

Texas A&M

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OCU dodges A&M's futile knockout punch in sweep

The Texas Aggies missed their chance to apply a knockout punch to the seemingly harmless Oklahoma City Chiefs Tuesday afternoon in Olsen Field.

In fact, the Aggies didn't even have time to raise their fists in losing both ends of a doubleheader 6-5, 2-0. The Chiefs, who entered the four-game series Monday with a 13-16 record, were swept by Texas A&M 2-0, 6-1 th night. So who would have expected OCU to return the favor against a team that wanted the series with a more

than respectable 23-11-1 record?

In Tuesday's opener, the Chief scored a run in the first inning to take a quick lead, but Texas A&M catcher Joe Szekely hit a three-run home run to put the Aggies in front in the bottom of the first. The homer, which brought Szekely's RBI total to 45 for the season, was his 11th of the year.

However, OCU scored three more runs in the second inning to take a 4-3 lead, which the Chiefs built to 6-3 in the fourth

inning. Texas A&M scored its final two runs in the bottom of the fourth for the final one-run margin.

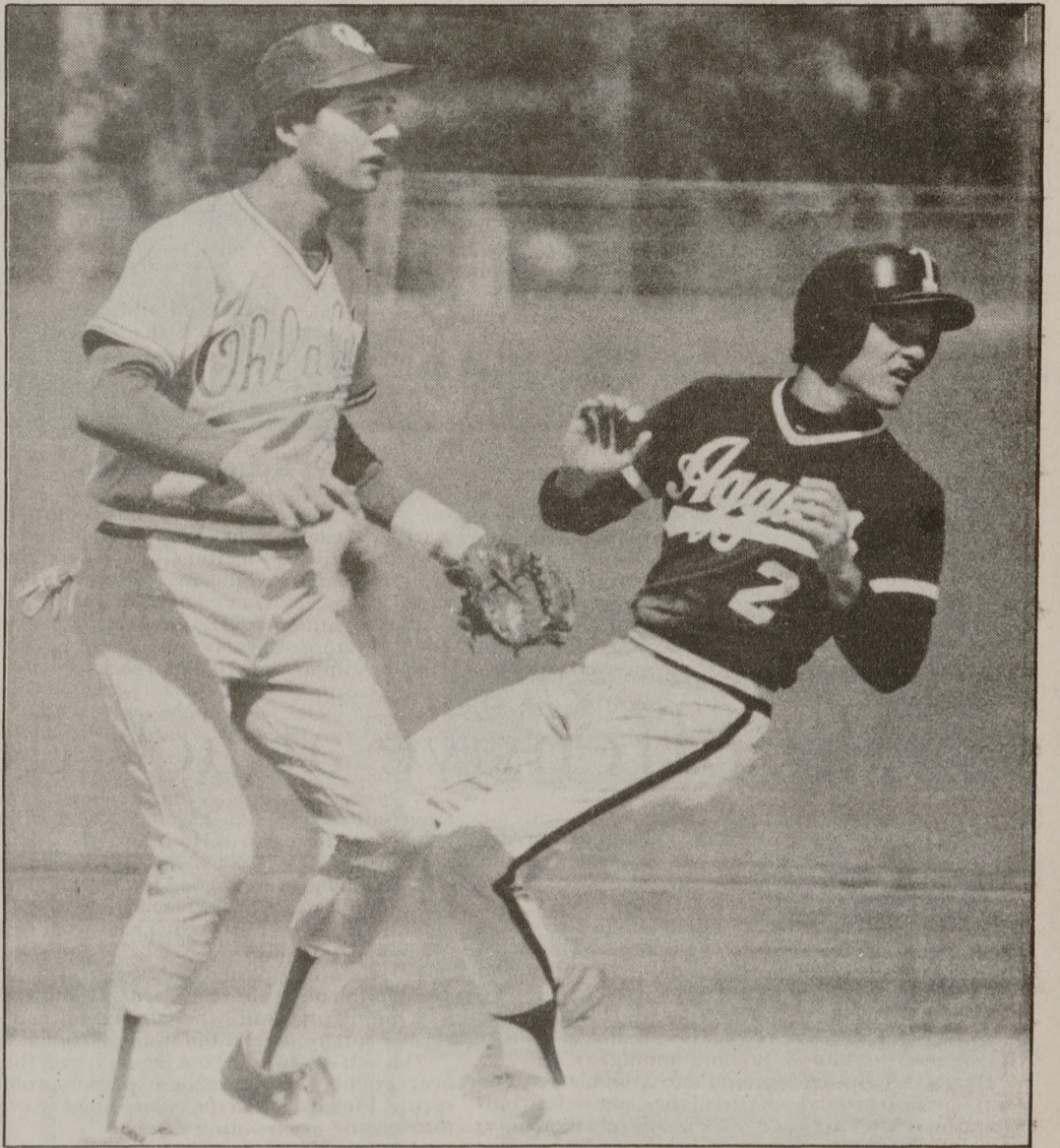
Although Aggie starter David Flores pitched a complete game and didn't issue a walk, his record dropped to 6-3 for the year. OCU pitcher David Evers pitched the entire game as well, raising his record to 5-2.

