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## OSU victory softens blow of Miami loss

**United Press International**  
 KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Head football coach Jimmy Johnson may have had some second thoughts about leaving Oklahoma State last spring for the University of Miami after reading his Sunday morning paper.

Johnson's defending national champion Hurricanes lost their No. 1 rating last Saturday when they fell to Michigan, 22-14. But Johnson got a chance to smile the next morning when he read that his old team, Oklahoma State, had humiliated No. 13 Arizona State, 45-3, on the road in its opener Saturday night.

"Jimmy called me Sunday morning and said that seeing our score took some of the shock off him losing his ball game," said Pat Jones, who was elevated from Johnson's staff to the head coaching position at Oklahoma State.

Jones had previously served on staffs of Frank Broyles, Ron Meyer and Jackie Sherrill in addition to Johnson before getting his head coaching break at the Big Eight school. His debut earned his Cowboys the No. 14 rating in the UPI ratings and Jones was named UPI Coach of the Week Wednesday.

"I don't know if we're that good or if Arizona State played that poorly," Jones said. "It's confusing. I thought we could win the ball game but I thought it would be down to the wire."

"The funny thing is that we could have had a couple more touchdowns very easily. We kicked three field goals after we got into four-down territory. We fumbled a screen pass in their end and Jamie Harris dropped a touchdown pass while it was still a ball game. Their cornerback slipped and the pass hit Jamie right in the heart. He could have gone 50 yards with it."

The score may have surprised Jones. It was the most points scored against the Sun Devils since Washington State scored 51 in 1978. But Jones certainly wasn't surprised by the outcome. He inherited 16 starters from a 1983 team that went 8-4, including a Bluebonnet Bowl victory over Baylor.

"We didn't change a whole lot," Jones said, "but we executed better than I thought we might for an opening ball game. There wasn't that usual first-game confusion. We didn't have any motion or offside penalties. We didn't play a perfect game by any stretch of the imagination and I don't know if anyone can. But I'd like to keep working in that direction."

Rodney Harding started things off for Oklahoma State by returning an interception 36 yards for a touchdown 2 1/2 minutes into the game. Tailbacks Shawn Jones and Charles Crawford went on to rush for 100 yards apiece, Larry Roach kicked three field goals and quarterback Rusty Hilger completed 9-of-17 passes for 138 yards and a touchdown to finish the rout.

## 'TANK McNAMARA'



by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds

# Umpires need thick skins and good eyes

By JAN PERRY  
 Sports Writer

Kill the umpire! Kill the umpire!

Jeering fans coupled with non-stop travel for most of the year can be a very volatile mixture for any would-be major league baseball umpire to deal with.

Undaunted, hundreds of young men and women are still determined to become big league umpires.

Stranger still, is the presence of two men both of whom happen to be from the Southwest and who want to become major league umpires. The odds of two men living within 100 miles of each other and both seeking an professional umpiring career are about as rare as right-handed first basemen.

Chuck Sadowski graduated from the University of Texas in May with a degree in French, and is currently working as a College Station chauffeur to raise the necessary funds for an umpiring school.

Tony Dworczyk, a University of Houston geology student, is working for the government to earn money to attend the Joe Brinkman Umpiring School in Orlando, Fla., beginning in Jan.

The umpiring school, which is held once a year, is a combination fun-camp and concentration camp.

The students get hands-on experience in umpiring baseball games, that's the fun part.

But these prospective umpires also have to attend classes during the day and the night.

"You really have to know your rule book," Dworczyk said. "I've been studying it about 8 months."

He said the majority of little league managers and coaches and some high school and college coaches don't know the rule book very well. This ignorance of the rules causes most of the unnecessary arguing on the field.

Sadowski, who spends most of his spare time umpiring for the local little league, said the parents of baseball players are more trouble than the coaches.

He said the parents heckle the umpires both during and after the game, leading to some unpleasant scenes.

Most minor league umpires only receive two days off during their entire season, compared to two paid weeks of vacation (during the baseball season) for major league umpires.

But, Sadowski and Dworczyk know what's ahead of them. They know about unruly fans and the constant travel. Their motivation is simple.

"I love baseball," Sadowski said. "I'm by no means the most gifted athlete, so by umpiring I can be a part of baseball."

Sadowski started umpiring when he was a junior in high school and he's been hooked ever since.

Dworczyk got his start a little differently. He was a catcher for his high school team and got a taste for being behind the plate.

According to Dworczyk, an ex-catcher would have an advantage over umpires without any playing experience.

"It helps behind the plate if you know what the catcher does," Dworczyk said. "A catcher knows how to not flinch his eyes."

"If the catcher sees it (the ball) pop up, the umpire will probably miss it because he flinched his eyes," he said. "You need to learn to keep your eyes open."

Learning how to keep from blinking is not something they can teach at the umpire school. It's something only experience can teach.

The professional umpires at the school do teach the students how to project their voices and make base and plate calls and are evaluated on how well they perform.

Prospective umpires are also evaluated by the 15-member staff on their physical appearance, play judgement, and their performance with the pitching machine.

No, they don't have to go to batting practice. The umpires use the pitching machine to learn the strike zone better.

If the student receives good evaluations in all of the categories, he may be picked up by the minor leagues.

The minor leagues consist of three divisions — AAA, AA, A — with single A at the bottom of the heap.

The usual pattern umpire school graduates follow is to start at the bottom and work their way up to the major leagues. Some graduates, however, have been known to jump directly to AAA.

Both Dworczyk and Sadowski said the Brinkman school does not guarantee its students jobs upon graduation. However, the school does give its students T-shirts when they graduate, Dworczyk said.

But with the chance of earning \$75,000 a year plus \$97-a-day for expenses on the horizon, both men are willing to take a chance.

All the school requires of its students is that they be of reasonable weight and have good eyesight, with or without corrective lenses.

"You have to be of 'reasonable weight' to go to their school, but those guys you see on TV all look like they weigh over 400 pounds," Dworczyk said.

Sadowski, who wears contact lenses now, said he was never hassled for wearing glasses on the field.

The student also must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be able to pay the \$1,355 for tuition and room and board.

Even with the good salary, an umpire's life is not for everyone.

"If you're young you ought to do it (go to umpire school) before you get tied down with marriage and all that other foolishness," Dworczyk said.

Sadowski agreed with Dworczyk about the possibility of marriage getting in the way of an umpire career.

"I wouldn't get married if I was an umpire unless I was damned sure I was going to have a strong marriage," he said.

"If you want to learn a lot about umpiring you go to the school," Sadowski said. "It's the only way to make it into big league baseball."

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