

Ags receive tourney bid

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The Texas A&M baseball team, ranked No. 14 in the nation, accepted an at-large bid to the 38th annual NCAA Division I Baseball Championships Tuesday.

The Aggies, 40-18 on the year, have been invited to compete in the Midwest Regional being held this year in Stillwater, Oklahoma, May 24-27.

It marked the first time since 1978 that Texas A&M head coach Tom Chandler has taken his team into the NCAA tourney.

Chandler, who has directed the Ags to four outright Southwestern Conference championships, announced his retirement after 26 years at Texas A&M.

In 1978, the Aggies were defeated twice by Michigan, eliminating themselves early on in those Midwest Regionals held in Edinburg, Texas.

But this year, Texas A&M moves north of the border in search of its first ever trip to the

College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

Joining the Ags in Stillwater will be No. 3 Oklahoma State (51-12), Grambling (29-15) and Oklahoma City (33-29).

Oklahoma City, a team which the Ags swept in three games earlier this season, becomes Texas A&M's first obstacle to Omaha Thursday at 1:30 pm.

But the competition won't get any easier for the Ags after they play the unranked Chiefs.

Oklahoma State, one of the tournament's top seeded teams, and unranked Grambling will meet in the other regional semifinal. Texas A&M will tangle with the survivor of that match-up.

Monday night, the Ags got a sample of just how seriously the people in Oklahoma take their baseball.

The Oklahoma Sooners stopped by Olsen Field on their way to filling an at-large posi-

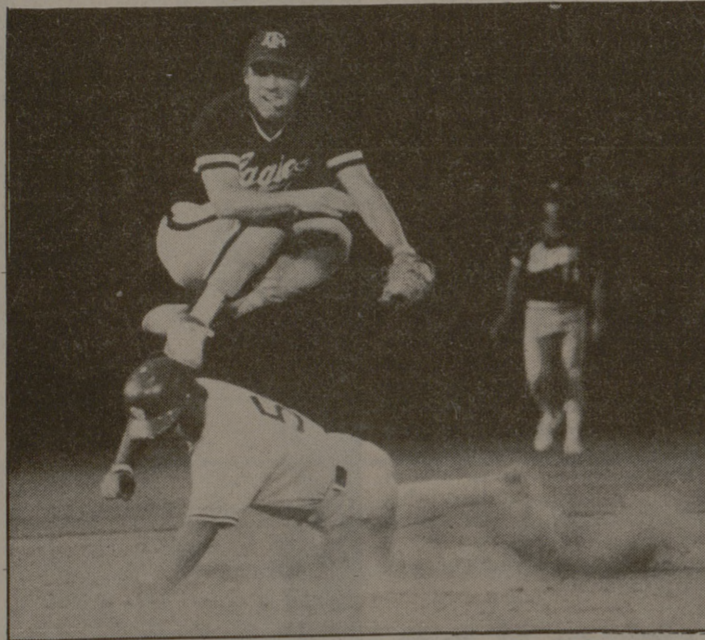


Photo by PETER ROCHA

Texas A&M's Todd Edwards forces Oklahoma's Ron Leon at second during Monday night's game. The Sooners beat the Ags 13-6.

tion in the Central Regional in Austin.

But the Sooners didn't seem to mind the inconvenience of the warm-up game, crushing the Ags 13-6.

Earlier in the month, Texas A&M captured second place be-

hind No. 2 Texas in the Southwestern Conference post-season tournament held at Austin's Disch-Falk Field.

The Aggies defeated Rice twice during the tourney, but couldn't find a way to beat the defending national champions.

Africans questionable

Boycott expanding

United Press International

NEW YORK — As many as 50 countries may be sending their regrets to Los Angeles, according to the executive director of the United States Olympic Committee.

Col. F. Donald Miller emphasized Tuesday that this was the worst possible scenario he envisioned for the Summer Olympics, but he also indicated he expects to see other countries follow the lead of the Soviet Union and boycott the Games.

To date, 10 countries, including the Soviet Union, have announced their intention to pass up the Olympics, and Miller said there was no doubt they would stay away.

"I believe this figure can reach between 20 and 25," Miller said following a symposium concerning the impact of the Olympic Training Centers and the preparedness of America's amateur athletes. "This can be increased depending upon what the African nations do."

Miller said the African nations wouldn't necessarily stay away in support of the Soviet

Union but because of a South African teenager, Zola Budd, slated to compete for Great Britain and a possible rugby match between Britain and South Africa.

Asked about the possibility of African nations boycotting, Miller said, "The Organization of African States has had a meeting since the Budd situation developed, and at that meeting no action of any type was contemplated."

"But compounded by other possibilities, such as with the rugby team, a combination of these things could happen and at the same time the African nations would be making it clear they were not making it the same path as the Soviet Union. But there would be the same result."

At a meeting last Friday in Lausanne, Switzerland, one which Miller termed "one of the most important meetings in the history of the International Olympic Committee," Miller and Bill Simon, president of the USOC, offered three major proposals:

- In the future there should

be one permanent site on each continent to be used for regional competitions, such as the Pan-American Games or African Games, and the Olympics would be staged at these sites on a 20-year rotation. Also, rather than waiting until June 2 for acceptances to the Games, as is now the case, the United States advocated that nations indicate their intent to participate several years in advance, and those that later repudiated this would be subject to drastic penalty, such as financial sanctions, suspension and loss of membership.

- To combat the possibility that television networks and corporations might not be willing to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on the uncertainty of who will compete in the Olympics, the United States suggested that a plan be developed to assure the economic health of the Games.

- Changes in the eligibility standard with provisions for more participation by women, a more vital role by athletes in policy making at an international level and an effort made to standardize world-wide drug testing.

Owners assign Super Bowl sites

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Wooing and cajoling are in style this week for NFL owners, who open three days of meetings today in Washington.

The owners will hear reports from several committees, including the often-surprising competition committee. But the business drawing the most attention is set for Thursday, when 14 cities vie to host the lucrative Super Bowl.

Each city will make a 12-minute presentation Thursday morning before the owners take the afternoon to deliberate. A

league spokesman said "at least two" Super Bowls will be awarded Thursday, but as many as four may be scheduled.

Super Bowl XIX is set for Stanford University's Stadium at Palo Alto, Calif., on Jan. 20, 1985.

Scheduled to make presentations Thursday are Philadelphia, Anaheim, Detroit, Houston, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Phoenix, Seattle, Tampa and San Francisco.

Nearly all the competing cities are hosting receptions Tuesday night at the Washington hotel where the meetings will be held.

Miami, New Orleans, Minneapolis and San Francisco are not seeking the 1987 Super Bowl, but want the game in any other year.

To receive the game, worth several million dollars in tourist revenue, a city needs 21 affirmative votes from among the 28 owners.

Los Angeles, New Orleans and Tampa are believed to have the inside track because they don't have hosted successful Super Bowls in the past.

The owners traditionally favor the Los Angeles area, particularly the 104,000 seats and

majestic setting of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The Rose Bowl was the site of Super Bowls 1977, 1980 and 1983.

New Orleans has hosted the Super Bowl five times, the last two — in 1978 and 1981 — in the Superdome. The other three, in 1970-72-75, were in the old Sugar Bowl at Tulane University.

Five Super Bowls — 1968, 1969, 1971, 1976 and 1981 — were played in Miami. But several owners have said they don't favor returning to Miami because of major traffic problems near the Orange Bowl.

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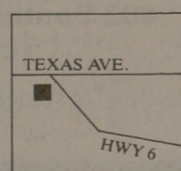
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