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**DODGERS SIGN STRAWBERRY**

Darryl Strawberry signed a five-year, \$20 million contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers last Thursday, saying the New York Mets just let him walk away.

The Mets say they will be better without him.

At 28, the seven-time All-Star has found his way home to Los Angeles and joins the Dodgers at the prime of his career, following a season in which he hit 37 home runs and drove in a team record 108 runs. But that and his popularity with New York fans weren't enough to keep him there.

"They never made any offer like they were interested in me,"

Conference, All-State and Bally All-American player, as well as being MVP for the Warriors.

The Hotel Administration major was also the State Champion in the 100 meters. James earned 3 letters in track, 2 in football, and 1 in basketball while at Western.

Strawberry said. "It was a choice the Mets had to make and it shows me it wasn't in their best



DARRYL STRAWBERRY

interest. I can't understand it. They just let me walk away."

Strawberry's defection brought immediate reaction in New York. At the Mets' main souvenir store in Manhattan,

Strawberry shirts were selling even faster than usual. Local radio talk shows were jammed with calls, most fans saying the Mets made a mistake to let their star get away.

**UNLV'S TEDDY JAMES HAS THE ROLE OF "THE OTHER" BACK**

by Bob Rodgers  
SPORTSWRITER

Teddy James is the "other" running back in the starting backfield for the UNLV football program, and the junior has done a great job in starting and relieving the other backs as needed.

James has the size and strength to be an outstanding running back, and his great speed and movement make him a good downfield blocker as well.

While playing for Dixie Jr. College in St. George, Utah, he was named an All-District and All-Region player, and while



TEDDY JAMES

playing for Western High School in Las Vegas, he was an All-

**NCAA REQUESTS DRUG TESTING IN CALIFORNIA**

SAN FRANCISCO - The NCAA has asked the state Supreme Court to allow drug testing of California college athletes, saying a ruling against the testing program ignored athlete's drug use and interfered with nationwide regulation.

Papers filed two weeks ago by the National Collegiate Athletic Association asked the court to review and overturn a ruling September 25 by the 6th District Court of Appeals in San Jose declaring that the drug testing program violated the right to privacy in the California Constitution.

The ruling, the first by an appellate court in the nation against the program, came in a suit by Stanford University athletes and applied only to competitions involving Stanford, inside or outside California. If upheld on appeal, it would apply to other colleges in California.

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