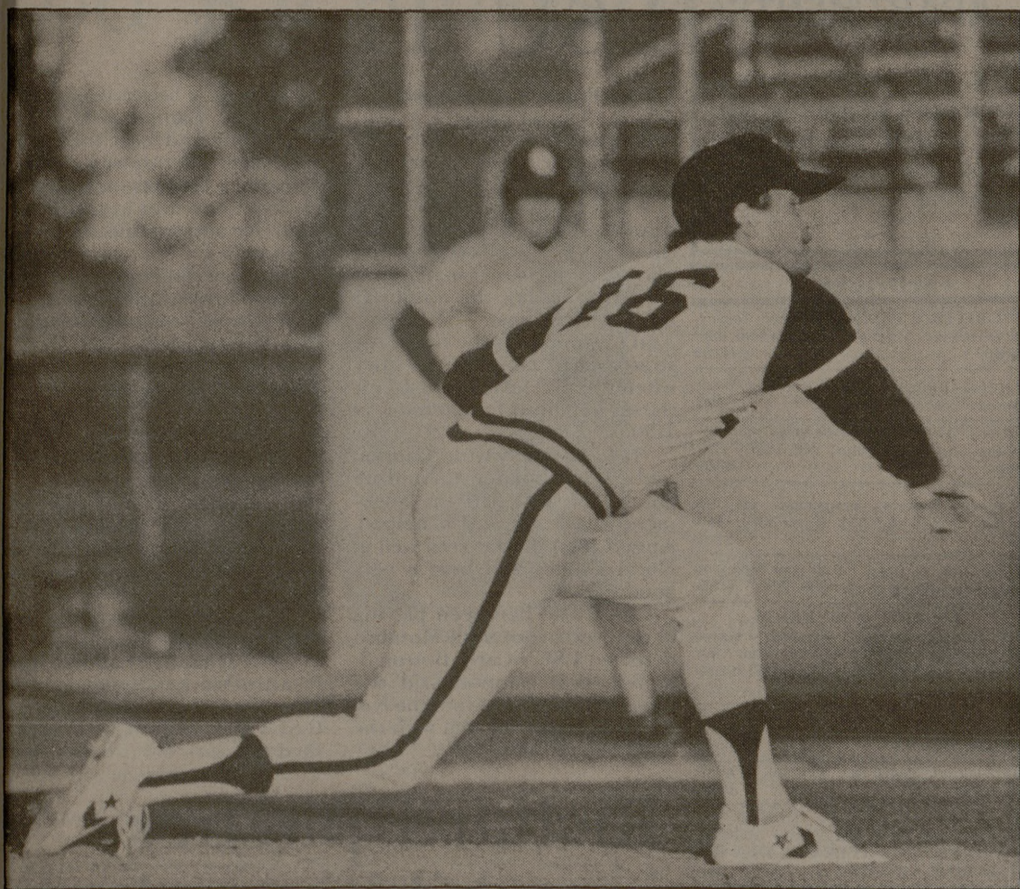


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Pitcher Bobby Taylor follows through after a pitch during the Aggies' 2-0 victory in the first game of Monday's double-header with Oklahoma City. The Chiefs had only two hits off Taylor in the game. Texas A&M is 25-11-1.

Taylor, Corbett pitch 2-hitters

A&M beats Oklahoma City

by Denise S. Sechelski
Battalion Staff
Aggie pitcher Bobby Taylor says there's been a black cloud hanging around the baseball team lately and that he just wants to help the team in any way he can.

The right-handed senior succeeded in helping the Aggies win 2-0 Monday as he pitched a two-hit shutout against the Oklahoma City Chiefs in the first game of a double-header in Olsen Field.

"We're all pulling together and we're trying the best we can," Taylor said after his seven-inning victory. "It's a team sport, you know."

Taylor, coming back after being in a car accident, retired 12 consecutive batters before giving up a lead-off single to Bob Gergen in the fifth inning.

