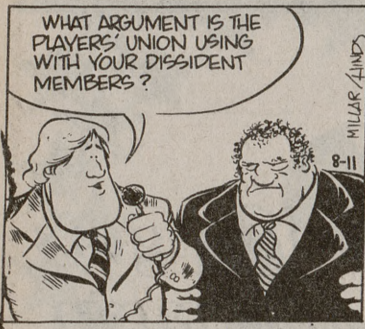


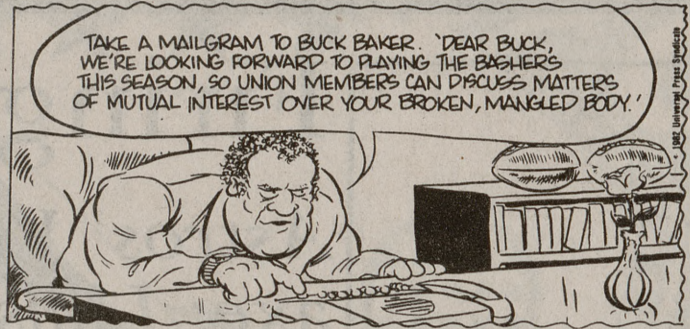
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Freshmen

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are a lot of good players and the competition will be strong on the team, but that's great.

Tschantz gained instant fame after kicking a game-winning 47-yard field goal against the John Tyler Lions during regional play, when Lake Highlands won 17-14.

Jimmy Hawkins, a running back from San Antonio Holmes High, noted the competition there'll be in the group fighting for spots behind upperclassmen Johnny Hector, Earnest Jackson and Thomas Sanders.

"I think the competition is going to make us all work a lot harder," Hawkins said. "It's going to make the program a lot better with us in there backing up Hector and Jackson.

"I'm pretty confident in myself. I feel that if I get the chance, I can prove myself and get the job done."

Hawkins, a 5-11, 195-pounder who had been a starter in the defensive backfield during his junior year at Holmes, was a backup running back during his sophomore and junior seasons. But during his senior year, Hawkins was called upon to fill a role as the starting tailback while keeping his position in the secondary.

A three-year all-district performer in District 30-5A, Hawkins

totalled 2,017 yards during his senior year. Although the Aggies recruited Hawkins as a running back, he said he'll be ready if needed in the defensive backfield — or anywhere else.

Wide receiver Shea Walker, from Port Arthur Jefferson, caught 64 passes for 930 yards during his senior season. Since he likes a pass-oriented offense, he liked what he saw in Tuesday's two-hour workout.

"We threw the ball a lot today," Walker said. "I really like that. There are already four good receivers here, and there are four coming in who are really good."

"There's a lot of competition, but that's going to be good for us. I like to be pushed, so that's going to help me."

"Although he hasn't met many of his veteran teammates, Walker has already discovered the presence of a positive attitude."

"The enthusiasm's great," he said. "We're looking forward to playing in the Cotton Bowl — we're definitely shooting for Dallas. The attitude's like wild-fire around here — it really catches fast."

One of the four talented freshman receivers — who include Walker, Jeff Nelson and Tony Slaton — has been enrolled in a class at the University during the second summer ses-

sion. And Jeff Bolton, a blue-chipper from South Garland, has learned a great deal since arriving July 4.

"You've got to take a positive attitude in here — that's all you can do," Bolton said. "It's going to be tough; that's an obvious fact."

Bolton, who plans to major in finance, has met varsity receivers like Don Jones, Jimmie Williams and Jimmy Teal, and he said they've given him pointers on the system here.

"Those guys have helped me out a lot," Bolton said. "I basically know what I'm doing on the (pass) routes, and I feel comfortable."

"I like this offense a lot. I noticed a lot of things today that ... worked out and I was real excited."

Bolton, a 6-2, 170-pounder, caught 20 passes for 322 yards and three touchdowns last season.

While the freshmen continue with a workout this afternoon, the varsity team members are due to report Friday. Three-day workouts, closed to the public, will begin Monday in Kyle Field. Texas A&M opens the season with four straight home games, including Boston College, UT-Arlington, Louisiana Tech and Texas Tech.

pitchers Bob Knepper and Nolan Ryan, undercut the Astros ability.

