



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

## Aggies sweep Chiefs at Olsen

The Texas A&M baseball team celebrated its 50th Olsen Field win 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

## Barry, others may be destined for new team

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HOUSTON — Rick Barry is one of six Houston Rockets whose contracts expired Tuesday and one of four who may be encouraged to seek employment elsewhere 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 television 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 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.

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

Owner George Maloff, General 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 rosters.

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

## Brewers should replace Orioles as AL East champs

By MIKE BURRICHTER  
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The Baltimore Orioles, a mediocre team in years past, swept through the American League East so easily between the Yankees and Red Sox seem embarrassingly insignificant.

The Orioles did it with players having better seasons at the plate than ever before and still not wanting to pitch led someone other than Jim Palmer.

This year the Orioles will return to the top of the pack, and the Yankees and Red Sox will still play an important role in determining the division winner, but it's time another anonymous team made its appearance.

This year the Milwaukee Brewers slug their way to the American League playoffs.

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 should mount a serious threat at winning 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.

3) Baltimore Orioles — The Orioles rode the arm of Mike Flanagan, last season's Cy Young Award winner, into the playoffs. The whole staff performed well, posting a team earned run average of 3.26, well ahead of the rest of the league. The

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Yankees, who finished second in that 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 year, but it won't be enough: the Orioles lack the muscle to stay in the race.

Baltimore will return to earth, anonymity, and third place.

4) Boston Red Sox — Last year the 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 with the Yankees.

Boston fans will see plenty of hitting exhibitions at Fenway this year, as Carl Yastrzemski, Jim Rice, Fred Lynn and Butch Hobson will try and outslug their opposition.

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

The trouble in beantown is the hitting will not be limited to the hometown boys. The Red Sox pitching staff is horrible, its only bright spot being Dennis Eckersley, who had

his best season in 1979. Eckersley's will not duplicate last season's (17-10, 2.99 ERA) performance and the rest of the staff is pitiful.

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.

It will be interesting to see if Dave Rozema and Mark Frydich can come back from injuries. If these two 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 is Anderson. He traded superstar Ron Leflore to the Expos for little-known pitcher Dan Schatzeder, acquired aging Richie Hebner from the Mets and already has Frydich unhappy. Anderson's approaching senility may prevent the Tigers from progressing.

6) Cleveland Indians — The Indians 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 different.

The Indians have a solid infield, and Rick Manning is the most underrated center-fielder in baseball, but pitching woes will keep Cleveland close to the .500 mark all season.

7) Toronto Blue Jays — With only 11 saves last season, the Blue Jays acquired fireman Joey McLaughlin from the Braves, which should help, but not much. Toronto would have trouble winning the Southwest Conference.

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