

## Houston's Akeem after NBA dream

HOUSTON (AP) — Akeem Abdul Olajuwon, the University of Houston's 7-0 center says he would forfeit his collegiate eligibility and enter the NBA draft if guaranteed he would play in Houston, the Houston Chronicle said in a copyright story yesterday.

Speculation about Olajuwon's future has mounted since the National Collegiate Athletic Association playoffs when the Cougars lost in the first to North Carolina State 54-52. Olajuwon, a 20-year-old sophomore from Nigeria, was named the tournament's outstanding player after com-

pling 41 points, 40 rebounds and 15 blocked shots in the Final Four. Professional scouts projected Olajuwon would be among the top three players taken in the NBA college draft June 28. To be eligible, Olajuwon would have to renounce his amateur status by May 14.

"If I could be sure I was going to stay in Houston, I would come out," Olajuwon told the Chronicle. The Chronicle quoted sources as saying Olajuwon met several times last week with Lee Fentress, a Washington, D.C. attorney who represents Philadelphia 76ers center Moses Ma-

lone, a close friend and confidant of Olajuwon.

"It is a big decision and a difficult decision to make," Olajuwon said. "I will definitely have to make the decision by May 14, but I would really like to have it done by May 12 or sooner."

Olajuwon said his decision rests partly on teammate Clyde Drexler, a junior also rated highly by pro scouts. Drexler has remained non-committal about his plans.

"Because I love to play basketball with Clyde Drexler. And if Clyde decided to turn professional, then I definitely would not have as much fun

next year in college."

Olajuwon said he would not refuse to play professionally somewhere besides Houston.

"If I was eventually drafted by a team in another city, I would have to go there and see how I liked it. I have not seen anywhere else. Maybe I would like it, maybe I would not. But I do know Houston and I love Houston. I would like to stay here."

The Rockets, with two of the first three picks in the draft, have had their sights set on Ralph Sampson, the 7-4 center from the University of Virginia.

## sports briefs

### N.J. champion signs with wrestling team

John Place, this year's 188-pound New Jersey state wrestling champion, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Penn State.

Place earned All-American honors this year after compiling a 33-0 record.

A two-time winner of Sparta High School's Most Valuable Wrestler award, Place finished third at last year's New Jersey state tournament. Place, who compiled a 76-2 career record, began wrestling at Mifflinburg High School before his family moved to New Jersey two years ago. Place was the captain of Sparta High School's football and wrestling teams and led both teams to Group 2 state championships this year.

Penn State wrestling coach Rich Lorenzo said he is happy to have Place join the Nittany Lions.

"John has a super attitude; is very coachable, and is a winner who's not satisfied with anything less than being a national champion," Lorenzo said. "It's extremely important to Penn State wrestling to continually be able to recruit people like John, who are both great wrestlers and great people."

When Place joins the Nittany Lions, he will be reunited with former Mifflinburg High School wrestling teammates, Scott Lynch and John Manotti, who are both members of the wrestling team.

## Denny's problems solved by Phil's coach

By RALPH BERNSTEIN  
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Phillies' pitching coach Claude Osteen said he took one look at pitcher John Denny last September and couldn't believe what he saw.

The Phillies obtained Denny from Cleveland Sept. 11 for three rookies.

Osteen remembered the Denny he coached for four years, 1977-1980, with the St. Louis Cardinals. "He came here with a delivery there was no way I could remember from our days in St. Louis," said Osteen.

After Denny beat the Chicago Cubs Monday night, the coach related how he had remade Denny's style.

"He had picked up a lot of bad habits in his three seasons with Cleveland," Osteen said. "And bad habits are very tough to break."

Osteen said there was no way Denny could get the maximum with the way he was throwing.

"Now his arm is strong, shoulder strong, and he has good habits again in his delivery," Osteen said. Denny was 6-11 at Cleveland last year, but missed 44 days with an ailing shoulder.

