

Opinion

By Rick Stolle



Ags finally get it together

You can please some of the people some of the time. And there are those you will never please any of the time.

As the crowd in the stadium roared for David Beal Saturday, there were some true-blue, never-say-die fans in the crowd still cheering for Mike Mosley. Not that Mosley was out on the field for long and despite what Beal did or what most of the crowd thought, the diehards where still cheering deliciously for number 11.

Third and 16. "C'mon Wilson, lets see Mosley!" Beal hits for 17. "Pass Wilson, Mosley can do it, its only third and two." Beal runs for eight. When Beal went out with muscle cramps in the fourth quarter, Mosley came in, yet he could not move the team. The Mosley supporters were yelling the loudest. Beal came back in, moved the team and the Mosley people shut up for about two minutes. Of course, everybody is entitled to their opinion.

I think the Ags should stick with what works. Since Beal can move the team, he deserves to be starting. Move Mosley to flanker or split-end where he can use that tremendous speed of his. He is too good an athlete to be sitting on the bench. He is simply at the wrong position. Mosley's ability is tremendous and Wilson needs to take advantage of it.

Beal is not flashy, fast or fancy. Yet, he has that intangible something that makes a football team go. He is a leader, a thinker and a doer. Above all, he is a winner. He has a winning attitude and the charisma to make the team go when they need to.

It was a different team that took the field Saturday. They wanted to play and showed it. The shake-up of the week before actually brought the team together. It had a personality completely different from the team that had taken the field two weeks ago.

The line blocked well for most of the game. The defense came together to take advantage of the turnovers that the Tech offense presented them with. For the first time in the 1980 season, the Aggies looked like a team. Saturday's game was a team win with players who shone and even glittered. Yet, without the others on the field, the stars of Saturday's game could not have performed as well as they did.

Beal won the chance to start against the Houston Cougars. He proved himself to all who attended the game, even to the diehard fans who would not believe in him. But perhaps most important of all, David Beal proved it to himself.

Final Major League Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Batting Average — Buckner, Chi .324; Hernandez, St. L. .321; Templeton, St. L. .319; Cedeno, Hou. .309; McBride, Phi. .309.

Home Runs — Schmidt, Phil 48; Horner, Atl 35; Murphy, Atl 33; Baker, LA and Carter, Mtl 29.

Runs Batted In — Schmidt, Phil 121; Hendrick, St. L. 109; Garvey, LA 106; Carter, Mtl 101; Hernandez, St. L. 99.

Stolen Bases — LeFlore, Mtl 97; Moreno, Pitt 96; Collins, Cin 79; Scott, Mtl 63; Richards, SD 61.

Wins — Carlton, Phil 24-9; Niekro, Hou 20-12; Bibby, Pitt 19-6; Reuss, LA 18-6; Ruthven, Phil 17-10.

Earned Run Average — Sutton, LA 2.21; Carlton, Phil 2.34; Reuss, LA 2.52; Blue, SF 2.97; Zachry, NY 3.00.

Strikeouts — Carlton, Phil 286; Ryan, Hou 200; Soto, Cin 182; Niekro, Atl 176; Blyleven, Pitt 168.

Saves — Sutter, Chi 28; Hume, Cin 25; Finley, SD 23; Camp, Atl and Allen, NY 22.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Batting Average — C. Brett, KC .390; Cooper, Mil .352; Dilone, Cle .341; Rivers, Tex .333.

Home Runs — Oglivie, Mil and Jackson, NY 41; Thomas, Mil 38; Armas, Oak 35; Murray, Balt 32.

Runs Batted In — Cooper, Mil 122; G. Brett, KC and Oglivie, Mil 118; Oliver, Tex 117; Murray, Balt 115.

Stolen Bases — Henderson, Oak 100; Wilson, KC 78; Dilone, Cle 61; Bumbry, Balt and Cruz, Sea 44.

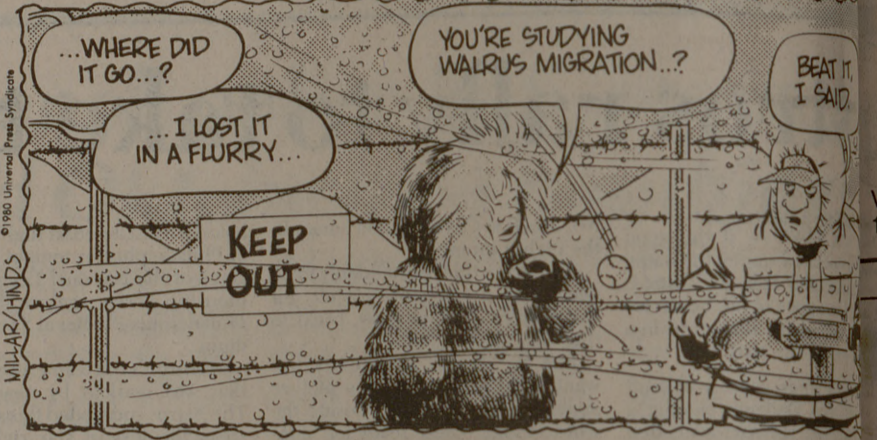
Wins — Stone, Balt 25-7; John, NY and Norris, Oak 22-9; McGregor, Balt 20-8; Leonard, KC 20-11; Barker, Cle and Langford, Oak 19-12.

