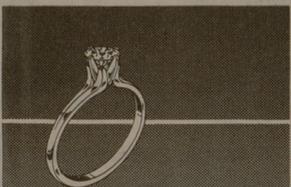


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# Ags may see new Lollar in Austin

By MARK PATTERSON  
Battalion Staff

The first game of last Saturday's doubleheader between the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Texas Aggies could have been a preview to the championship game of the South-west Conference post-season tournament.

With the two teams finishing the season first and second, the odds-on choice is that the two teams will meet again in the finals of the double-elimination tournament to

decide the tournament winner.

And if the two do meet again, in all probability the pitching matchups will be the same. That would pit Aggie left-hander Mark Thurmond against Hog left-hander Tim Lollar.

The two pitchers met for the first time in their collegiate careers Saturday with Thurmond taking a 5-0 decision, the win clinching the conference crown for the Aggies.

The victory gave Thurmond his 11th victory on the year and extended his string of undefeated regu-

lar season games to 22.

Lollar also entered the game carrying an unblemished record this season but absorbed the loss. The Arkansas left-hander stands at 9-1.

But, Lollar pitched against the Aggies on guts and determination alone. The week before the Aggie series Arkansas played the University of Tulsa in a non-conference contest. Lollar didn't pitch against Tulsa but because of his lofty batting average, .423 (the conference leader), coach Norm DeBrian inserted him into the lineup as the Hog's designated hitter.

Lollar produced at the plate but on an attempt to score in the game he collided with the Tulsa catcher at the plate and severely bruised his right shoulder.

The injury had not healed completely before the Aggie series, and he remained questionable right up until game time Saturday.

"My shoulder has bothered me all week and the coaches just wanted to see if I could get it loose before the game," said Lollar after the Aggies had tagged him for three runs in the three innings he worked Saturday. "Since it wasn't my pitching arm they (coaches) were willing to take a chance on me going in the first game."

"It didn't really bother me in warm-ups until I tried to throw from the stretch. Then it felt different and I knew I was in trouble if I let runners get on base."

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## Aeros' time almost up

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Either the local hockey fans "start writing a lot of checks" or the Houston Aeros will become just one more defunct franchise.

So says Ken Schnitzer, the non-nonsense Aeros board chairman. If there was any doubt Schnitzer was kidding as he pushed a franchise-saving season ticket drive, he stopped the snickering at a Monday news conference when asked what he planned to do if the sale fell through.

"We will shut down the front office. We will look at the players' contracts to see what can be done there. And we will start filling dates at the Summit that the Aeros will not need," said Schnitzer, a developer whose primary sports interest is keeping tenants in the Summit sports arena which he operates.

Two full days remain for fans to put down as little as 10 percent on season tickets which would convince Schnitzer to try to bring a National Hockey League team into Houston. The owner said 7,000 season tickets must be sold by May 5. Through

this weekend there were 5,588 season tickets ordered but only 3,300 bought.

"Fifty-eight percent of our goal is not exactly a pretty close call," Schnitzer said. "Ninety percent. But people better start writing a bunch of checks quickly to convince us that hockey interest exists."

Schnitzer previously said he would no longer support a WHA team.

"I invite any new owners," said a WHA spokesman at a Monday news conference. "I promise you one thing, they can't get in the WHA at a reasonable price. We are not going to receive any of the \$2 million we have spent this year."

Regarding published reports Schnitzer had tentatively agreed with owners of a NHL franchise, Schnitzer said he would no longer support a WHA team.

"There is no assurance we can get into the NHL," he said. However, at another part of the news conference, he said, "I don't want to presume that I am further along with the NHL. We are further along in discussions with franchises."

If the season ticket drive was successful, Schnitzer said, "Three or four weeks after that we would be able to make an announcement. I then after that any deal would be to have the approval of the Board of Governors."

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