Houston Oilers Get Valuable Signature

HOUSTON (AP) — John Matuszak, the No. 1 pick in the 1973 pro football draft, signed a four-year contract with the Houston Oilers Thursday and said his next move was to settle what position he'll play in the College All-Star game.

"I think I'll have less adjustment to make at defensive tackle," said Matuszak, who played that position his last two seasons at Tampa University.

Matuszak is listed as a defensive end for the annual all-star game against the world champion Miami Dolphins, but Matuszak said he hoped to convince All-Stars Coach John McKay to play him at tackle.

"I've got a lot to learn, but I think I have the tools to learn quickly," the 6-foot-8, 290-pound Matuszak said. "I think my best assets are speed and unabashed enthusiasm."

Unabashed enthusiasm?

"That means like going crazy."

That's what the Oilers hope Matuszak will do next season and Coach Bill Peterson said he wouldn't hold Matuszak back.

"We plan to use him in our Aug. 3 game against the New York Jets," Peterson said.

Terms of Matuszak's contract were not announced. Matuszak's attorney, Bob Woolf of Boston, had said he intended to make Matuszak the highest paid lineman in the history of the National Football League.

Lucky Fella

Wayne Schuster, of Euclid, O., caught this 34-inch, 10-pound northern pike Monday morning on the spillway of the Kinzua Dam. Schuster used a plug called a "dare devil." (Photo by Mansfield)

Red Sox Humble Yanks, Sweep Four Of 5 Games

NEW YORK (AP) — Carl Yastrzemski ripped a home run and a run-scoring single, keying Boston's biggest inning of the season, a seven-run fourth, that led the Red Sox to a 9-4 victory over the New York Yankees Thursday afternoon.

Yastrzemski, who had three hits in the game, opened the fourth with his 11th homer of the season. Singles by Orlando Cepeda, Carlton Fisk and Dwight Evans produced another run.

Then, with the bases loaded and two out, Rick Miller singled for two more runs and Reggie Smith followed with a two-run double, the 999th hit of his major league career.

Yastrzemski then climaxed the big inning with another run-scoring single as Boston raced to a 7-1 lead.

Bill Lee rode the heavy hitting to his 10th victory of the season, spacing eight Yankee hits.

Roy White scored the first Yankee run when he singled, stole second and came home on Bobby Murcer's single in the first inning. White's bases-loaded single in the seventh produced two more Yankee runs.

It was the third straight Yankee loss and fourth in five games against the Red Sox.

BOSTON	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi
RMiller lf	4	1	1	3	Clarke 2b	4	0	1	0
RSmith cf	5	1	1	2	White lf	4	1	2	2
Ystrmski 1b	5	1	3	2	MAlou rf	3	0	0	0
Cepeda dh	5	1	2	0	Murcer cf	4	0	2	1
BHunter pr	0	0	0	0	Hart dh	4	0	0	0
Petrocelli 3b	5	0	1	0	GNettles 3b	4	1	1	0
Fisk c	5	2	2	0	Munson c	2	2	1	0
DEvans rf	4	2	2	1	FAlou 1b	4	0	1	0
Aparicio ss	3	1	1	1	Michael ss	4	0	0	1
Guerrero 2b	3	0	1	0	Dobson p	0	0	0	0
Lee p	0	0	0	0	McDaniel p	0	0	0	0
Total	39	9	14	9	Total	33	4	8	4

Boston 000 700 020— 9
New York 100 010 300— 4

E—Guerrero, Dobson. DP—Boston 1, New York 1. LOB—Boston 4, New York 5. 2B—R.Smith, G.Nettles. HR—Yastrzemski (11). SB—White, Aparicio. S—Guerrero. SF—R.Miller.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lee (W 10-3)	9	8	4	4	3	2
Dobson (L 4-2)	3 2/3	7	6	6	1	3
McDaniel	5 1/3	7	3	3	0	2

T—2:34. A—12,744.

