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Dole does well down the stretch

By United Press International
Sen. Bob Dole has never lost an election, even though he had to come from behind three times to keep the record intact. And although Kansas politicians all agree he's a tough campaigner, some of his former opponents say he fights dirty.
William Roy, a Topeka physician-attorney who narrowly lost a bitter fight to unseat Dole in the 1974 general election, still had bitter memories of that campaign Thursday when he heard Dole had been selected as President Ford's running mate.
"The last weekend before the Tuesday election, he distributed brochures of dead babies in garbage cans," Roy

said. The ads referred to Roy's moderate position on abortion. He supported letting women decide individually whether to have an abortion. Dole supported a constitutional ban.
Roy, now an administrator at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka, lost the election by 0.6 per cent of the vote.
"I have no personal dislike for Bob Dole," Roy said. "It (the presidential campaign between Ford and Jimmy Carter) will be a tough, close campaign with a lot of emotional issues. It may be what some people will call a dirty campaign."
Another Kansas Democrat, Rep. Martha Keys, said Dole would be a

"very divisive campaigner. That's always been his strategy."
But Republicans, who dominate the Legislature and the congressional delegation in Kansas, were proud Ford had hand-picked his vice presidential candidate from their state.
"That's just great," said former Sen. Frank Carlson, R-Kan., whose seat was won by Dole after Carlson announced his retirement. "I think President Ford made an excellent choice in Bob Dole. He will be especially effective in areas regarding farm policy. Ford has lost strength in the rural areas because of the grain embargo."
"But he's a hard worker and because of that I could be worried about his

health. This will be the roughest campaign of his life."
All Landon, who carried the GOP banner in a futile effort against Franklin Roosevelt in 1936, said Dole's come-from-behind abilities would benefit the Ford campaign.
"He has a long record of really coming from behind," said Landon, citing Dole's first campaign for the Legislature, his first campaign for Congress, and the tough battle against Roy.
"He fits all the requirements of a vice presidential nominee, which is, in the event of an emergency, to assume the presidency."
Atty. Gen. Curt Schneider, a Demo-

crat, forgot about partisan politics when he heard the news.
"I think it's a big plus for Kansas right now," Schneider said. "I don't care if he's a Republican or a Democrat. It's a big honor for the state."
"That's not to be interpreted that I'll support the Republican ticket by any stretch of the imagination."
Former Gov. Robert Docking, another Democrat, said he thought Dole's selection "was a logical choice. He's a hard, tough campaigner."
The present governor, Robert Bennett, was "absolutely elated." Bennett said Dole "brings to the ticket a strong voice for American agriculture."

A member of Dole's staff, Kim Wells, said his reputation as a conservative was not deserved. "If you look at his voting record I don't think you can say he is a conservative."
Wells helped write the food stamp legislation which Dole co-sponsored in the Senate with Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D.
Former Lt. Gov. Dave Owen said Dole was conservative on fiscal matters, but a moderate overall.
"He votes very conservatively on economics," Owen said. "But there's nobody who champions the cause of the handicapped like Bob Dole. So I would say he's a moderate."

Campaign tactics are plus

DENVER (UPI) — The campaign tactics of Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., will be a boon to President Ford in the November election, say two former Republican senators.
"I know him well and he was one of the most able people in the Senate, and one of the best speakers in the Senate," former Sen. Gordon Allott, R-Colo., said Thursday.
"I'm very happy to see someone from this part of the country on the presidential ticket," Allott said. "He is a very able person and will make a very able, competent campaigner for the President."
Former Sen. Peter Dominick, R-Colo., agreed with Allott.
"I am delighted," said Dominick. "I know Bob very well. He makes a good, forceful speech and I think he will be a help to President Ford."
Dominick, defeated in the 1974 election, was appointed ambassador to Switzerland by Ford, but resigned due to health reasons. He is now paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair.
Rep. Wellington Webb, D-Denver, a Carter state campaign official, said he regarded Dole's selection as "a great choice for Gerald Ford and maybe for Democrats. I was surprised Ford didn't pick someone from one of the southern states but I'm really not too concerned with Republican politics."
Gov. Richard Lamm said he believed Jimmy Carter would carry Colorado in November but said he worried Democrats might become complacent believing their candidate was unbeatable.
"Gov. Carter is a very strong candidate," Lamm said. "I would say he is going to do well. But I think any complacency on the part of the Democratic Party... would be very dangerous."
Webb also said complacency could be dangerous to Carter's campaign. He said the feeling of the Carter staff was the candidate had "a lead now but that lead is going to dwindle once the Republican Party settles on one candidate and that by November it could be a very close race."
A poll of Colorado taken by the Washington-based firm of William R. Hamilton & Staff was released Wednesday, saying Carter led Ford in Colorado by 11 percentage points among 655 voters questioned during late July.

