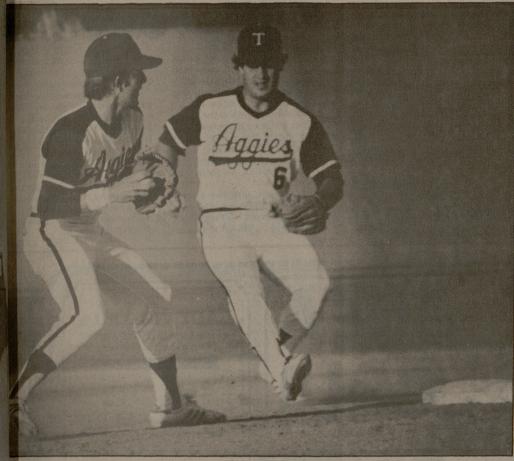
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Texas A&M shortstop Twig Little runs toward The Aggies swept Tuesday's double-header recond base ready to complete a double-play in against the Chiefs by scores of 1-0 and 6-3. Monday's first game against Oklahoma City.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Aggies sweep Chiefs at Olsen

The Texas A&M baseball team inning when catcher Joey Szekely singled and later scored on a Simon Tuesday night as the Aggies swept a double-header from Oklahoma City University, 1-0 and 6-3.

The Ags took all four games of the series against the Chiefs, winning Monday night, 2-1 and 19-4.

In the opener, freshman right-hander Luecken tossed a two-hit shutout, his third of the season, in upping his record to 8-2. Luecken, an overpowering pitcher, struck out only one Chief, but was never in any serious trouble

The Ags scored their lone run in the third when designated-hitter Bobby Beach singled and Simon Glenn singled him home later in the inning. In all, the Ags managed five hits off losing pitcher David Evers,

whose season record fell to 3-3. The Aggies clubbed three home runs in the second game, as Bobby Taylor picked up his first win in over a month.

Chris Rupp started the fireworks with a two-run shot in the first inning. Rupp, a catcher, lined it over the left field fence with shortstop Twig Little on board. Little had singled.

The Ags made it 3-0 in the second

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The next inning Szekely hit a home run with Harry Francis on first base to make the score 5-0.

The Chiefs tagged Taylor for runs in the fourth and fifth, but the Ags scored an insurance run in the bot-tom of the fifth to wrap it up. Harry Francis, the Aggie third baseman, hit a solo shot to make the score 6-2.

With the four-game sweep, the Ags are now 31-7 on the year. The Chiefs fell to 24-14. The Aggies travel to Austin this weekend for the three-game Southwest Conference series with the University of Texas. The Longhorns lead the conference with a 15-3 record in league play. The Ags are 1½ games back at 13-4. The Longhorns, 40-6 overall, have

three batters hitting over .400. They are ranked third in the country, behind the University of Miami-Fla. and South Carolina. The Aggies are still holding the No. 9 position in the national polls.

The two teams will square off in Austin's Disch-Falk Field at 7:30 Friday night and will start a doubleheader on Saturday at 1 p.m. — Mike Burrichter

Barry, others may be destined for new team

United Press International HOUSTON — Rick Barry is one of six Houston Rockets whose contracts expired Tuesday and one of four who may be encouraged to seek employment else-

where before next season. The team finished the regular season 41-41, won a three-game playoff series against San Antonio and then were beaten in four straight games by the Boston Celtics.

Their season at an end Monday, Calvin Murphy said, "I'm not downhearted about our team. Only eight teams came this far.

We were one of them." First-year Coach Del Harris, who reportedly will be asked back next season, said, "our fans have got to remember there were 14 other teams watching on televi-sion yesterday while we were still

playing. Barry, 36, made \$1 million the past two seasons since jumping from the Golden State Warriors and said he might seek a job as a player-coach for the new Dallas NBA franchise.

Rudy Tomjanovich, 31, also coaching job.

became a free agent after Monday night's playoff loss to Boston. In the four games against Boston, he scored 26 points.

Both Tomjanovich and Barry reportedly will be offered non-guaranteed contracts by the

Rockets management was disappointed this season in Barry, Tomjanovich, Murphy, and veteran Tom Henderson.

Owner George Maloff, Gener-al Manager Ray Patterson and Harris will meet next week in Houston

It is known that the Rockets will make an effort to retain third-year forward Robert Reid and rookie guard Allen Leavell, two free agents. Reid has a one-year option to remain with the club and Leavell is a free agent.