American Men Eliminated From Wimbledon Singles

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Alex Metreveli ended the brave run of American Alex Mayer and Jan Kodes outlasted British tennis star Roger Taylor Thursday, setting up an all-Eastern European duel for the men's singles crown at Wimbledon.

Metreveli, the 28-year-old Russian, triumphed 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 over Mayer in a lackluster match marred by numerous double faults.

Kodes, the No. 2 seed from Czechoslovakia, edged Taylor 8-9, 9-7, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5 in a spine-tingler that lasted 3½ hours, was interrupted by rain in the final set and finally fizzled out.

Mayer, an unheralded 21-year-old law student from Wayne, N.J., rose to stardom when he ousted top-seeded Ilie Nastase, but he seemed flustered before a crowd which included Princess Anne; her cousin, Princess Alexandra, and other members of British high society.

But the Taylor-Kodes match brought the fans alive again. Taylor, who led 5-4 in the final set when rain stopped play, was one of the few players who defied the Association of Tennis Professionals and declined to join 70 stars in a walkout.

He was the clear favorite with the center-court crowd of 16,000 who hoped he would become the first Briton to reach the final since World War II. But when play resumed, Kodes was in command and the crown was assured of going to a Communist country.

Mayer served 12 double-faults and Metreveli seven, and both frequently missed chances with volleys and smashes. But Metreveli, the No. 4 seed, used the court well and won a lot of points on cross-court backhands which Mayer couldn't answer.

With the match even after two sets, Metreveli won an exciting exchange of volleys at the net and broke service for a 3-1 lead in the third set. The Russian, who ran out the match without losing his service, held his last two service games to love for the third set.

In the final set, Mayer had two break points in the fourth game, but Metreveli held on. In the ninth game, Mayer slid to 30-40 with his 12th double-fault and Metreveli hit a fine backhand across the court to complete the last vital service break.

Despite Mayer's poor showing in the semifinal, he left his mark on the tournament. He came straight to Wimbledon's grass from winning the U.S. hard courts college title and played through most of the tournament with hay fever and a thumb injury.

"It has given me a good idea of Wimbledon," Mayer said. "I see what it's like now. I've got a lot to learn and I'll be coming back next year."

The fans, seldom roused during the Metreveli-Mayer match, were in near hysteria during Taylor's long, losing battle with Kodes.

The British lefthander, seeded third, had his service broken three times in the first set, broke back each time and then triumphed in a 9-7 tie-break.

The second set went to 7-all before two backhands from Kodes broke Taylor's service and sent the mobile little Czech on the way to evening the match.

Taylor again came from behind to win the third set, dropping service in the first game but breaking back in the eighth and again in the 12th.

Taylor, who served 20 double faults against Sweden's Bjorn Borg in the quarter-finals, had 12 Thursday, contributing to his demise.

The tension rose as the final set went to 4-4 with service and then Taylor nosed ahead 5-4. But by this time it was raining and both players fell on the wet turf in the ninth game so play was halted for 40 minutes.

When it resumed in failing light, the match, too, faded. Kodes won three quiet games and Taylor finally surrendered with two wild forehands.

The two Eastern Europeans vie for the men's crown Saturday, the day after Billie Jean King and Chris Evert, the first all-American duo since 1957, determine which woman shall reign at Wimbledon.

• Notes & Quotes •

BUFFALO (AP) — A 15-year-old girl, who claims she can outrun the boys in 50 and 100-yard dashes, served notice Thursday that she may sue for $10,000 because she was banned from a varsity track meet.

Laura Sick, a pupil at Riverside High School, said in a legal notice of claim against the board of education that she beat all the male members of the track team in practice for the dashes.

The claim said Miss Slick was denied permission to compete in the school's last rack meet on May 22, despite a letter from Joseph Manch, superintendent of schools, permitting her to take part in varsity track.

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CLEVELAND (AP)—The owners of the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns signed a memorandum of understanding today to insure that the teams remain at Cleveland Stadium on a long-term basis, if the city goes along.