"The main thing is that he was pushing the ball

instead of throwing," Osteen said. "His curveball was too slow. It had no power. But we've really made some progress. We spent more than an hour throwing in the batting cage the other day."

"He really felt good, and looked the closest to the way he threw in St. Louis."

Denny gives Osteen all the credit for finding the flaws in his pitching that not only kept him from winning, but contributed to his elbow problem. "Claude corrected things so that now I'm throwing my breaking ball with more velocity. And I'm using my fastball more," Denny said.

### Baseball and softball games postponed

The inclement weather once again played havoc with the baseball team. Yesterday's single game with West Chester was postponed as was today's matchup with Juniata.

Lion Head Coach Shorty Stoner was unsure if these games will be made up because of the heavy backing of

games already scheduled.

The cold and windy weather also canceled yesterday's double-header between the softball team and LaSalle at Lady Lion Field. The games against LaSalle were rescheduled for yesterday, because they were rained out two weeks ago.

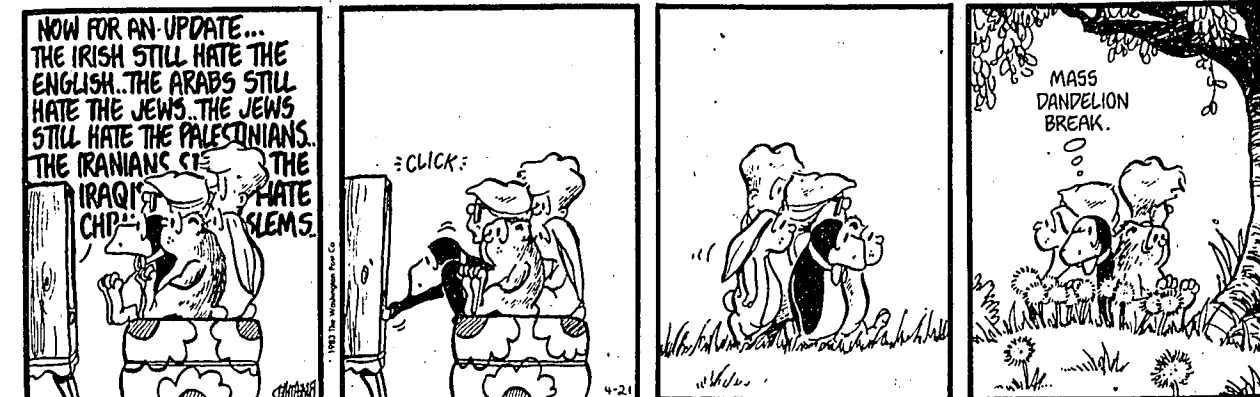
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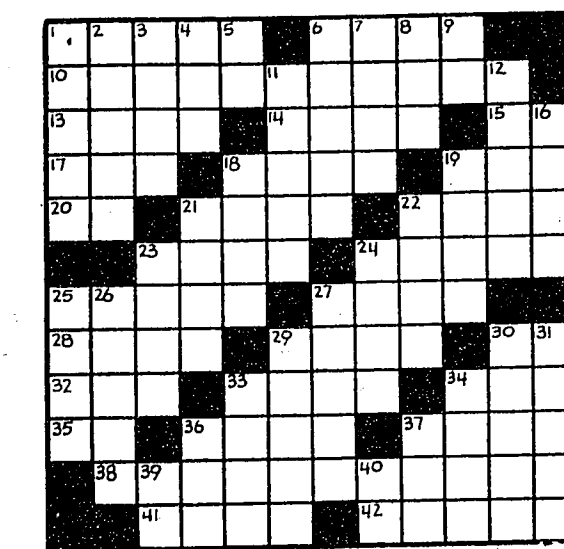
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(answers in Friday's classifieds)



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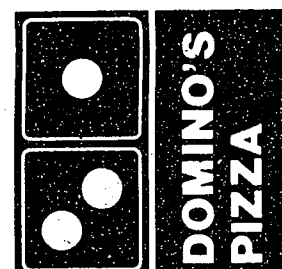
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