

Texas A&M's Buster Turner throws to first to complete a double play in Saturday's opener against a Arkansas

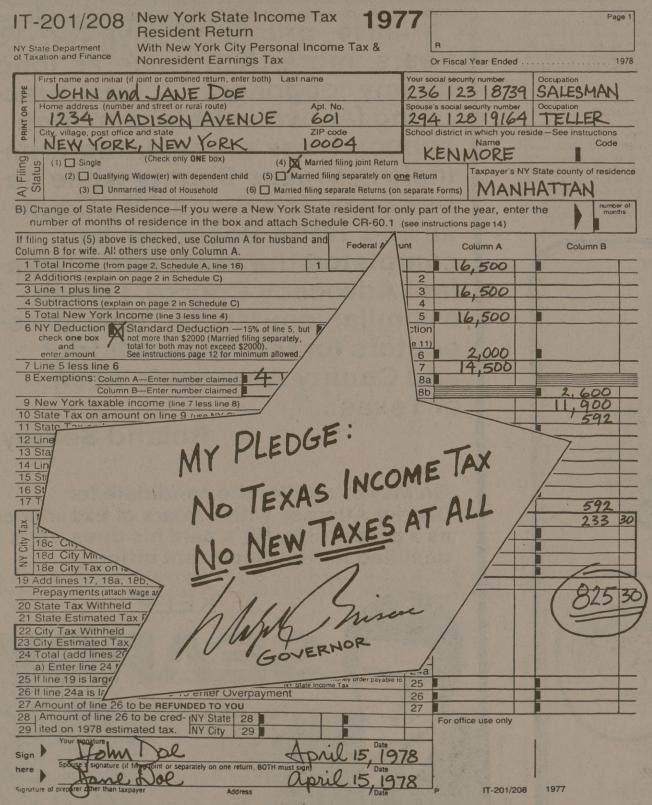
Coach Tom Chandler called this play the key to the series. Battalion photo by Pat O'Malle





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Hogs speak on series

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SWC post-season baseball tournament to be held May 12th thru 15th

n Austin.

be crowned this year's champion.

knew they had to have a sweep in let them get some men on base. order to win the conference.

The Hogs started the ace of their pitching staff, senior Tim Lollar. Lollar went into the game undefeated in conference play this year. But when he left the game in the fourth inning, his victory streak was

stopped at nine games.

Mark Thurmond, pitching for the Aggies, also carried an undefeated record into the contest. Yet he lasted the duration of the game and came away with his 22nd straight regular season victory without a loss

Thurmond was in command of his pitches as well as anyone I've seen," said Arkansas head coach Norn DeBrian. "He just didn't give us anything good to hit.

ference crown and went out and

this year with a .423 average, The stage has been set for the entered the game injured. Last WC post-season baseball tourna- week Lollar collided with Houston's catcher in attempt to score and injured his shoulder.

The two conference leaders met this weekend to decide who would the game against the Aggies until 15

The Hogs lost the opening game of the series 6-1 to pitcher Mark Ross and the Aggies. Going into Saturday's double-header Arkansas Knew that I wouldn't be effective if I But I noticed that my arm felt stretch with runners on base. I knew that I wouldn't be effective if I

The Aggies were ineffective against Lollar until the top of the

"We knew that he (Lollar) wasn't really ready to pitch," said Arkansas' ting him get hurt.

Though the Aggies racked Lollar Saturday the lefthander is anxious to get back at them. But this time he teams travel to Austin in two weeks.

anything good to hit.

If the two teams meet again, ArWe knew we needed that first kansas might maintain a slight edge game (Saturday) but we just didn't on the Aggies because of the results go after it. A&M smelled that con- of Saturday's third game.

might have their chance, most at the hands of the same Text. of Saturday's third game.

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minutes before game time.

The Arkanasas Razorbacks needed to take two out of three games from the Texas Aggies to lay claim to the crown.

"The coaches wanted me to throw before the game and see if I could get my shoulder loose," said Lollar.

"And I started throwing pretty dewhen we have Lollar health of the crown."

"It also allows us to come solely on the tourney. We know we're a better club than when we have Lollar health of the crown."

third when they scored three runs, signaling the end for Lollar.

coach DeBrian. "But he told me that his shoulder wasn't really bothering him so we let him go. But when he got into trouble in the third we pulled him. It wasn't worth let-

wants to be at full strength. And he might get his chance when the two

"We had no momentum at all eat us for it." going into that third game," said But Arkansas was playing with DeBrian. "We were dead and I

somewhat of a handicap. Lollar, also thought that we'd play that way. the leading hitter in the conference the boys came back and showed we finished second in the ence this year.

victory will do for this club into the tourney. Winning the game will give us a psychol advantage over the Aggies

know that we can beat them.

pitch and hit. But the victory over the could help Arkansas' chance vance in post-season play. Th ner of the conference auto

earns a birth into the NC gional playoffs. If the Aggies also win the tournament, the other eight ence schools are entered into large pool from which scho picked at-large to compete

NCAA tournament. "This win will mean a grea to our at-large chances," said rian. "The selection co bases their picks from the at-pool on both won-loss record the teams you competed against any victory over a team li will help our chances of also

But before the Razorbacks on the at-large selections the to lose the nournament. And

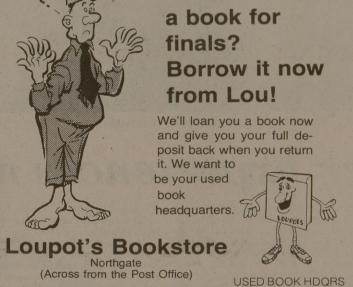
Landry against gambling in stat

DALLAS - Tom Landry, of the Dallas Cowboys, spoker a controversial pari-mutuel bling proposition Sunday by with those trying to defeat the at the polls.

In a release issued by the Crime Council of Texas, Land gambling would damage profe sports in the state. Texans wi on the referendum May 6. Landry said gambling "has

dency to influence players, of coaches and fans — just as it jockeys, veterinarians, tra horse owners and race fans pari-mutuel gambling is legal Landry said "My major p

with legalized gambling is tha a sanction on gambling. I belie majority of people who watch sional sports are not gamble whenever you legalize gamb one area, such as horse racin fans tend to accept it in others



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