The agreement between Nick Mileti, owner of the Indians, and Arthur Modell, owner of the Browns, is binding only if the City of Cleveland accepts a May 1 proposal made by Modell and Sheldon B. Guren, president of U.S. Realty Investments.

That proposal calls for the city to grant Modell and Guren a 25-year lease for operating the stadium in exchange for their providing a $10 million improvement program.

The Indians' lease would be for 10 years with a renewal optional for an additional 10 years. The Browns' lease calls for a minimum of 20 years.

Modell said he has asked the city government to act expeditiously on the proposal.

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CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Browns of the National Football League announced Thursday the signing of Southern California's offensive lineman Pete Adams.

Adams, 6-4, 250 pounds, was the Browns second choice in the first round of the NFL draft.

All of the Browns' 1973 draftees have now been signed.

The 22-year-old San Diego, Cal., resident is expected to be tested as a guard with Cleveland.

The Browns did not release the terms of his contract except that it is a multi-year pact.

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ARLINGTON, Tex. (AP) — The Texas Rangers announced Thursday they are sending pitchers Don Stanhouse and Pete Broberg to their Class AAA farm club at Spokane.

Broberg, 4-7 with a 5.85 ERA, was the team's No. 1 draft pick out of Dartmouth in 1971. He has never played in the minor leagues.

Stanhouse has a 1-7 record and a 4.76 ERA this year.

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OULU, Finland (AP) — Steve Prefontaine won the 5,000-meter race and Olympic champion Dave Wottle captured the 1,500 meters Wednesday in an international track and field meet.

Prefontaine, the former Oregon standout, was timed in a slow 13:40.6 ahead of Paul Mose of Kenya in 13:41.8 and Mariano Haro of Spain was third in 13:46.2.

Wottle, who won the 800 meters at Munich, was clocked in 3:47.6.

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — Quarterback John Unitas and Coach Harland Svare plan a long weekend together, going over San Diego Charger films and playbooks at the La Costa resort near Oceanside, Calif.

Svare will go Tuesday to shape up rookies gathering at the National Football League club's training camp in Irvine.

Ump's Got Billy's Goat

Enraged Detroit Tiger Manager Billy Martin gives umpire Merlyn Anthony a piece of his mind after Anthony ruled in favor of the Indians on a controversial play. Despite Martin's outburst, Anthony listened without giving the Tiger pilot the thumb.

Huskies' Crew Charges On The River Thames

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, England (AP) — A tough varsity eight from the University of Washington charged into the semifinals of the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley Thursday while other leading contenders at the Royal Regatta shared in a record-smashing fiesta on the historic River Thames course.

Other U.S. winners on the second day of Henley's four-day run included university crews from Harvard, Wisconsin, Princeton, and Northeastern.

The Washington Huskies beat down a tough French National squad with an excellent time of 6 minutes, 29 seconds the 1 mile, 550-yard course which was as calm as a mill pond for much of the day.

Washington, the U.S. Western Sprint champion, had to fight every yard of the way to overcome the French Societe D' Encouragement Sport Nautique. Washington stroke Mike Bronson of Gig Harbor, Wash., kept his tiring crew stretching to the line for a well-deserved one-length victory.

"The buildup here is tremendously emotional" said Dick Erickson, Washington's veteran coach, who permitted himself a rare smile. "The tension for my boys was terrible. But I think they have come back to the form they showed at home."

Harvard University's junior varsity eight set the pattern for the day, which saw over a dozen minor and major records fall.

Conditions need to be good for records on Henley's deceptively difficult course which is often swept by varying currents and unpredictable winds.

But the Harvard eight was not pushed too hard to beat England's Exeter University in the Ladies' Challenge Plate by 3½ lengths in 6:43 and along the way the Americans broke two intermediate records. These came at "The Barrier" and "Fawley," Henley's quaint traditional landmarks at seven hundred yards and 1,145 yards, respectively.

Piersall Having Problems Again

ORANGEBURG, S.C. (AP) — Jimmy Piersall, who celebrated his 100th major league home run by circling the bases backwards with the 1963 New York Mets (who else?), hasn't had much fun this year, his first as a baseball manager.