Earned Run Average — May, NY 2.47; Norris, Oak 2.54; Burns, Chi 2.54; Keough, Oak 2.95; Gura, KC 2.96.

Strikeouts — Barker, Cle 187; Norris, Oak 180; Guidry, NY 166; Bannister, Sea 155; Leonard, KC 154.

Saves — Quisenberry, KC and Gossage, NY 33; Farmer, Chi 30; Stoddard, Balt 26; Burmeier, Bos 24.

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Texas, Oklahoma to battle Saturday

United Press International
AUSTIN — Oklahoma's 82-42 romp over Colorado in the highest scoring game in NCAA history demonstrates the kind of challenge undefeated Texas faces Saturday in attempting to stop the Sooners' high powered offense. Longhorn coach Fred Akers said Monday.

"It looked like a track meet," Akers said of the Oklahoma victory. "They must have had to change shoes by the third quarter, it looked like they wore those out."

Akers paused when a reporter asked him for an appraisal of the Colorado defense, then replied, "They weren't real good."

"But some teams couldn't go out and score 82 points against air. They (Oklahoma) have some real speed. I can't even remember when we had a guy go for 80 yards, or 60, or 50."

While the Sooners were running over Colorado, Texas defeated Rice 41-28 in a Southwest Conference battle in Houston that Akers said was the roughest contest physically the Longhorns have had in four straight wins.

Texas built up an early lead in that game, then had to guard against a Rice comeback that was sparked by Longhorn errors.

"Rice fought very hard," Akers said. "They just wouldn't stay dead. That was the closest runaway I've ever seen."

Although Akers indicated immediately after the Rice win that Texas had escaped without any significant injuries to key players, his appraisal was different Monday.

Linebacker Bruce Scholtz suffered injuries to his hand and ankle and may not be ready for the Oklahoma game. His backup, Larry Twardowski, injured his foot and is on crutches, and the third teamer at that position, Bert Vasut, dislocated his shoulder.

"We're going to have to do some shuffling," Akers said. The most likely prospect to fill in at the strong linebacker position is Mark Martignoni, who has been the backup at another linebacker position.

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Playoffs may force late start for Ags

United Press International
HOUSTON — The win by the Houston Astros over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League divisional playoff game Monday raised the spectre of late-night college football in the Astrodome next Saturday.

If the best-of-five Houston-Philadelphia NL championship series goes four games, the fourth game will be played in the Astrodome next Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

But the Texas A&M-Houston football game will also be played in the Astrodome that evening and was originally scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

Since it takes about four hours to convert the floor of the stadium from a baseball field to a football field, the football game could not start until the late evening.

"We are going to advertise the game for 10:30 p.m.," said a spokesman for the Houston athletic department.

When asked what might happen if the baseball game went into extra innings or took an unexpectedly long

time to play, the Houston spokesman said:

"We haven't even thought about that."

The Aggies take a 2-2 record into the contest, while the Cougars have slumped to a surprisingly low 1-3 record.

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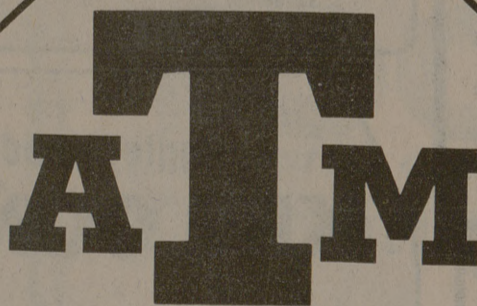
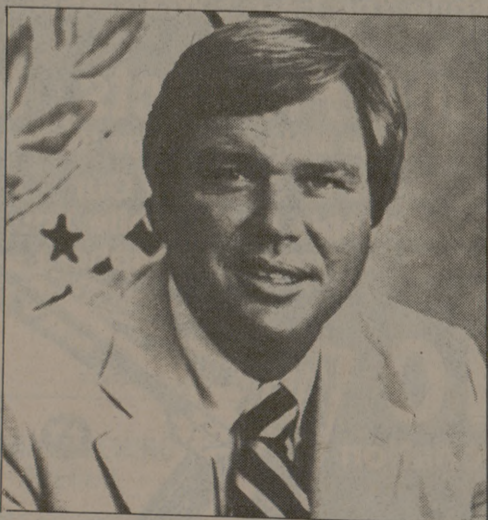


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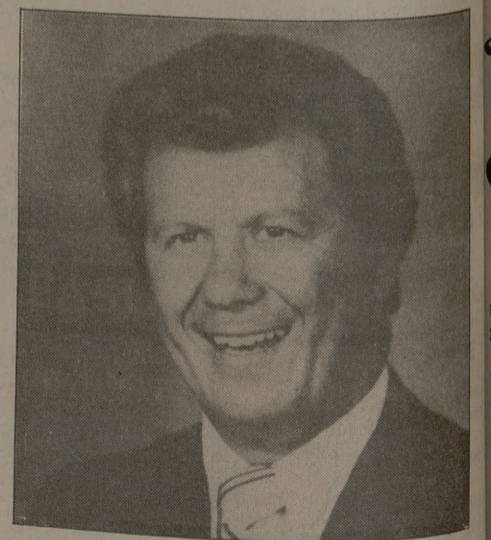
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