The team's slide generated some antagonism from fans, but generally Virdon was not blamed for the turn of events by Houston sports reporters and those fans who wrote sports page editorials.

McMullen said waiting until the end of the season to fire Virdon might have cost the club a chance of "people being locked up with new contracts."

Lillis has been with the Houston team since its inception in 1962. He played as one of the Colt 45s and has coached, scouted or been a special instructor in the system ever since.

In Houston's game with San Diego Tuesday night, one of the first changes Lillis made as manager was to move Phil Garner into the cleanup position in the batting order, a spot previously occupied by Jose Cruz. The move paid off. With two men on base in the sixth inning, Garner

slammed his 13th home run to give the Astros a 4-1 victory in Lillis' managerial debut.

Garner's game-winning hit, his 11th of the year, came after a walk to Dickie Thon and Ray Knight's fielder's choice off loser Tim Lollar, 11-7.

Alan Ashby hit his eighth home run in the ninth inning for the other Houston run.

Ruhle, who had been winless since June 22, scattered just eight hits over 8½ innings. He lost his shutout when Terry Kennedy hit his 13th homer in the seventh. It was Ruhle's sixth win in 14 decisions and his first over San Diego in two years.

Thon extended his hitting streak to 19 games when he doubled in the fourth.

Lillis said: "We haven't had a real winning streak yet. As far as I'm concerned, our goal is to win each game each night. We just want to win as many as we can. Of course you always want to win that first one."

Dodgers gain first place

Tigers bomb Yanks 10-1

United Press International
Yankee owner George Steinbrenner's latest whipping boy seems to be Doyle Alexander, the veteran right-hander who has earned very little of his \$2.2 million contract. After he was shelled Tuesday night in a 10-1 loss to the Detroit Tigers, Steinbrenner had a statement.

"I'm afraid some of our players might get hurt playing defense behind him," said Steinbrenner, who ordered Alexander to return to New York for a physical. "There's got to be something wrong with him."

Alexander said: "Yes, I'm going. But I want to say I'm seeing a medical doctor — not a psychiatrist. People have been known to go crazy playing in New York — but I'm not one of them."

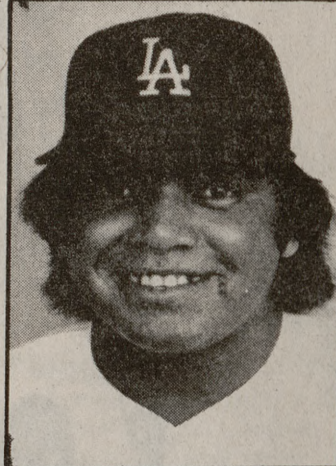
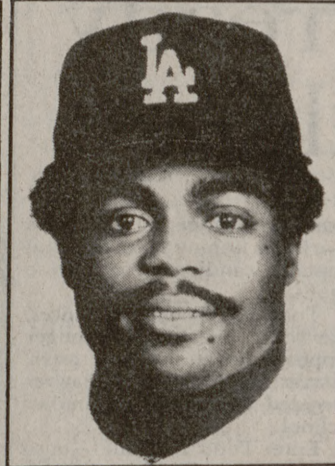
Lou Whitaker drove in five runs with two home runs and a single and rookie Glenn Wilson had four hits, including a two-run homer, to back the four-hit pitching of Jerry Ujdr.

Ujdr, 6-5 and unbeaten in his last five decisions, gave up three walks and retired 16 batters in a row at one point.

Alexander, 0-6, has a 6.28 ERA in 10 games this season.

"I had no spring training, broke my hand and missed two months," Alexander said. "That's not an excuse at this point. I don't make excuses."

In other AL games, it was Toronto 4, Boston 0; Milwaukee 11, Texas 3; Chicago 9, Baltimore 4; Minnesota 5, California 2; Kansas City 5, Cleveland 1; and Seattle 4, Oakland 2.

**Fernando Valenzuela leads LA into first****Pedro Guerrero scores two runs for Dodgers**

In the National League, Pittsburgh downed Philadelphia, 9-6, in the completion of a suspended game, before Philadelphia took the regularly scheduled game, 9-5, Chicago defeated Montreal, 5-3, St. Louis topped New York, 7-2, Houston tripped San Diego, 4-1, Los Angeles drubbed Cincinnati, 11-3, and San Francisco dropped Atlanta, 3-2.