His Orangeburg Cardinals of the Class A Western Carolinas League, fifth in the six-team league's first half of a split season, are in the second half cellar after a 13-game losing streak.

But the 43-year-old Waterbury, Conn., native who broke into the big leagues with the Boston Red Sox, survived a nervous breakdown and had 17 seasons in the majors before cut adrift in the spring of 1967 by the California Angels, retains his enthusiasm.

While his players are learning the fundamentals of baseball, he is learning the art of managing.

"You can't start any lower than Class A and any manager would have to learn something about managing in this league," he notes.

He adds, "Sure, the kids make mistakes, chiefly in fundamentals, but they are sharp, have ability and went to learn."

Piersall, whose outfield catches remain topics of conversation among fans who saw him at his peak in the 1950s and 60s, admits he wants to return to the majors—as a coach. He regards his experience here as grooming toward achieving that goal.

His young Cardinals, most of them 18 or 19 years old, started poorly in April, then improved enough for a 25-35 first half record.

Piersall says one of his major tasks has been "learning how to cope with young people without blowing my top. It's something I have learned day by day."

Goalby's Seven-Under 65 Challenges 'Rabbits'

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Bob Goalby scored two eagles on his way to a seven-under-par 65 and the first-round lead Thursday in the $130,000 Greater Milwaukee Open Golf Tournament.

The 42-year-old Goalby played the four par-five holes six under as he established a one-stroke lead over Larry Ziegler, Buddy Allin and Mike Morley, tied at 66.

The touring pros took advantage of near-perfect playing conditions to fashion extremely low scores on the 7,010 yards of rolling countryside that make up the Tuckaway Country Club course.

More than half the field of 144 matched or bettered par 72.

Homero Blancas was in at 67 and the huge group at 68 included Dale Douglass, Hubert Green, Deane Beman, Bob Dickson, Jim King, Wilf Homenuik, Rik Massengale and Roy Pace.

Jerry Heard scored the first double-eagle of the season on the pro tour when he holed out a four-iron second shot on the 505-yard par-five 12th hole.

He was in another large group at 69.

Most of the game's glamour names are missing this event in favor of next week's British Open in Scotland. Among the absentees are Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Arnold Palmer, Tom Weiskopf, Bruce Crampton, U.S. Open champ Johnny Miller and Masters titleholder Tommy Aaron.

Goalby, the 1968 Masters champion, scored the last of his 11 tour triumphs in the 1971 Bahama Islands Open and has been in something of a slump most of this season.

He has won only $18,905 this year and has been in the top 10 finishers only once.

The broad-shouldered veteran solved his putting problems, however, and used his dominance of the par-fives for his best round of the season.

He eagled the 524-yard sixth hole when he reached the green with two big wood shots and ran in an 18-foot putt.

His other eagle came on the 12th, which he reached with a three-iron and a 15-foot putt.

Goalby, in his 17th year on the tour, started a string of three consecutive birdies with a 12-footer for a four on the second hole. He threw iron shots within six feet on the next two holes, bogeyed the eighth, then got the stroke back with a 55-foot birdie putt on the ninth.

Goalby's only birdie on the back nine was with a six-foot putt on the par-five 16th. That put him eight under for the day, but he missed the green with an eight-iron on the final hole and bogeyed it.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — First-round scores Thursday in the $130,000 Greater Milwaukee Open Golf Tournament on the 7,010-yard par 72 Tuckaway Country Club course (a—denotes amateur)

Bob Goalby	31-34—65
Bud Allin	33-33—66
Mike Morley	32-34—66
Larry Ziegler	34-32—66
Homero Blancas	33-34—67
Roy Pace	35-33—68
Rik Massengale	34-34—68
Wilf Homenuik	33-35—68
Bob Dickson	32-36—68
Deane Beman	34-34—68
Kas Allen	36-32—68
Hubert Mizell	36-32—68
Dale Douglass	37-31—68
Rocky Thompson	33-35—68
Jim King	34-34—68
Terry Small	33-36—69
John Lister	34-35—69
Pete Brown	34-35—69
Dave Stockton	34-35—69
John Jacobs	34-35—69
Mike Reasor	32-37—69
Jerry Heard	34-35—69
Mike Kallen	33-36—69
Bruce Fleisher	36-34—70
Dave Eichelberger	34-36—70