In the second game, Scott West, 4-5, held the Aggies to only two hits. Clint Heard's bunt single in the fourth and Grant Priess' single in the fifth were

Texas A&M's only hits.

Steve Davis, who also pitched a complete game, gave the Chiefs six hits while watching his record fall to 1-3.

The Aggies play the San Antonio Dodgers, a Los Angeles Dodgers minor league affiliate, tonight in San Antonio at 7. Texas A&M takes its 25-13-1 overall record and 4-7-1 Southwest Conference record to Arkansas to play the third-place Razorbacks Friday and Saturday.



staff photo by Peter Rocha

The Aggies' Rusty Roberts pulls into second base as a play is made at first during the opener of Tuesday's double-

header with the Oklahoma City Chiefs. OCU won both games as Texas A&M fell to 25-13-1 for the season.

Bench signs 3-year contract; wants to stay at Cincinnati

CINCINNATI — Johnny Bench, not even bothering to find out how much more money he might make with other teams because "I want to end my career in Cincinnati," has agreed to a new 3-year contract with the Reds.

"There are more important things than money," Bench said Tuesday as he announced he had signed a contract to remain with the Reds through at least 1985.

"The most important thing

for me is staying in Cincinnati. I have my roots in this community. I want to end my career in Cincinnati."

Bench, 34, is beginning his 15th major-league season with the Reds. He is virtually assured of being elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame when he becomes eligible five years after retirement, because of his brilliant catching and power hitting. He now plays third base and is concentrating on hitting to a high average, rather than sheer slugging.

Bench, whose current five-year contract expires at the end of this season, declined to say exactly how much he will make from the new deal that covers the 1983-1985 seasons, but insisted it wasn't a blockbuster contract.

"This is not a Dave Winfield, Mike Schmidt, or a Gary Carter contract," Bench said, referring to astronomical salaries those players earn. "But it's more than I ever imagined. It suits my needs."

Bench also said he didn't want to become a free agent, even though other clubs probably would pay him more than the Reds.

Asked if he expected this to be the last contract he signs, which would mean retirement at the end of 1985, Bench said, "I hope not."

"Pete Rose is still playing and he's what — 56 years old," Bench said with a laugh.

Rose, who will be 41 this month, wants to keep playing at least another three seasons so he can break Ty Cobb's career hit record.

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Still, Bench hinted his future salary will approach \$1 million per year.

Asked if he will be the highest paid Reds' player, Bench said, "I'm among the top two."

The highest-paid Red is believed to be shortstop Dave Concepcion, who recently signed a long-term contract that reportedly pays him \$960,000 per year.

But Bench said his new contract is not "guaranteed."

"I didn't ask for a guaranteed contract," he said. "If I can't produce and earn my money, then I don't deserve it."

"I would like to get Cobb's record," chuckled Bench, "or Rose's record, if he gets it."

When Bench does retire, he said he'd like to work part-time for the Reds, helping develop young players at spring training and in the minor leagues.

"We've talked with Johnny about doing some work for the Reds when he quits playing," said Reds' President Dick Wagner.

However, Bench said he didn't want to be a major league manager or coach.

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Tracy Johnston, Eileen Doull, Susan Marks, Dee Ann Fowler, Craig Buchmann, Rick Walker, Pat Henry, Jack Fink, Mark Viminiz and Kevin Londrigan will take part in the meet. Freshman swimmer Debbie Scheider will be an alternate.

Swimmers from all over the United States will participate in the meet, which lasts through Saturday.

BUCK WEIRUS SPIRIT AWARD

In an effort to recognize students for outstanding contributions to the student life program at Texas A&M University, the Former Students Association has initiated this new award. It honors Buck Weirus, the Executive Director of the Former Students Association from 1964-1980, for his development of the Association and its goals toward the improvement of student life.

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