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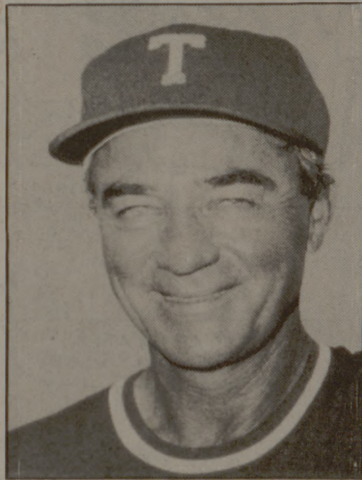
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Chandler leaves Ags after 26 years

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Tom Chandler

Tom Chandler, Texas A&M's head baseball coach for the past 26 years, made his final regular season coaching appearance at Olsen Field. Chandler announced his retirement publicly prior to Friday night's opening game against the Rice Owls. During the pre-game meal at Cain Hall, Chandler informed his players that he would not be returning to coach next season.

The 58-year-old Greenville native strolled out to the mound as a list of his accomplishments was read aloud to Olsen Field's largest crowd of the year. Chandler acknowledged the crowd's standing ovation in his typical good-natured manner, giving them a smile, a tip of the hat and a "Gig'em" sign.

Chandler departs from Texas A&M with an impressive legacy behind him.

He has posted 24 consecutive winning seasons since his arrival in 1959, including four South-

west Conference championships and one co-championship. His first came, in 1959, followed by championships in 1964 and 1966. More recently, Chandler led the Aggies to back-to-back titles in 1977-78.

Prior to 1977-78, Texas had won the conference championship nine years in a row. During Chandler's coaching career at Texas A&M, the Aggies have finished second to the Horns nine times in SWC play.

Among his individual accomplishments, Chandler was an all-SWC catcher at Baylor and played a short time with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. He also managed the semi-pro Alpine Cowboys, prior to his first season at Texas A&M.

Mark Johnson, Texas A&M's assistant coach, has been recommended by associate athletic director John David Crow to take over the head coaching job for the 1985 season.

Johnson, in his second year at Texas A&M, has been to the College World Series three times since 1976 — twice with Mississippi State, where he coached for six years, and once with 1976 National Champions Arizona.

Johnson has already assumed responsibilities for the Aggies' recruiting program and will continue to organize this summer's 2nd Annual Texas A&M Baseball Camp.

