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Cowboys Star, Gold Medal Sprinter Dies Bob Hayes earned the title 'World's Fastest Human'

Bob Hayes, the gold-medal sprinter and Dallas Cowboys receiver who was impossible to catch and tough to cover, died at age 59.

Hayes died of kidney failure at Shands Hospital on Sept. 18. He was hospitalized earlier this month and had also battled liver ailments and prostate cancer.

"Bullet" Bob Hayes earned the title "World's Fastest Human" and had such blazing speed as a receiver that he redefined the way pass defense is played in the NFL. But he later fell victim to drugs and alcohol and went to prison - one reason he never made it into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones called Hayes an "American sports hero."

"He handled the triumphs and the setbacks with the same grace and humility," Jones said. "He carried the pride of a champion in his heart at all times, and he always



Bob Hayes in a 1970 photograph.

had a smile for everyone."

At the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, Hayes won the gold medal in the 100 meters, tying the world record of 10.05 seconds, and he anchored the U.S. 400-meter relay team to victory in a world-record 39.06.

Hayes' relay split was an unofficial 8.6. Nearly 20 years later, The Los Angeles Times called it "the most astonishing sprint of all time."

"His legacy will live on for our generation and younger generations," five-time Olympic medalist Marion Jones said.

Robert Lee Hayes was born in Jacksonville on Dec. 20, 1942, and went on to become a track star at Florida A&M.

In 1964, the Cowboys drafted him in the seventh round, taking a chance on an incredibly fast

sprinter with unrefined football skills.

In his rookie season with the Cowboys, Hayes had 1,000 yards and 12 touchdowns while leading the NFL with an average of 21.8 yards a catch.

That showed his big-play ability, and Hayes' world-class speed forced defenses - unable to cover him with traditional man-to-man schemes - to come up with many of the zone defenses that are common in today's game.

"The type of game you see now is a game that Bob Hayes is more responsible for than any one person," said Tex Schramm, former Cowboys president and general manager.

When Dallas won the 1972 Super Bowl, Hayes became the only athlete to win an Olympic gold medal and a Super Bowl ring. More than 30 years later, he's still the only player with both.

Joey Harrington Just Shy of Lions Victory

(AP) — A new stadium and a new quarterback were not enough to give Detroit its first win of the season.

Brett Favre threw for 357 yards and three touchdowns as the Green Bay Packers held off the Lions with a 37-31 win Sunday at the new Ford Field, spoiling rookie Joey Harrington's first start.

Green Bay (2-1) led by 17 early in the final quarter, but Detroit (0-3) scored two TDs, including a 52-yard pass to James Stewart with 1:37 left to cut the deficit to 34-31. With the crowd chanting "Joey! Joey!" Harrington attempted to



Detroit Lions quarterback Joey Harrington, throws a 21 yard touchdown pass to Lamont Warren in the second quarter against the Green Bay Packers. It was the first NFL start for the former University of Oregon and Central Catholic standout. (AP Photo)

direct his first fourth-quarter comeback in the NFL, after doing so 10 times at Oregon.

Detroit got the ball at the Packers 48 with 1:03 left after two offsides penalties on Green Bay.

After throwing a 14-yard pass to Scotty Anderson, Harrington lofted a pass just past Mikhael Ricks' fingers on what would have been the game-tying score. On the next play, Tod McBride intercepted Harrington's overthrown pass at the Green Bay 3 with 30 seconds left.

Harrington finished 15-of-35 for 182 yards with two TDs and four interceptions.

All Stars Draw 14,208 at PGE Park

The largest soccer crowd since the renovation of PGE Park in 2001 watched as the South defeated the North, 6-1, in the inaugural Women's Professional Soccer Association (WUSA) All-Star Game Saturday.

In front of 14,208, game MVP Abby Wambach scored two goals and assisted on a third in

the South's win.

Former University of Portland standout Shannon MacMillan had quite the homecoming, tallying a goal and two assists for the South team.

Portland native Tiffeny Milbrett did not score in a losing cause for the North.

The attendance was the third

largest for a sporting event at PGE Park since the April 2001 re-opening. The Portland Beavers opened the stadium to 18,616 on April 30, 2001; the stadium drew its largest crowd (19,778) on March 29, 2002, for a spring baseball game between the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres.

Missing Brother's Last Location Traced

(AP) — By tracking calls made from a satellite phone, investigators in French Polynesia have mapped out where Bison Dele's luxury catamaran was sailing when he and two companions disappeared.

On July 6 or 7 — when the former NBA player, his girlfriend and the skipper were last seen — the boat was sailing near the tiny island of Maiao, west of Tahiti, investigating judge Jean-Bernard Taliercio said Monday. Authorities studied how calls made from aboard interacted with a satellite, tracking down the boat's coordinates.

French Polynesian officials have based their investigation on the suspicion that Dele's brother, Miles Dabord, who had been traveling with the group, was responsible for the deaths of Dele, his girlfriend Serena Karlan, and skipper Bertrand Saldo.

Investigators believe the bodies were dumped overboard. They have said they are searching for bodies in the South Pacific, though they don't have much hope of finding anything more than 10 weeks since the disappearances.

Dabord, in a coma in a California hospital, has not been charged in the United States in connection with the disappearances. After his companions vanished, he spent about two weeks in French Polynesia before flying home.

Dabord, formerly known as

Kevin Williams, aroused suspicion when he signed his brother's name to try to buy \$152,000 worth of gold in Phoenix. After he was discovered in a coma in Tijuana, Mexico on Sept. 14, Dabord was arrested on suspicion of impersonating his younger brother.

Dabord's mother, Patricia Phillips, said her son is on life support after overdosing on insulin and failing to take his asthma medicine, the Los Angeles Times reported.

FBI agents told Judge Taliercio days ago that Dabord had "very little chance of surviving," he said.

With chances of Dabord's recovery growing slimmer, second-hand testimony from his former girlfriend becomes more important. Erica Weise joined Dabord briefly on the island of Moorea after the disappearances. After returning home, she informed authorities that Dabord had told her of an onboard struggle that left his companions dead, investigators said.

Tahitian judicial authorities are planning to send investigators to the United States to try to speak to Weise and Dabord, if he wakes from his coma.

The free-spirited former athlete planned an ambitious sailing trip from New Zealand to Hawaii, but he and his two friends were never seen again after their extended stay in French Polynesia.

Blazers Announce TV Schedule

(AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers will play 11 nationally televised games during the regular season this year.

Locally, KGW and Action Sports Cable Network will show three pre-season and 58 regular season contests.

The Blazers open the regular season against the Los Angeles Lakers on October 30.

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