused last year of corking their bats, now are joking that the pitchers' arms are corked.

Houston's Ryan, who has pitched a record five no-hitters, pitched 81/3 hitless innings against Philadelphia on April 28 until Mike Schmidt singled. Robinson, of Cincinnati, was within one strike of a perfect game May 2 until Wallace Johnson of Montreal singled into left field.

Tudor hasn't been perfect - but pretty close to it - in his last two

Coming off an injury, he pitched six hitless innings against the Los Angeles Dodgers on May 1 until being removed for a pinch hitter. He



Pittsburgh's Doug Drabek (right) is congratulated by beating San Diego Sunday. Drabek took a no-hitter into teammates Brian Fischer (left) and Mike Dunne after the ninth inning, but lost it on an infield hit.

extended his hitless streak to 13 innings until Mike Marshall of the Dodgers singled to lead off the eighth Saturday night in the Cardinals' 2-1 victory.

At this time a year ago, Drabek wasn't worried about no-hitters. He was worried about keeping his job.

Acquired by the Pirates from the New York Yankees in the Rick Rhoden deal in November 1986, Drabek won his first National League decision on April 19, 1987, then didn't win again until Aug. 8.

But ever since he learned to mix his breaking pitches with his hard stuff and to change speeds rather than try to overpower hitters, he has been one of baseball's best starters.

Drabek has won 13 of his last 17 decisions — he was 9-2 in his last 12 starts last season — and has been one of the leaders in a turnaround that has seen the Pirates win 46 of their last 67 games.

Drabek, 25, was well aware he was three outs away from the history books when he walked to the

touchdowns against the Cyclones ."

Iowa State ranked last in the Big

Eight Conference in total defense

while going 3-8 in Jim Walden's first

season. Defense is still the area that

needs the most improvement next

fall, but Walden was encouraged that

it perhaps started to turn the corner

mound in the ninth inning Sunday, even though his teammates were treating him like it was just any other game.

"Nobody said the word no-hitter," said pitching coach Ray Miller. "Everybody knows what's going on, from the fifth inning on. But you don't say the word."

Drabek said he almost wished somebody had said the magic word. He kept the pressure off between innings by talking to fellow pitchers Mike Dunne and John Smiley, but the no-hitter wasn't mentioned.

Welch helps Oakland win 14th straight

Tigers bow, 3-1; Canseco slams ninth home run

OAKLAND, CALIF. (AP) - Jose Canseco hit his league-leading ninth home run and Bob Welch allowed four hits in eight-

innings Monday night as Oakland beat Detroit, 3-1, to extend its winning streak to 14 games, the longest in the major leagues in 11 years. The A's, now 12-0

against American League East teams, own the most con-CANSECO secutive victories since the Kansas

City Royals won 16 straight in 1977. Welch, in raising his record to 5-2, struck out five and walked one in

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beating Jack Morris to win his fourth consecutive game. Morris (3-4) had 11 strikeouts and allowed nine hits en route to his fourth complete game. Lou Whitaker led off the top of the

ninth with a double and Dennis Eckersley relieved Welch and got his 12th save in 13 games. Eckersley has not allowed a run in 15% innings.

The Tigers scored in the third inning without hitting the ball out of the infield.

Pat Sheridan beat out a high chopper to third base, advanced to second on a balk, went to third on an infield hit by Gary Pettis and scored on Welch's second balk of the inning and seventh of the season. The A's took the lead in the bottom

of the inning when Carney Lansford singled and Canseco hit a home run to left field, tying New York's Dave Winfield for the major-league RBI lead with 32. Oakland made it 3-1 in the fourth.

After Ron Hassey singled with one out. Dave Henderson reached on a force-out, went to second on a balk and scored on Mike Gallego's single. Ron Hassey had three hits for the

A's, giving him seven hits in two The victory moved the Athletics

within three of the franchise record of 17 in a row set by the 1931 Philadelphia A's.

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Cyclones' Dole hopes to lead improved defense

By RON MALY Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. - Jeff Dole is tired of being embarrassed.

"And so is the rest of our defense," said the 202-pound

Iowa State strong safety from Grundy Center. "There were a few more games our football team should have won last season, but didn't. The defense took the blame for it because we got beat so often in the

fourth quarter. "We know our offense will be strong next season because Jim Walden is an excellent offensive coach, but the defense must improve running backs in the Big Eight. It's a 100 percent if the team is going to be successful. We got kicked pretty back I ran into was Thurman Thomas badly last fall."

That's the voice of experience school-record 293 yards and four

talking. Dole is heading into his senior year, and has played on just one winning team at Iowa State. That was in 1985, when Jim Criner's squad went 6-5 before he was fired.