BLUE JAYS 4, RED SOX 0 — At Toronto, Rance Mulliniks knocked in a pair of runs with the first of his two doubles and Dave Stieb, 12-11, fired a two-hitter to give the Blue Jays their fifth straight victory.

BREWERS 11, RANGERS 3 — At Milwaukee, Ben Oglivie hit a three-run homer and Gorman Thomas added a two-run shot to pace the Brewers.

WHITE SOX 9, ORIOLES 4 — At Chicago, Greg Luzinski

drove in four runs with a bases-loaded double in the third and an RBI single in a five-run fifth that carried Britt Burns and the surging White Sox over Baltimore.

TWINS 5, ANGELS 2 — At Minneapolis, Gary Ward hit a solo homer in the sixth and drew a bases-loaded walk to cap a two-run seventh for the Twins.

ROYALS 5, INDIANS 1 — At Kansas City, Mo., John Wathan singled twice and drove in two runs and reliever Mike Armstrong retired 15-of-17 batters he faced to lead the Royals into a tie for first place with California in the West.

MARINERS 4, A's 2 — At Seattle, Richie Zisk belted a two-out, two-run double in the seventh inning to help the Mariners snap a five-game losing streak.

CARDINALS 7, METS 2 —

The Cardinals are doing best to remind everyone are two mighty close races going on in the National League. Following Tuesday's game, St. Louis was within a game of the top.

With David Green and Rell Porter driving in two each and Steve Mura hitting five-hitter, the Cardinals' triumph was made even by their keystone combination shortstop Ozzie Smith and second baseman Tom Seaver. They turned over five plays — the most by any NL team this season.

DODGERS 11, REDS 1 — Los Angeles, Pedro Guerrero drove in a run and scored, and Fernando Valenzuela pitched a six-hitter for the Dodgers. It was the first time since 1947 when Atlanta and Los Angeles were tied with 2-0 records, the Dodgers have been in place.

"This is one of the most believable moments I've encountered in baseball," manager Tom Lasorda said. "We gained 11 games in days."

Valenzuela, 15-8, gave up a run in the first inning and retired 15 men in a row. He went to Tom Seaver, 5-11.

GIANTS 3, BRAVES 1 — San Francisco, Milt Pappas pitched a seventh-inning homer and a 2-2 tie and carried the Giants to their ninth straight win, their longest winning streak in 11 years. They moved to 4½ games of Los Angeles, the Braves suffered their eighth straight loss.

CUBS 5, EXPOS 3 — Montreal, Junior Keane drove in two runs and Joe Davis cracked a double and triple to help Chicago to its eighth straight victory.

Photo day to be held Saturday

Texas A&M football fans will get a first glimpse of the 1982 Aggies, head coach Jackie Sherrill and his staff at "Photo Day," set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Kyle Field.

Aggie fans are invited to bring their cameras and pose with their favorite players and coaches. Autographs will also be available at the event.

Coach Jackie Sherrill will greet youngsters by signing special honorary assistant coach cards for them. The session with the fans will follow a media photo/interview session with the coaches and players.

The Aggies open fall practice Monday with three-a-day practices for a week; two-a-days will be held the second week of workouts. Texas A&M faces Boston College in its opener Sept. 4 in Kyle Field. Kickoff is slated for 6:10 p.m. The Eagle-Aggie game will be televised nationally by WTBS-TV, Channel 17 from Atlanta.



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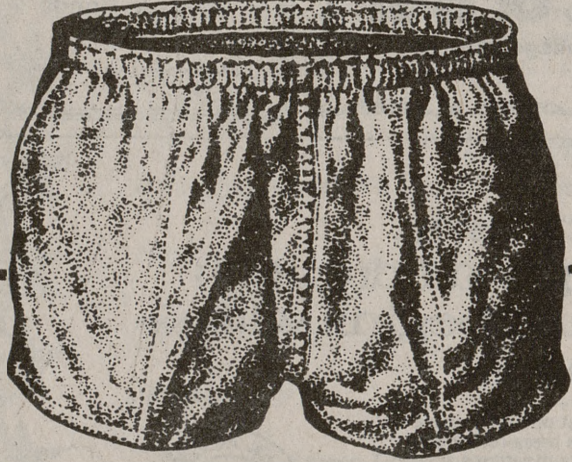
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