

Sports digest

Nelson misses flight, fines himself

MILWAUKEE (AP) — When the Milwaukee Bucks flew to New York Saturday for a game...



Don Nelson

Borg starts last tournament today

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) — Bjorn Borg, appearing in his last tennis tournament before retiring at the age of 26, will meet No. 3 seed Jose-Luis Clerch...

Olympic amateur rules unchanged

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The International Olympic committee said Sunday it would not change present rules defining amateurism...

Odds and ends

Associated Press
George Haas, the 89-year-old owner of the Chicago Bears, was resting comfortably Sunday in the intensive care unit of Northwestern Memorial Hospital...

Giants, Chris stop Brewers

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Left-hander Mike Chris held the Milwaukee Brewers hitless for three innings and knocked in the go-ahead run with a 7th-inning double...

Fingers on disabled list

By Bill Brophy
State Journal sports reporter

SUN CITY, Ariz. — The Rolfe Fingers song opera continued Sunday as the Milwaukee Brewers announced the 1983 Cy Young Award winner will start the American League season on the 21-day disabled list.



Rolfe Fingers

The news came just one day after Fingers received the most positive development in a six-month comeback from an arm injury...

Fingers said Sunday his arm felt fine and that he can overcome the torn muscle in his forearm.

"It's a little stiff today, but not as bad as it has been," said Fingers, who allowed three runs and four hits Saturday in a game against San Francisco...

Harry Dalton, the Brewers' general manager, called the American League to make sure Fingers could still pitch in exhibition games this week and received permission...

Brewer notes

"That's 31 days from now," he said. "Who knows? We're encouraged by Rolfe's two outings this spring, but we don't want to rush him. It's a long season."

Harvey Kuen, the Brewer manager, said Saturday that he didn't expect to have Fingers until mid-April so the move was hardly discouraging.

"That's not set yet, but I don't want to throw in the cold in Kansas City or Toronto unless I have to," Fingers said.

Dalton wouldn't predict whether Fingers would be ready to pitch April 16.

Brother notes

Not counting the two disabled fore-runners who have been named, the mer Cy Young Award winner, the Brewers have 21 players still in camp. They must trim eight by opening day.

Bob Koenig, the American League's Most Valuable Player last year, is expected back in the lineup Tuesday. He has missed four games because of a shoulder injury.

Gorman Thomas, who has also been bothered by a sore shoulder, returned to the lineup Sunday.

Nobody expects the Brewers to be running the table in the National League's East Division.

Harvey's Wall-bangers have only three stolen bases all spring, including Marshall Edwards' theft Sunday.

Francisco beat Milwaukee, 6-2, in the AL.

Sutton the showman enjoys spring training

By Bill Brophy

SUN CITY, Ariz. — It was a minor incident and certainly had no impact on the Milwaukee Brewers' game with the Chicago Cubs the other day...

When the Cubs' Larry Brower walked to the plate, he was greeted by a pitcher who checked the baseball Don Sutton was throwing.

Sutton didn't predict whether Fingers would be ready to pitch April 16.

That's entertainment

"I thought it turned into an entertaining routine for the fans," Sutton said. "This time of the year is for that."

"I'd like to do two things some spring training, just to get a reaction," said Sutton, who once allowed the San Diego Chicken to be his batterymate.

"You can do those things in spring training," Sutton said.

"I think knowing how to win is an over-rated cliché," Sutton said.

"I'm going to miss most of all when I retire," Sutton said.

Sutton sees spring ritual as vocation

AP Laserphoto

So it's nice to be good those things and I'd be trying if I didn't say it was hard for me, but I think it's over-rated."

"I hope the others don't because I sure don't," Sutton said.

"The other four starters haven't changed. If we say, 'Roy are we going to go hard now because Vukob is out' that means we weren't going to go hard before. And I don't believe in that."

Badgers, fans celebrated

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as anyone. Leckrone sought to end the rally with a throbbing 'Varsity' during which the throng swayed back and forth to the music.

Scene three: On the plane, en route home. You have never seen such a scene of joy.

Ted Pearson, a cutup, stood in the aisle, demanded attention, got it and told everybody "I love you all."

Associate athletic director Otto Brettenbach called attention to that Wisconsin had captured "two national championships (cross country, too) and gone in to a bowl game in a kelp people in their seats and simply joined the fun."

Coach Jeff Sauer wore the broadest smile on the plane and a cup that proclaimed "NCAA National Champion."

Terry Kieninger said he had "no regrets," though Marc Leckrone got to be the star and the hero. "I'll do it next year," Kieninger said.

The team yelled, "Good night, Erzy." Hirsh went down in the aisle and pretended to sleep.

SCENE FOUR: Base County Regional Airport at 2:18 a.m. On the plane a few of us had specu-

lated whether there would be a crowd waiting. I said so, it was simply too late for a crowd. I was dead wrong. There were 400 persons at the airport.

The players had to go single file through a tunnel of happy fans, yelling "We're No. 1!" The players loved it.

They climbed on top of the luggage carousel and used it as an impromptu stage for the celebration. They tipped a little wine and beer.

Sauer ended it with humor. "I'll tell you. It's a lot better than Colorado," he said.

Hirsh made his final speech of the day, also giving a beer. "You are super people," he told the crowd.

"You are the best of both worlds, the best people and the greatest team."

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Jeff Andrus said a nicely. "I'll remember the (welcome) longer than I'll remember the game."

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