Tis the season to be split

The split-season format adopted by Major League Baseball officials after the player strike really spoiled the season for some teams, but is been a distinct advantage for others. og opponents the eraged 180 yards of and 116 through the

n said the Aggin in facing the Bulldy Without a split-season system, the firstace teams at this point would be Cincinnati in the National League West, St. Louis in the NL East, Oakland in the American League est and Detroit in the AL East. That means r defensive lines, the Reds, who now trail the Houston Astros by very quick, and in two games in the NL West second-half race, — one that is not a may finish the season with a better overall wo games in the NL West second-half race, may finish the season with a better overall record than any team in their division — and not make the playoffs. e do a good job eser-

e a good footballs and I don't see any On the other hand, Houston trailed first-half inner Los Angeles by 8½ games when the trike began, and would still be in third place sses," he added. Aggies are in god 55-44 if overall season records were the basis r divisional rank. Los Angeles' season re-ord, at 58-40, would trail by 1½ games the 9-38 mark of the Reds. But the Reds can't do this week, Wilson ything about the situation, and must make pping chores from us snapper Jim DeSin getting the ball with eir best effort to catch the Astros during the st 11 games of the season.

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Adding to their predicament, the Redsege. estrike started. But Cincinnati's plight isn't eonly one which has arisen from the altered

The Texas Rangers were only one game be-ind the Oakland Athletics at the time of the



strike, but as a result of their second-half performance, they'll watch post-season play from home. And Baltimore was only two games out of first when the strike started, but they're about as playoff-bound as the San Diego

Another situation which isn't as hopeless as that of the Reds involves St. Louis. Although the Cardinals' 51-39 overall record would give them first place and a league playoff berth, they now trail the second-place Montreal Expos by 1/2-game.

The Philadelphia Phillies, who have played to a dismal second half record of 18-23 after winning the first half with their 34-21 mark,

don't deserve to make the playoffs. Philadelphia finds itself in fifth place in the second-half race, and may be a "victim" of the split season. Like the Dodgers, who trail Houston by five games, the Phillies seem to believe that the second season serves as an unnecessary prelude to the playoffs. Maybe I'm misjudging the two teams, but I feel that the Dodgers and the Phillies haven't exactly played their hearts out during the second half.

In the AL West race, Oakland has the best season record at 59-41. They're already in the divisional playoffs because of their first-half win, but I'm sure they would rather win the title outright instead of having to play the second-half winner.

On the basis of season records, the AL East provides the best race of the four divisions. If today's overall records determined final standings, the division would look like this: New York first, at 56-41 (.577); Boston second, at 55-42 (.567); Detroit third, at 56-43 (.566); Baltimore fourth, at 53-41 (.564); Milwaukee fifth, at 55-44 (.556); and Toronto sixth at 35-62. That would have made a tight race in which any of the top five teams might be worthy of a

But the split-season has changed a baseball system which had been a standard for so long. So, all we can do is wait and hope.

That is, wait for the playoffs to begin in October, and hope that next season isn't interrupted as rudely as this one has been.

Powerlift meet to be Saturday

The Texas A&M Weightlifting Club will host Louisiana Tech Saturday in a dual powerlifting meet, as both teams begin preparations for the upcoming Region IX Collegiate Championships.

The competition, which will be held in DeWare Fieldhouse, will start at 10 a.m and will last until about 1:30 p.m. Admission will be

The regional meet will also take place in DeWare during December. Among the teams competing will be the University of Texas, Louisiana Tech and the University of Arkansas.



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Volleyball team sets Cardinals

By GAYE DENLEY

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mee ust so good.'

Wendy Wilson, the team's hitand middle blocker, and setter game three to take a 12-8 lead after T ten Bloom keved a non-stop sive Aggie onslaught that t. She can hit zed the Cardinals, 2-15, 15-5,

Aggie team in the first game with a 15-2 romp.

"I think they were too overcon-"I think they

fident (in the first game) because they had beaten Lamar so easily

The Aggies smoothed out their rough spots in the second game, nber days after a dismal 1-4 show-ing in last weekend's San Diego winning by a 15-5 margin on the strength of a sharp, versatile offense. A pair of alert, back-to-We needed it for a little boost back plays — a block and a smash confidence," Coach Terry Con—by junior Sue Wetzel gave the confidence," Coach Terry Con-n said. "Those California teams Aggies a 5-1 lead and the momentum to complete the victory.

> winning two drawn-out points that seemed to temporarily drain Texas A&M's rotation. After a 12, 15-5. time out, however, the Aggies their next home game Lamar woke up a dormant evened things up at 12-12 and against Central Florida.

In the final game, the Aggies took a 7-4 lead and racked up six more points before Lamar answered with its final point. A service ace by Wetzel gave the

Aggies their ninth point, effectively sealing the victory. Texas A&M eventually won the game, 15-5. Condon said she was pleased with her squad's unified play, something that has been missing

'We've been working hard on moving together as a unit,"

Aggies travel Friday to Fort Worth for the Texas Women's University Tournament and play their next home game Oct. 8

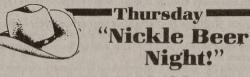


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