No Show, Less Dough

HOUSTON (AP) — The 1974 Houston Open, part of the annual Texas leg of the Professional Golf Association tour, will be cut from a purse of $205,000 to $150,000 unless the PGA guarantees appearance of some of golf's big four, a tournament official said Thursday.

J. L. Chapline, president of the sponsoring Houston Golf Association, said he had sent a letter to Joe Dey, commissioner of the men's PGA tour, outlining the new tournament format.

Chapline said under new guidelines the base purse for next year's tournament would be $150,000. For each member of the big four—Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Arnold Palmer—who plays in the tournament, the HGA will add $10,000 to the purse. "Last year we boosted our purse from $125,000 to $205,000 and we still didn't get a single member of the big four," Chapline said. "They're (PGA) going to have to change the rules and do something about this."

Carlton Finally Completes Game

CHICAGO (AP) — Cy Young Award winner Steve Carlton, aided by Bill Robinson's two-run homer and Greg Luzinski's blast, weathered a late Chicago rally and the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Cubs 7-4 Thursday afternoon.

Finishing for the first time in his last six starts, Carlton, who won 27 games last season, upped his record to 8-9.

The Phils unloaded a 13-hit attack, led by Robinson, who also doubled in the Phils' three-run second and had three RBI.

Luzinski, hitting safely in his 15th straight game, also singled in the fifth.

The Cubs rallied in the eighth for three runs. Billy Williams singled, advanced to second on a passed ball and then scored when Mike Schmidt threw Ron Santo's grounder into the dugout. Jim Hickman added a run-scoring triple and Carmen Fanzone hit a run-producing single.

PHILADELPHIA	ab	r	h	bi	CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi
WRobnsn rf	5	1	2	3	Monday cf	5	0	0	0
Doyle 2b	5	0	2	0	Beckert 2b	5	1	2	0
Unser cf	5	1	3	0	BWilliams lf	4	1	1	0
Luzinski lf	4	1	2	1	Santo 3b	4	1	3	0
Hutton 1b	4	1	2	1	Hickman rf	4	1	2	2
Schmidt 3b	4	1	1	0	Fanzone 1b	4	0	1	1
Boone c	4	2	2	1	Kessinger ss	4	0	2	0
Bowa ss	4	1	1	1	Rudolph c	2	0	0	0
Carlton p	4	0	0	0	AGarrett c	1	0	0	0
					Reuschel p	1	0	0	0
					Bonham p	0	0	0	0
					CJames ph	1	0	0	0
					Burris p	0	0	0	0
					Popovich ph	1	0	0	0
					LaRoche p	0	0	0	0
					Hundley ph	1	0	0	0
Total	39	7	13	7	Total	37	4	11	3

Philadelphia 031 011 000— 7
Chicago 000 001 030— 4

E—Santo, Schmidt. DP—Philadelphia 2. LOB—Philadelphia 5, Chicago 7. 2B—W.Robinson. 3B—Hickman. HR—Luzinski (12), W.Robinson (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Carlton (W 8-9)	9	11	4	1	1	8
Reuschel (L 9-5)	4 2/3	10	5	5	0	2
Bonham	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1
Burris	2	3	2	2	0	1
LaRoche	2	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Reuschel. PB—Boone. T—2:10. A—24,849.

River Stages

The Conewango Creek stage for today is 2.6, falling to 2.5 on Saturday, 2.4 Sunday. The river stage at Tidioute and Tionesta will be steady throughout the weekend, while at West Hickory it will be steady today and Saturday, dropping from a 3.3 Saturday to 3.2 on Sunday. The river stage at Warren will rise from 2.1 to 2.2 today and remain steady all the weekend.

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