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Football season's getting closer

Fullback Earnest Jackson eludes the grasp of a TCU defender during the Aggies' 37-7 victory last season in Fort Worth. The 1982 season, which will be the first here for Head Coach Jackie Sherrill, starts Sept. 4 when the Aggies

meet Boston College at 6:10 p.m. in Kyle Field. Although the freshmen arrive at Texas A&M Aug. 9, the varsity will not report until Aug. 14. The team, which returns 16 starters, will begin two-a-day workouts Aug. 16.

Texas' Hough shuts off powerful Brewer attack

United Press International
 ARLINGTON — A knuckle ball is a fickle thing, but Texas Rangers pitcher Charlie Hough kept his main weapon under control to hold the powerful but baffled Milwaukee Brewers to just four hits and lead Texas to a 3-1 victory.

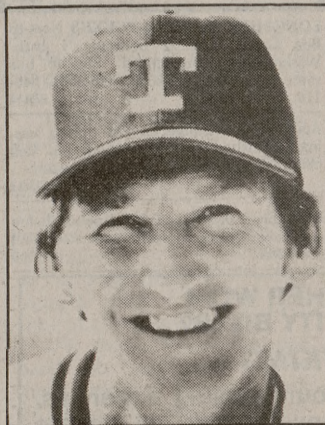
The triumph Monday snapped a three-game losing streak for Texas and gave Hough some consolation for his last outing against the Brewers, when his knuckler seemed to have a mind of its own.

In that game in April, the Brewers shelled Hough for five runs and six hits in three innings. But Milwaukee was no match for the 34-year-old right-hander Monday night.

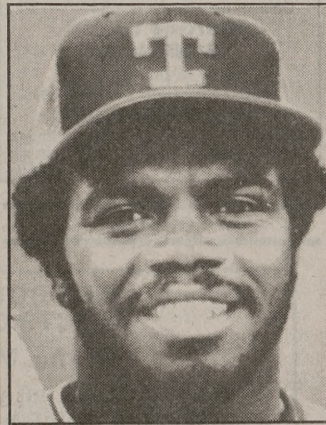
"It felt pretty good and I was getting it over, and they were swinging," Hough, now 9-8, said. "That's some kind of lineup they have, but when you have the aggressive team and they don't hit everything well, then you have a chance."

"You need to pitch to the right spots and tonight I was hitting them."

Milwaukee has now lost five



Charlie Hough



Lamar Johnson

of its last seven games after sweeping a five-game series against Chicago after the All-Star break. The Brewers entered the game batting .310 as a team with 19 home runs in the previous 14 games.

"You could say we haven't been playing like we did the past few weeks," Brewer manager Harvey Kuenn said. "But we've had some great games pitched against us. No matter what you do, that's going to happen."

Hough walked one and fanned four, including a ninth-inning strikeout of Ben Oglivie, who represented the tying run, to end the game. He retired 17 of the last 21 batters he faced in recording his seventh complete game, tops on the Texas staff.

"All he threw were knuckleballs. He might have thrown about five fastballs," Brewer designated hitter Roy Howell said. "He was really working it in on us all night. It broke really well."

That sucker was really dancing." Texas broke out on top in the fourth inning when Lamar Johnson, who was 2-for-3, singled off Mike Caldwell, now 7-10, to drive in Lee Mazzilli, who led off with a single and went to second on a walk to Dave Hostetler.

Texas took a 2-0 lead in the fifth when George Wright scored on a suicide squeeze begun by Doug Flynn's bunt on a 2-2 count.

"That's the first time in my life I've seen a hitter try to squeeze three times in the same at bat. (After ouling off two pitches) Flynn finally got a pitch over the plate he could hit," Texas manager Don Zimmer said.

Milwaukee's only run came in the seventh. Cecil Cooper, who reached on an infield hit, scored on Ted Simmons' double.

The Rangers added a run in the seventh. Mike Richardt lashed a two-out single and stole second. He scored when Brewer second baseman Jim Gantner booted a two-out ground ball.

Dallas waives 7 free agents

United Press International
 THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — The Dallas Cowboys placed seven rookie free agents on waivers Monday and reported center Robert Shaw worked out with his leg heavily taped despite knee surgery last season.

The seven-man reduction leaves 71 rookies moving into their second week of training camp.

The Cowboys released Oklahoma lineman Ed Culver, Texas Christian University running back Kevin Haney, Stanford

lineman Jim Dykstra, Eastern Oregon defensive back Havan Jones, DePauw defensive back Alan Hill, Arizona linebacker John Pace, and Houston running back Eddie Wright.

Don Smerek, a veteran defensive tackle who has been in camp working with the first-year players, returned to workouts Monday after missing several

days with ankle and achilles tendon problems, the Cowboys reported.

While rookies returned to twice-daily practices, veteran quarterbacks, running backs and receivers went through morning physicals and then worked out briefly in shorts. Shaw, with heavy tape, worked out in hopes of returning to ac-

tive duty. The remainder of veterans are due to arrive Thursday with full-scale practices set to get underway Saturday.

Seventh-round draft pick Bill Purifoy was withheld from afternoon drills Monday with a bruised heel. Georgia Tech linebacker Lance Skelton pulled a muscle in his chest.

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