

(Winnetka, Ill.) into the boards one second after the final buzzer of a junior varsity game Nov. 3. Göss is paralyzed below the waist and can move his arms only with great effort. His doctors say the injuries appear permanent. The defendant, whose name was not released under judge's order, had been charged with two felony counts of aggravated battery. But the charge was reduced to a misdemeanor and the youngster was allowed to enter a plea under which he claims innocence but acknowledges that the prosecution has enough evidence to convict him. He faces up to a year in jail, but prosecutors have said they won't seek incarceration.

You, you and you — no game tonight

Every player on the Missoula (Mont.) Osprey and Medicine Hat (Alberta) Blue Jays must serve a three-game suspension because of a 30-minute brawl during Saturday night's Pioneer League baseball game at Missoula. Some players on each rookie-league team will sit out each game until everyone has served a three-game suspension. "That means pretty much the rest of the season (somebody will be sitting out)," Osprey manager Chip Hale said. Missoula is battling state rivals Helena and Great Falls for the second-half North Division title and a league playoff spot. In the game, Missoula's Jorge Delgado watched from near the batter's box as his home run left the park, then slowly rounded the bases. Missoula pitcher Jerry Gil then was hit in the back by a pitch and the brawl ensued.

Haas-Zoeller lead charity golf event

Jay Haas and Fuzzy Zoeller combined for a better-ball 10-under-par 62 Monday for a one-stroke lead over Jim Furyk and David Frost in the Fred Meyer Challenge at Aloha, Ore. Haas, a last-minute fill-in for injured Tom Lehman, made four birdies in the first seven holes. The tournament, a charity event organized by Peter Jacobsen at The Ravines Vineyards & Golf Club, pays \$180,000 to the winning team after today's second round. (Hardin near amateur lead, 13C)

Olympic hurdler turns pro, hires agent

Terrance Trammell, who will run the 110-meter hurdles at the Sydney Olympics, is turning pro, giving up his final year at South Carolina. He signed with agent Charley Wells of Dallas and is considering endorsement deals with Nike and adidas. "It was time to step up with it being an Olympic year," Trammell said.

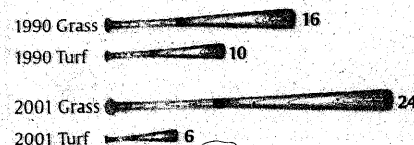
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Artificial turf's popularity dwindles

The number of artificial turf playing fields in baseball has been steadily decreasing in the past 10 years. When PNC Park replaces Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh next year, it will bring the total number of artificial playing surfaces in baseball to six. Playing surfaces in 1990 compared with projections for 2001:



By Ellen J. Horrow and Mick Calvacca, USA TODAY

Torres: Back to

Swimmers Jenny Thompson and Dara Torres have the same coach, some of the same events and, for a time in the last year, they trained together as Torres began a comeback after seven years away from the sport. Heading into what likely will be their last U.S. Olympic trials, each wants to fill a hole in her résumé — an Olympic gold medal in an individual event. Each might stand in the other's way. Monday, Thompson's story; Today, Torres'.

By Jill Lieber
USA TODAY

STANFORD, Calif. — Dara Torres thrives on challenges.

After she retired from swimming following the 1992 Olympics, closing the chapter on a career that produced four Olympic medals, including two golds, as well as world and American records, Torres plunged right into the deep end of the modeling and broadcasting pools.



Before you knew it, she'd become the first female athlete to appear in both *Sports Illustrated's* swimsuit issue and its calendar, and she'd thrown herself into sky diving, speed skiing and swimming with sharks as the host of an extreme sports show on the Discovery Channel.

More recently, Torres has worked as a reporter for ESPN, cross-trained beside pro athletes on a nationally televised fitness show and gained fame and fortune beyond her wildest dreams as the toned, energetic sidekick to

Dara Torres: Aiming for fourth Olympic team.

Tae Bo creator Billy Blanks in those ubiquitous infomercials. But swimming? "Basically, my swimming consisted of getting up off the chaise lounge, dunking my head in the water, then climbing back into the chair," she says.

Says her father, Edward: "I'd say, 'Dara, why don't you swim?' And she'd say, 'Because I don't feel like it.'"

So, last summer, when a man she was dating pointed out that every time she talked about swimming, she'd get a gleam in her eye, Torres vehemently denied that was the case. But then, when he proceeded to goad Torres about making a comeback in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, sure

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Swann: Players can't be to

By Darin Gantt
Special for USA TODAY

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Eric Swann insists he's not bitter over the way he was treated by the Arizona Cardinals, but after talking Monday for the first time about the \$3.5 million injury grievance he filed last week against his former NFL team, it sounded otherwise.

"You have to let teams know they can't

take players and just use them like soda cans and toss them out in the t said Swann, who claims he relied on pills after the Cards rushed him ba the field last season after knee su After releasing him last month, he the team portrayed him as a "can the locker room."

The Cardinals said Monday that would not comment on the allegati Swann, a two-time Pro Bowler, s