Dole was named Iowa State's out-

standing defensive player after lead-

ing the team in tackles with 104, 60 of

which were unassisted. He averaged nearly 12 stops a game. But he's not particularly proud of ranking No. 1 on the team. When the strong safety is the squad leader, that

means the opposing players aren't exactly being stopped cold. "Yes, I know I'm not supposed to be making all those tackles," Dole said, "but there are a lot of outstanding

smash-ball league. I guess the best

of Oklahoma State who piled up a

in the final days of spring practice. The workouts ended last Saturday in a game that saw the regulars whip the reserves, 31-3. "This was one of the most intense

springs I've put in here," Dole said. "Going against our offense was good for us because they do some things other college offenses don't."

Dole said the goal of the Cyclone players is to have a winning season. It doesn't hurt to dream, of course, so some in the Iowa State camp would like to see the squad win enough games to be invited to a bowl.

year, and the seniors would really like to close their career on a strong Iowa State was the only Division I school that tried to recruit Dole, and he accepted that as a challenge. "I wanted to see what I could do at DETROIT

"It's been quite a while since any

Iowa State team went to a bowl,'

Dole said. "We're better than last

this level," he explained. "I'm glad Iowa State gave me the opportunity." Dole is majoring in hotel and restaurant management, but said he may wind up being a coach.

"My dad [Harold Dole] is a former coach, and now he's the principal at Grundy Center High School," Dole said. "Without putting a lot of pressure on me, he's always been an inspiration. He hasn't missed one of my games for Iowa State at home or on the road.'

MORNING REPORT

WINNING THE EASY WAY. St. Ambrose wound up with an unbeaten 1987 football season on paper Monday when Wisconsin-Stevens Point disclosed it was forfeiting last year's games and NAIA co-championship for using two players it didn't know were ineligible. Stevens Point was the only team to defeat St. Ambrose last year when the Davenport school went 9-2-1. The first loss came in the second game of the season while the other occurred during the second round of the NAIA playoffs.

SPONSLER TO ISU. Cale Sponsler of Johnston, the Class 2-A state champion at 112 pounds this past winter, will become part of the lowe State wrestling program next year. Sponsler, who had a 36-0 mark last year, had a 105-11 career record. He is projected as a 118-pounder for the Cyclones.

TRIAL DELAYED. A judge Monday delayed the trial of New York sports agent Norby Walters, who moved closer to settling a dispute with the

University of Alabama over \$250,000 it lost through the entertainment executive's dealings with former basketball star Derrick McKey. While Circuit Judge John Karrh granted the postponement of the misdemeanor trial because of the death of the father of a key witness, prosecutors said the move might give Walters and the university time to agree on their differences.

15-YARD PENALTY. San Francisco 49ers guard Jeff Bregel, one of three members of the team arrested in a scuffle with sheriff's deputies, has accused arresting officers of unnecessary roughness. "I don't know if they knew we were 49ers, but they could have handled my situation with a lot more etiquette," the 280-pound Bregel said on Sunday. Bregel spent Saturday morning in Santa Clara County Jail with teammates Kevin Fagan and Paul O'Connor.

OLYMPIC ROOMS AVAILABLE. Seoul's tourist hotels have been fully booked for the Olympics, but visitors still can find space in tradi-

tional Korean inns and some private homes, a city official said Monday. Organizers expect nearly a quarter of a million tourists to visit the South Korean capital for the Olympic Summer Games from Sept. 17-Oct. 2. A record 9,000 athletes from 161 nations are expected to compete. "We have secured enough yogwan [Korean inn] rooms and ordinary homes," Kim In-dong, director of the Seoul Metropolitan Government's Olympic Preparation Bureau, said in a statement.

FOYT SUSPENSION LIFTED. A six-month suspension imposed on auto racing star A.J. Foyt was lifted by NASCAR Monday, eight days after the penalty was leveled following a fender-banging incident in the Winston 500. Les Richter, NASCAR vice president for competition, announced the decision following a review of the incident late in the race at Talladega, Ala. The stock car sanctioning body released a brief statement, but Richter was out of town and unavailable for comment. The fine was increased from \$5,000 to \$7,500, however.

TV Today

8 a.m. (ESN) Golf Senior PGA Vantage at the Dominion,

final round. (R) 12 p.m. (ESN) Wrestling Amateur Freestyle Champion-

ship: United States vs. Soviet Union. (R) 1 p.m. (ESN) Running Lilac Bloomsday 12K Run. (R) 1:15 p.m. WGN Baseball Los Angeles at Chicago. (Live) 4:35 p.m. (TBS) Baseball Montreal at Atlanta. (Live) 6:30 p.m. (ESN) Hockey Wales Conference Final, game

five: New Jersey at Boston. (Live) 7:30 p.m. (TBS) Pro Basketball NBA Playoffs, conference semifinal: Dallas at Denver. (Live) 10 p.m. (TBS) Pro Basketball NBA Playoffs, conference

Quote of the Day

semifinal: Utah at L.A. Lakers. (Live)

"It was like a joke. Just a joke. That's all I'm going to say." - Boston goalie Reggie Lemelin after substitute officials worked Sunday's playoff game between the Bruins and the New Jersey