Dole may stain teeth
KANSAS CITY (UPI) — The leader of Ronald Reagan's Florida presidential campaign thinks Sen. Robert Dole is going to turn off Jimmy Carter's smile. "He will have Jimmy Carter gnashing his teeth within a week, and that is a lot of teeth to gnash," said Tommy Thomas.
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Pineapples, which may be a symbol for Sen. Bob Dole in the presidential campaign, were much in evidence as the Kansas delegation whooped it up after Dole won the nomination for vice president at the closing session of the Republican National Convention in Kansas City's Kemper Arena. Dole is Kansas' first vice presidential nominee since Charles Curtis in 1928.

Mrs. Dole called perfect

By GAY PAULEY
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Mary Elizabeth Hanford Dole represents the perfect political wife.
She's a handsome woman of intelligence from an aristocratic southern family. Born into the world of business, she chose her future role when she was elected high school president in the days when, as her mother said, "girls weren't running for offices like that."
No wonder then that Bob Dole, the Kansas senator whom President Ford chose as his running mate, introduced his wife Thursday as a North Carolinian "and that will be part of our Southern strategy."
Bet on Mrs. Dole, a member of the Federal Trade Commission and a woman of varied governmental experience, especially in consumer activism, to be an integral and vital part of the Dole campaign team.
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MARY HANFORD DOLE
post, which she holds until 1980, because of conflict of interest.

Edward Schmulls, deputy White House counsel, saw no conflict, saying there is no legal barrier against her working for an independent regulatory agency.
Schmulls said, however, that Mrs. Dole would want to do the "appropriate thing" and that there might be some question of her working for such an agency and also campaigning.
Meanwhile, the Hanfords of her native Salisbury, N.C., were as surprised as the Kansas senator himself at Ford's selection.
"It was such a surprise I'm still shaky," said her mother, Mary Cathey Hanford, in her 70s.
"We did know that President Ford was considering about 15 candidates," said Mrs. Hanford in a telephone interview. "I thought, oh, they'll need a southerner (for vice-president) and it'll be Baker."
The Hanfords run a wholesale florist business, established in 1905, in Salis-

bury and Charlotte. They also have real estate interests and are described by local North Carolina reporters as millionaires.
During their courtship, Dole was a frequent visitor in Salisbury, a Piedmont town of 29,000 where textiles are the main industry. Salisbury is located an hour north of Charlotte and an hour south of Greensboro.
John Hanford Sr. is a Republican in the family's politics in a town where the voter registration is heavily Democratic.
Mrs. Dole's mother, obviously very proud of a daughter "who has always worked hard," reminded that her daughter not only was president of her high school class but also was a student body president at Duke University where she took a degree in political science and won a Phi Beta Kappa key. She holds master's and law degrees from Harvard University.
Her Washington career prior to the FTC was as assistant to the director of the office of Consumer Affairs. She also was a staff assistant to the assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and as assistant director for legislative affairs for the President's Committee on Consumer Interests. In 1972 she received the Arthur S. Fleming award for outstanding government service.
She and Dole were married in December 1973. Dole divorced his first wife, Phyllis Holden, in 1972. They have a daughter, Robin.

VP choice praised by Butz

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The selection of Sen. Bob Dole as the Republican nominee for vice president should tell America's farmers something, according to Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz.
"It sends two messages to the people from President Ford," Butz said on the floor of the GOP Convention Thursday night.
"First, it says that this administration means business in restoring prosperity to the midwestern farmer."
"Second, here is a man who can speak the language of the great Midwest, he is Mr. Agriculture in the U.S. Senate, he is a man who can unify the Republican party," Butz said.
Butz acknowledged that some midwestern farmers "are still bitter," about embargoes on grain exports the administration initiated two years ago.
Butz said Dole could explain the administration's current policy, against further embargoes, because, "these people will believe Bob Dole."
Butz, a member of the Indiana delegation, said he thought the GOP platform plank on agriculture would satisfy farmers disgruntled about the past embargo, and leery of future ones.