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UO School of Music & Department of Dance

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- Fri. DANCE: THE LOFT**
12/5 Graduate Dance Majors 8 p.m., Dougherty Theatre
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- Fri. BALKAN FOLKDANCING**
12/5 Featuring Balladina and the UO East European Folk Ensemble. Free dance instruction! 8 p.m., EMU Fir Room
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12/7 UO Ensemble 4 p.m., Gerlinger Alumni Lounge
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- Sun. UNIVERSITY GOSPEL CHOIRS**
12/7 UO Ensembles 4 p.m., McDonald Theatre
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- Sun. UNIVERSITY PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**
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Yankees, Sheffield close to three-year agreement

The Atlanta slugger is expected to sign a contract with the Yankees worth as much as \$40 million

By Bill Madden and Sam Borden
New York Daily News (KRT)

NEW YORK — Gary Sheffield is inching closer to wearing pinstripes and an official announcement could come any day now, depending on George Steinbrenner's mood. Various reports have the New York Yankees paying the free-agent slugger as much as \$40 million over three years, but the sides are more likely to agree to a deal closer to three years for \$33-\$36 million, according to sources.

In fact, if the Yankees were offering Sheffield \$40 million, it would mean that Steinbrenner was bidding against himself. Sources told the Daily News that Atlanta not budged from their initial offer of three years, \$30 million, meaning there is no incentive for the Yankees to take the price up on their own.

The Yankees' initial offer was a flat three-year deal at \$11 million per season, but they are now working with a contract for three years at \$12 million per. Much of the money in that proposal is deferred, however, meaning the average annual value still would be \$11 million.

Since The Boss is negotiating the

Sheffield deal personally, an announcement could come at any moment. Sources say Steinbrenner believes Atlanta is content to offer Sheffield arbitration — on the off chance he accepts and they can bring him back for one more season — which means the Yankees will have to forfeit a draft pick to Atlanta when

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Advisor to Gary Sheffield

they sign the 35-year old outfielder, even if they wait until the Dec. 7 deadline for arbitration offers.

Boston's blockbuster deal for Curt Schilling certainly made it more likely that Sheffield's signing would come

sooner rather than later — The Boss never likes it when praise for Boston dominates the headlines — but he spent all of Saturday at the hospital with Billy Connors, the Yankees VP of player personnel. Connors is one of Steinbrenner's closest friends, and The Boss stayed with him after Connors suffered a massive heart attack and underwent quadruple-bypass surgery.

Steinbrenner's concern over Connors likely delayed a deal with Sheffield, and Sheffield's adviser, Rufus Williams, said nothing is finalized.

"We don't have a deal," Williams said. "A deal is done when a deal is done. There are a lot of things that could happen and we're still talking with several teams. Gary is positive on the Yankees and positive on (Atlanta), and there are a few other teams that have expressed some interest, too. There is no rush, because this is a big decision for Gary. It's not the first one in who gets the deal done, it's the first one with the best offer."

Sheffield hit .330 with 39 homers and 132 RBI last season, and finished third in the NL MVP voting. He would give Steinbrenner the sort of star power that The Boss desires, and would be an upgrade over last year's right field-by-committee that featured Karim Garcia, Juan Rivera and David Dellucci after Raul Mondesi was traded.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 1). Your assignment this year is to whip your place into shape. Get rid of the stuff you don't use anymore, and replace it with new things. Stick to a budget, and add your own sweat equity. Do this instead of taking a vacation. You'll be so proud of yourself.
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) _ Today is a 7 _ You may not want to do a job that's waiting for you at home, but running away from it isn't a good idea. You could end up with more of a mess than you already have.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) _ Today is an 8 _ Friends may come up with a get-rich-quick scheme that's likely a waste of time. Don't go along with the sales. Advise caution, and practice it yourself. You can see more clearly than they can.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 6 _ Changes concerning your home, mate and career are under way. The situation may look rocky now, but it should ease considerably by late tomorrow. Friends can help you find a compromise that works for everyone.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) _ Today is a 6 _ Changes cause confusion. It's better to be careful than to be hasty now. Don't hurry to get the word out, either. You might change what you want to say.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is a 6 _ You love to be extravagant, but that's not a great idea now. Don't make promises you won't be able to keep, and

don't gamble the rent.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ Your friends love you, but they may not go along with everything you suggest. They're not trying to annoy you; they just want to broaden your perspective.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) _ Today is a 7 _ You need to move fast, but don't forget to watch where you're going. It's important for you to be as agile as you are quick.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is a 7 _ You're so cute, you probably think you can get away with anything. That's not the case, however. Don't take any risks.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _ Today is a 6 _ If your nest is in shambles, remember what Grandma said. Old wives' tales will be helpful now as you dig your way out of a mess.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is an 8 _ You're pretty shrewd, and you're getting smarter. Keep digging for the facts. Some of the things you'll discover are startling, but that will just add to the fun.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 6 _ You're in a position to do pretty well financially. However, it also looks like you could go through the money quickly. It's not a good day to gamble. And check for holes in your pockets.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is a 6 _ You could get into several disagreements if you're not careful. The others aren't being any more difficult than usual; you're the one who's run out of patience. Let off steam responsibly so that nobody gets badly hurt.

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