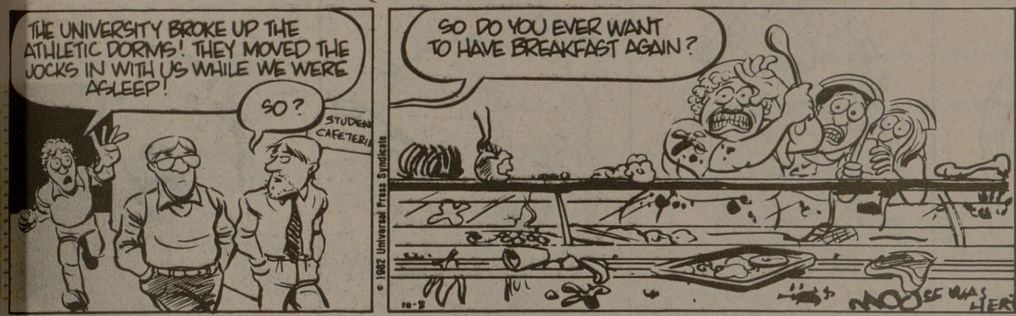


TANK McNAMARA

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little and accomplish something. "I'll graduate within a year and I'd like to get into a good law school, but I'd also like to play pro football if I get a chance. If not, I want to finish law school and become an international lawyer."

court in the Cougar secondary. "I know Kubiak is an excellent quarterback with a very good arm," he said. "And I know he has a very good relationship with his receivers so their passing game should be ready. But we have a lot of pride in the secondary so we want to go out and really shut down their passing game."

for both teams, he said, since Houston is coming back from a not-too-impressive tie with Baylor and Texas A&M is trying to rebound from a loss to Texas Tech. "We have to go out and establish ourselves and get a good reputation again," he said. "I think this team is a lot better than its record. And I know A&M is very well-coached and they have a lot of good athletes on their team. It should be just a typical A&M team. They'll play you down to the wire no matter what the score is."

Cards' Forsch shuts out Atlanta for playoff lead

The Atlanta Braves had only three hits Thursday night and found it wasn't enough to win a ballgame.

"They could have scored 20 runs but it's only one game," Atlanta first baseman Chris Chambliss said after the Braves lost to the St. Louis Cardinals, 7-0, in the first game of the National League playoffs. "We'll be back tomorrow and try to win. But we've got to get more than three hits."

Bob Forsch pitched the three-hitter and the Cardinals tied a record by scoring five runs in the sixth inning.

The second game of the best-of-five series will be played at St. Louis tonight, with rookie John Stuper pitching for the Cardinals and either Phil Niekro or Tommy Boggs for the Braves.

The 32-year-old right-hander struck out six and walked none. He set down the final 11 batters.

"I pitched basically the same way I did the last times I pitched against them, but tonight I really had control," Forsch said. "Pitchers have slumps like everyone else. Tonight I felt comfortable out there pitching."

Forsch helped his cause with two singles and a sacrifice fly as the Cardinals collected 13 hits off four pitchers. Eleven of the St. Louis hits were singles, an NL playoff record.

Willie McGee and Ozzie Smith provided most of the spark for the Cardinals, who were more aggressive at the plate than they were against Niekro in Wednesday's game that was rained out after 4½ innings.

McGee survived a baserunning blunder in the third inning and scored the Cardinals' first run on a sacrifice fly by Ozzie Smith after leading off the inning with a triple. McGee should have had an easy inside-the-park homer on the play, but stopped at third.

He also singled in a run during the sixth-inning uprising when the Cardinals collected an NL playoff record six hits and sent a record 11 batters to the plate.

"We didn't play a very good game," Atlanta Manager Joe Torre said. "But I wouldn't say I was disappointed in them. We came back a number of times this year after bad games and we hope to be able to do it again."

In the American League playoffs, Milwaukee and California had an off day Thursday before the series resumes today. Geoff Zahn will try to pitch the Angels to a sweep of the best-of-five series. The Brewers' Don Sutton will attempt to avert the eighth playoff sweep in AL history.

The Angels are bidding to become the seventh American League team to sweep a playoff. The Baltimore Orioles of 1969, '70 and '71, Boston in 1975, Kansas City in 1980, and the New York Yankees in 1981 previously accomplished the feat.

TV stations to air Texas-OU contest

AUSTIN — The annual game between Texas and Oklahoma will be televised live Saturday, the University of Texas announced Thursday.

athletic director DeLoss Dodds said. "The stations will be allowed to telecast the game under the sellout exception clause of the NCAA TV Plan," Dodds said, "which permits the telecasting of a sellout game in the home market of the schools involved and in the market of the site of the game."

The game will be seen Saturday at 2 p.m. on KTVV-TV in Austin and KXAS-TV in Dallas-Fort Worth, University of Texas

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