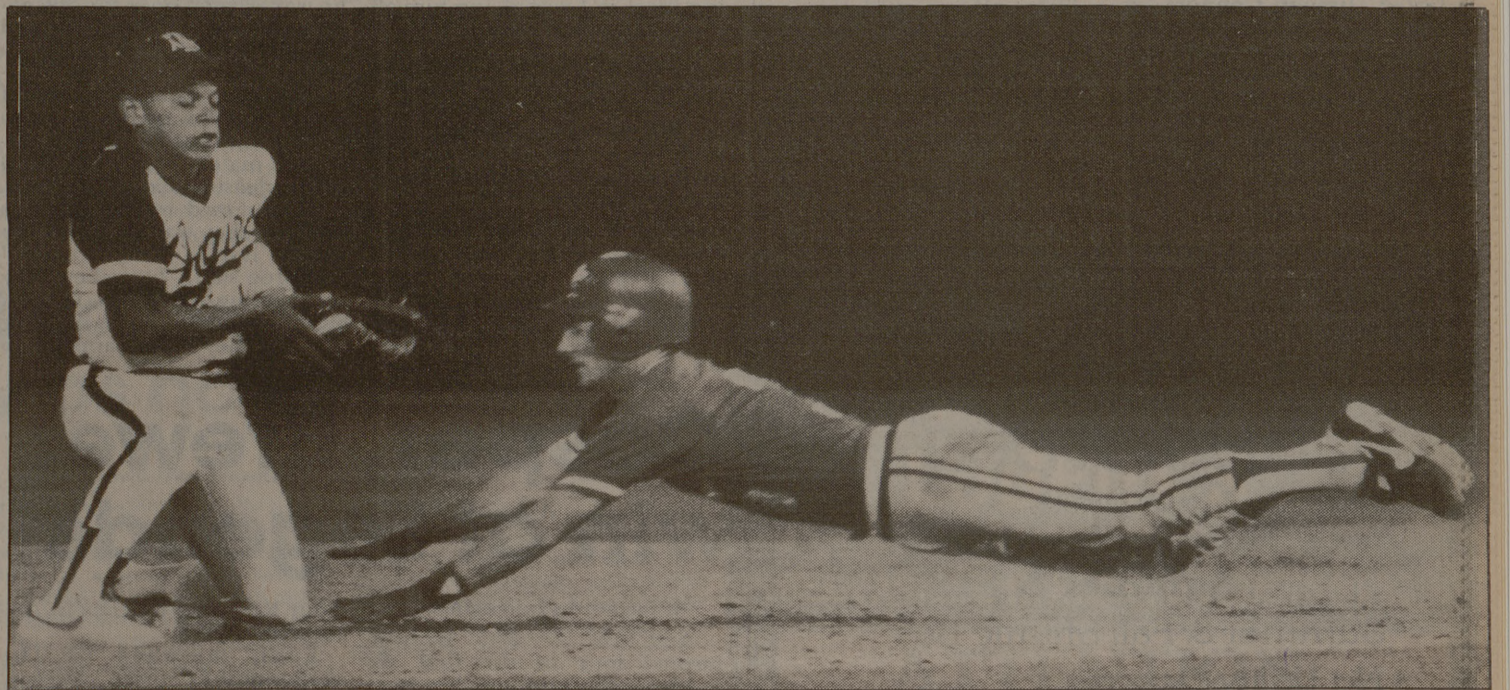


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Rice's Brian Foxx, right, steals second ahead of the throw to Texas A&M's second baseman Tim

Cartwright in the seventh inning in Friday night's game at Olsen Field. Foxx was safe on the play.

Owls soar past Ags in SWC

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The Rice Owls came to College Station over the weekend and did what no other Southwest Conference team has been able to do so far this season — beat Texas A&M in Olsen Field.

The Owls took two of the three games from the 11th-ranked Aggies, becoming the first SWC team to defeat Texas A&M on the road.

Rice, who locked up third place in the SWC standings, damaged Texas A&M's title hopes with the victories.

The Aggies must now sweep this weekend's three-game se-

ries with Texas to share any part of the SWC championship.

Rice also spoiled Texas A&M head coach Tom Chandler's last series in Olsen Field. Chandler announced his retirement right before the start of Friday night's opening game.

Unfortunately for coach Chandler, the game didn't turn out to be a one-sided pitcher's duel. The Aggies scattered 11 hits, while the Owls had 14.

The Owls managed to use good pitching to make up for their three errors during the game.

Rice left-hander Norm Charlton (10-4) pitched 8 2/3

innings to lead the Owls to a decisive 12-8 victory over Texas A&M. Rice led 12-3 after scoring five runs in the ninth. Then the Aggies closed the gap with five runs in the bottom of the inning to end the game.

Texas A&M's Kelly Keahey (7-2) pitched four complete innings and Phillip Taylor picked up his first save, leading the Aggies to a 6-2 win over the Owls in Saturday's first game of the doubleheader.

Keahey and Taylor limited the Owls to only seven hits. It was Rice's fewest amount of hits during the series.

Owl catcher Mike Fox hit a homerun to spearhead a three-run eighth inning as Rice rallied to a 6-5 victory over Texas A&M in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader.

Derek Hoischer (6-1) recorded the victory for the Owls, while the Aggies' Sherman Corbet (5-3) took the loss.

Rice finished SWC play with a record of 13-8, 36-12 overall.

No. 11 Texas A&M, now 37-14 on the year, is 12-6 in the SWC. The Aggies will end conference play next week with a three-game series against Texas in Austin.

Motta rests players

Mavericks visit track

United Press International

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The Dallas Mavericks didn't practice Sunday, opting instead to watch the ponies run at Hollywood Park. If their fortunes carried over from the first game of their playoff series with the Los Angeles Lakers, you can figure most of the horses they bet on died coming out of the gate.

Dallas coach Dick Motta figured his weary Mavericks needed a day of rest a lot more than they needed practice. In Saturday's opener of the Western Conference semifinals, the Lakers handed the Mavericks a terrible beating, utilizing a full-court press in the first half

and a blitzkrieg fastbreak to roll up a 20-point lead after one quarter and a 30-point halftime lead.

