

McGraw becomes free agent

Green will manage '81 Phils

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PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Phillies Manager Dallas Green made it official Thursday — he'll be back as manager in 1981 trying for the team's second World Series championship.

Green said at a press conference, formally announcing his decision, that he had decided "the best thing is for Paul (Owens) up there and me down here."

Green, 46, made his decision after a day-long meeting with team president Ruly Carpenter and Owens, vice president for player personnel.

"I didn't make any secret of my preferences," Green said, "I just thought eventually, after our conversation, that it wasn't right for a change. Naturally winning is something you have to consider so I hit Ruly for a few extra bucks."

Green's salary wasn't revealed but it was believed to be about double the reported \$65,000 he earned last season.

Owens said, "We decided that if he didn't want to manage he would work with me. Deep down, though, I knew he would come back."

Green said the working relation between himself, Carpenter and

Owens, "is good for this baseball team."

"We've won with this team. We've proven our guys can do the job, but we might make a change or two to perpetuate that winning."

For 1981 Green said, "I think we've got a chance to repeat. It's that simple. The goal I have is to repeat. It would be kind of fun to go through this again."

"Offensively, we want to continue the team concept, to do the things we have to do to win as a team," he continued. "My own personal feeling is we don't need to make a lot of changes. We have to make some because we've got to strive to improve the weakness of the ball club."

Commenting on past frictions reported between himself and the players, Green said, "They wanted the same thing I did. It's just a matter of approaching it my way. They'd been successful their way so it was difficult to change. Now they know my way may be more successful than their way."

Green led the Phillies to the first World Series title in their 98-year history but it was not an easy year for him. He was often disturbed by the laid-back attitude of his high-salaried

team and, at times, criticized his players in the media. Some players, in turn, offered return criticism.

After the Phillies' six-game World Series triumph over the Kansas City Royals, Green said he didn't know if he'd be back, fueling a belief that he would move into the vice president position and that the 56-year-old Owens would retire.

In other Phillie news, relief pitcher Tug McGraw says he's worth more money now that the Phillies are world champions, and he's taken a step in an attempt to beef up his paycheck.

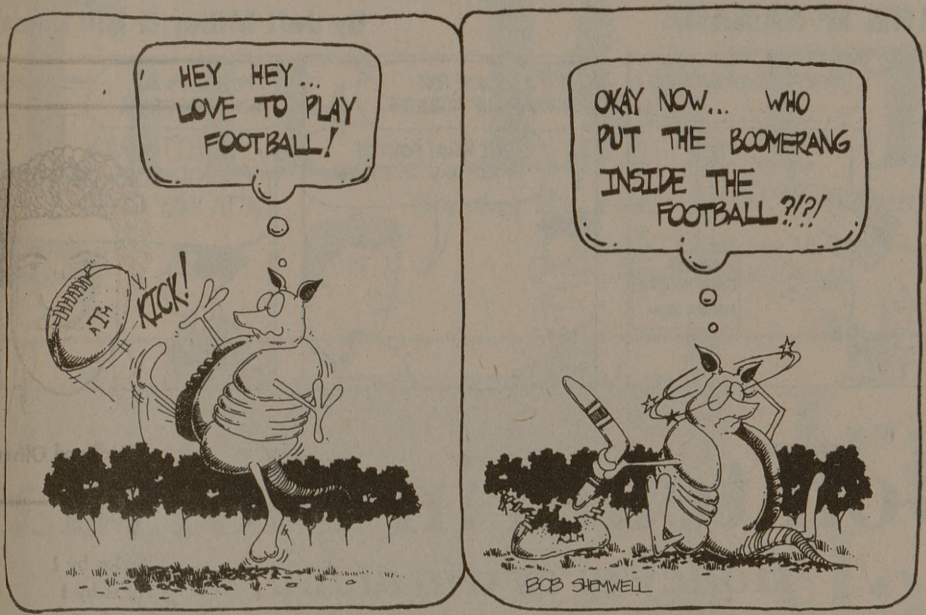
McGraw, one of the major contributors to the Phillies' first-ever championship, Wednesday declared

himself a free agent eligible for baseball's Nov. 13 re-entry draft.

The colorful lefthander, 36, said in a statement the Phillies had not made him an offer that would match the salaries of the club's other stars.

"My request to them was this: To make me a proposal of salary comparable to those salary levels of the other key players on the team," said McGraw's statement, read by his wife, Phyllis, from the couple's home in suburban Media.

"My contribution to the first world championship in 97 years was equal to that of any position or player on the team. I want to be in the norm with the salaries of these players. I didn't want this, but at this point there is no other choice."



Swimming teams begin fall season this weekend

By JON HEIDTKE

Battalion Staff
Texas A&M's swimming team kicks off the 1980-81 season Saturday with a dual meet against Tulane Saturday in New Orleans. The Aggies are under the direction of Head Coach Mel Nash, and he says both the men's and women's team should be much better than a year

ago. Although the men's team has lost its top two point swimmers from a year ago, Nash said this year's recruiting class and the maturing of the returning swimmers will make the Ags a strong men's team.

The men will be led by senior captains Ed Kahil and Steve Ranzau, along with sophomore captain Kord Reid. Ranzau is one of the top sprint freestylers on the team, having won the Indiana state champ in the 50-yard freestyle two years ago.

The women's team will also be helped by a strong freshman class. Kevin and Chris Londrigan, identical twins from Houston, were both state meet finalists last year. SMU's Devin was a high school all-American in the 100-yard breaststroke, while Chris was a state finalist in the 100-yard individual medley.

Nash expects will help the team improve. Another "fish" Nash expects will help the team is Craig Buchmann, who was the Tennessee state champ in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle last year.

Nash also said he expects good things from sophomore Mark Hoche. Hoche, who is from Vancouver in the Canadian province of British Columbia, was third in the Midwest Conference championship two years ago as a distance swimmer.

On the women's ledger, Nash said their strength also will be helped by new recruits in the form of three junior college transfers from California.

Debbie Ross, Kelli Dealey and Shelley Carbone are the new recruits. Ross, a breast stroker, finished second in the always tough California State Meet, while Carbone and Dealey competed in the stroke and freestyle. All three were junior college transfers from California.

Another junior college transfer Nash said to watch this year is Tori Tessen, a distance freestyler from Florida. A pleasant surprise for Nash and his assistant coach

Reuss' comeback earns him award

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NEW YORK — Jerry Reuss' comeback earned him the National League Comeback Player of the Year award for 1980 in the National League.

Only Houston outfielder Cesar Cedeno, who received four votes, notched more than two.

Reuss is the second pitcher to be honored as a Comeback Player this year by UPI. Matt Keough, the young starter for the Oakland A's, was named the winner in the American League.

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post an 18-6 record that included the only no-hitter in the major leagues this year. His performance gave him 32 of 50 votes cast by writers around the country to win in a runaway UPI's Comeback Player of the Year award for 1980 in the National League.

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"I knew I was gonna have a good year," he said. "Just like you know the sun is gonna shine in Southern California, I knew I was going to have a good year."

His prediction came true to an extent that, were it not for the excellence of Steve Carlton, he might have won the Cy Young Award. Reuss finished second to the Philadelphia lefthander in that vote.

En route to compiling the outstanding won-lost record, Reuss pitched 229 innings, allowing just 193 hits and 40 walks. He struck out 40 and posted a 2.52 ERA.

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