Two reserves who became free agents, Major Jones and Alonzo Bradley, will be available to the Dallas team when it selects its players off the bottom of NBA ros-

Earlier this season, Barry said he would not be interested in a

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Brewers should replace **Drioles as AL East champs**

By MIKE BURRICHTER

Sports Editor Baltimore Orioles, a mediocre in years past, swept through nerican League East so easily ason, the traditionally epic batetween the Yankees and Red should mount a serious threat at winem embarrassingly insignifi-

Orioles did it with players g better seasons at the plate ever before and still not of the pack, and the Yankees by Cindy Cil Red Sox will still play an importeam made its appearance. year the Milwaukee Brewers slug their way to the American que playoffs.

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is my analysis of the AL East: Milwaukee Brewers - The tting team in the American e in 1977, Milwaukee should, he return of Larry Hisle, ree the batting crown this year. e, out after 24 games last seais the best hitter in the Brewer up, and should add 25 or so home to a team already boasting four rs who hit over 20 round tripast season.

good muⁱ last season. ich Weigbin Yount, Paul Molitor, Sixto ano, Ben Oglivie and Gorman muscle to stay in the race. M and mas may sound like a travelling her abilitedy troupe, but they could form her ability troupe, but they could form

how the youngster gets along with Reggie Jackson, the right fielder who calls Ruppert "Reggie Junior." The Yankees' weaknesses are on the mound. Ron Guidry and Tommy John will pitch well, and Guidry

ning another Cy Young Award. But aging Luis Tiant and Ed Figueroa, the staff's two righthanders, cannot be expected to silence Brewer or Red Sox bats.

ounting to much, and pitching led 3) Baltimore Orioles — The Someone other than Jim Palmer. Orioles rode the arm of Mike Flanayear the Orioles will return to gan, last season's Cy Young Award winner, into the playoffs. The whole staff performed well, posting a team role in determining the division are, but it's time another anony-ahead of the rest of the league. The

Analysis

Yankees, who finished second in that department, gave up a half a run per

department, gave up a half a run per game more than that. But the Orioles had always had strong pitching, so the real surprise came from the plate, where such noted sluggers as Rich Dauer and Gary Roenicke led the team. Ken Singleton and Eddie Murray will produce at the plate this user. produce at the plate this year, but it won't be enough: the Orioles lack the

Baltimore will return to earth, anonymity, and third place. 4) Boston Red Sox — Last year the his best season in 1979. Eckersley's will not duplicate last season's (17-10, 2.99 ERA) performance and the

5) Detroit Tigers - Sparky Anderson will try to lead a very young team into a first division finish. The Tigers have plenty of talent, and are only a couple of years away.

Rozema and Mark Frydrich can come back from injuries. If these two

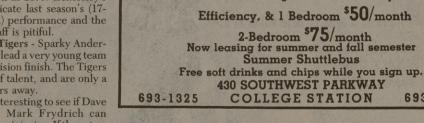
is Anderson. He traded surperstar Ron Leflore to the Expos for littleknown pitcher Dan Schatzeder, acquired aging Richie Hebner from the Mets and already has Frydrich unhappy. Anderson's approaching senility may prevent the Tigers from progressing

The Indians have a solid infield, and Rick Manning is the most under-rated center-fielder in baseball, but

rated center-heider in basebail, but pitching woes will keep Cleveland close to the .500 mark all season. 7) **Toronto Blue Jays** acquired fireman Joey McLaughlin from the Braves, which should help, but not much Toroate would help.

can do it, and there are many who feel "the Bird" is finished, Detroit will be a factor this year. The only thing holding them back

6) Cleveland Indians - The Indi-



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It will be interesting to see if Dave

ans are the hard-luck story of the East. Last year they finished with a winning record, 81-80, but came in sixth. This year should be no diffe-

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hows a ble five-man starting rotation, led "but stylike Caldwell, is solid. If the son to Boston. Th bungled a chance division when the with the Yankees. bast season.

New York Yankees - The again made some good trades Lynn and Butch Hobson will try and outslug their opposition. g staff will prevent them from a stretch run capable of g the hard-hitting Brewers. ppert Jones, obtained from will take over center field Jones should blossom into r Yankee great in the outfield,

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Houston Astros traded away a division crown when they sent Bob Watson to Boston. This year the Red Sox bungled a chance to finish in the first division when they let Watson sign

Boston fans will see plenty of hit-ting exhibitions at Fenway this year, as Carl Yastrzemski, Jim Rice, Fred

Rice and Lynn may fare well, but injured Hobson and aging Yaz are





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