When the tow trucks finally arrived to remove the Mavericks from the floor, the score was 134-91, and Motta was wondering just how serious the damage was.

"We are definitely over-matched," Motta said. "Right now we're in a very delicate position for a young team. It's still a long series, but we can be overwhelmed if we're not careful."

As soundly as the Lakers' starters thrashed the Mavericks front-line players, it was the work of the Los Angeles reserves that gave Dallas a sinking feeling. When Motta

brought Bill Garnett into the game, the Lakers countered with James Worthy. When Motta called on Dale Ellis, the Lakers sent in Bob McAdoo. When Derek Harper made his appearance, so did the Lakers' Byron Scott.

It seemed so unfair.

Los Angeles outshot Dallas, 60 percent to 34.3 percent. They handed out 32 assists to the Mavericks' 19. And the Laker reserves accounted for a whopping 60 points.

"It gives us an idea of what we can do if we make the effort to dominate," said the Lakers' Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who scored 18 points with seven rebounds and four assists in only 26 minutes.

Hogs capture tennis crown

United Press International

CORPUS CHRISTI — The University of Arkansas captured its third Southwest Conference tennis crown Sunday, winning by a final margin of the points over second-place Texas.

The singles competition was won by second seeded Jonny Levine of Texas who defeated top-seeded Kelly Evernden of Arkansas, 6-3, 6-2.

In the women's tournament, Texas took top honors beating SMU 85 to 79 in total team points. TCU captured third place with 50 points, followed by Houston and Rice with 41; Texas A&M 35; Texas Tech 30; Arkansas 26; and Baylor 0.

Texas' Kathleen Cummings, the tournament's top seed, defeated Houston's Margaret Redfern for the individual championship, 6-1, 6-4.

Other singles winners included Mark Styslinger of Southern Methodist University; Tony Mcken of Texas Christian University; Tim Siegel of Arkansas; Kim Forsythe of Southern Methodist; and Richard Schmidt of the University of Arkansas.

In men's team play, the Razorbacks posted a total of 76. Texas followed with 71 for second place; two-time defending champion SMU placed third with 66, and Texas A&M had 49. TCU finished with 47, Houston with 36, Texas Tech with 15 and Rice and Baylor tied for last place with 14 points each.

"This is the most gratifying of the three championships we've won," said Arkansas coach Tom Pucci. "We've rebuilt the program and established it again as one of the best in America. The conference is the strongest it's ever been from top to bottom."

Aggie qualifies for Olympic trials

By ED ALANIS
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Texas A&M's Rod Richardson placed first in the 100-meter dash at America's Classics in Des Moines, Iowa Saturday, beating world record holder Calvin Smith and qualifying for the U.S. Olympic trials.

Although Richardson's performance will not benefit the team because he has been red-shirted this year, Texas A&M head track coach Charlie Thomas said the team is very excited about the chance of Richardson qualifying for the summer games in Los Angeles.

In addition to Richardson, three other Aggies placed in the competition.

Juan de la Garza placed third in the javelin, Ethan Glass placed fourth in the high jump

and Chappelle Henderson placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles.

Though he didn't place, Mark Bruce set a personal best record of 16 feet 7 inches in the pole vault.

Thomas says he is pleased that Texas A&M is doing so well in prominent national meets.

To further promote the Aggie track team, the Texas College and University Coordinating Board gave its approval Friday for the construction of a new track-and-field center on the Texas A&M campus.

Phase I construction is expected to begin sometime next fall, Associate Athletic Director Wally Groff said. The project should be completed by June 1985.

With an estimated cost of nearly \$1.5 million, phase I of the project will include a 400-meter track, a field-event area and a building for restrooms, concessions areas and equipment rooms.

Phase II of the project will include the building of bleachers

and a press box. The proposed site for the center is directly behind Olsen Field, on the corner of Jersey Street and Beef Cattle Road. The center, funded by gifts to the University, will also include an intramural complex with softball fields.

Currently, the track-and-field program operates at three different sites. The new center will combine all the program sites into one permanent area, something Thomas feels is a great improvement.

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