"I wanted just not to walk anybody so I could get myself back in the rotation," Taylor said. "I

just wanted to throw strikes and get the ground balls. I throw mostly sinkers and sliders and I'm basically a ground ball pitcher."

Taylor proved that he could force the Chiefs to hit grounders, as 16 of the 22 Oklahoma City batters that came to the plate were put out on ground balls hit to Aggie infielders.

Coach Tom Chandler said Taylor's performance was "one of the best of the year" and that an unusual wind helped the pitching.

"The wind was blowing straight in from center field," Chandler said, "and that helped make it a pitcher's night."

Taylor said: "I wanted to use the wind to my advantage. I also wanted to use our defense to my advantage. Nobody's said it in a long time, but to have a damn good defense."

Losing pitcher Danny Hightower, 4-4, pitched the entire

game for the Chiefs and gave up two runs and six hits.

Third baseman Clint Heard led the Aggies with three hits in three times at bat, and shortstop Dave Kennard went 2-for-3.

The Aggies scored in the second inning when first baseman Buddy Haney hit a sacrifice fly to center field to score Kennard from third. In the bottom of the third, Heard hit a bunt single and stole second base. Designated hitter Titus Wells walked and Heard stole third on a pick-off attempt to first. Kennard singled in Heard to give the Aggies their final run of the game.

The Aggies won the second

game 6-1 and both starting pitchers went the entire game.

Sherman Corbett, 4-2, was the winning pitcher for the Aggies and gave up one run on two hits.

Texas A&M had six runs on six hits with no errors. Joe Szekely hit his 10th home run of the year in the first inning with Grant Priess on base. In the second inning, Heard tripled on Kevin Smith then scored on a wild pitch to give the Aggies a 4-0 lead.

Wells sacrificed to right field to score Kennard in the fifth inning and the Aggies' final run came in the sixth on a fielder's choice grounder by Brad Hisle that scored Bobby Beach.

Umpires, major leagues agree on four-year pact

United Press International
NEW YORK — The only strikes major-league umpires will be calling for some time are the kind the pitchers throw.

After five months of hard negotiations and just eight hours before the scheduled start of the season, the umpires Monday reached agreement with the two major leagues on a four-year contract.

Under terms of the new contract, the umpires have increased their benefits considerably in several areas, including salaries, pension benefits and per diem allowances.

Their biggest gain was made in the area of salaries. Starting salaries will be increased immediately from \$18,000 to \$26,000 and be raised to \$36,000 over four years. The immediate increase is even greater for senior umpires. They will be raised from \$50,000 to \$70,000 this year and receive \$75,000 per year in the final year of the contract.

— A 100 percent increase in pension benefits.

— A 50 percent increase in widow benefits.

— Increases in benefits for previously retired umpires totaling about \$150 per month per year of service.

— The addition to the major-league staffs of minor-league umpires who refused to work

during the 1979 major-league umpires strike.

— An increase in daily per diem expenses from \$77 to \$90. The money will be used to pay for hotels, meals and transportation to and from the ballparks. The leagues will continue to pay for travel between cities.

— An agreement to select umpires for post-season play on a merit basis instead of by rotation.

— Increases in pay for post-season games. Umpires will re-

ceive \$15,000 for the World Series, \$10,000 for the League Championship Series, \$7,500 for any divisional playoff that may occur and \$2,500 for the All-Star Game.

— A 50 percent increase in disability payments.

— A 50 percent increase in life insurance benefits.

— Agreement from the two league presidents they will crack down harder on players and managers who physically abuse umpires.

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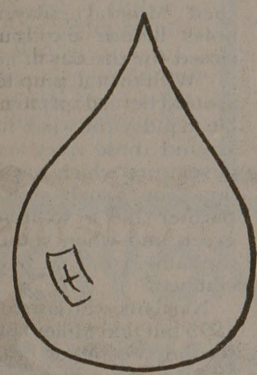
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