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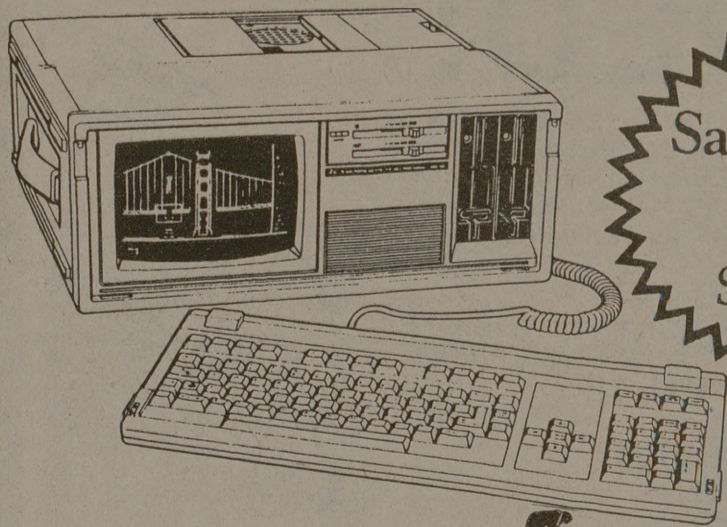
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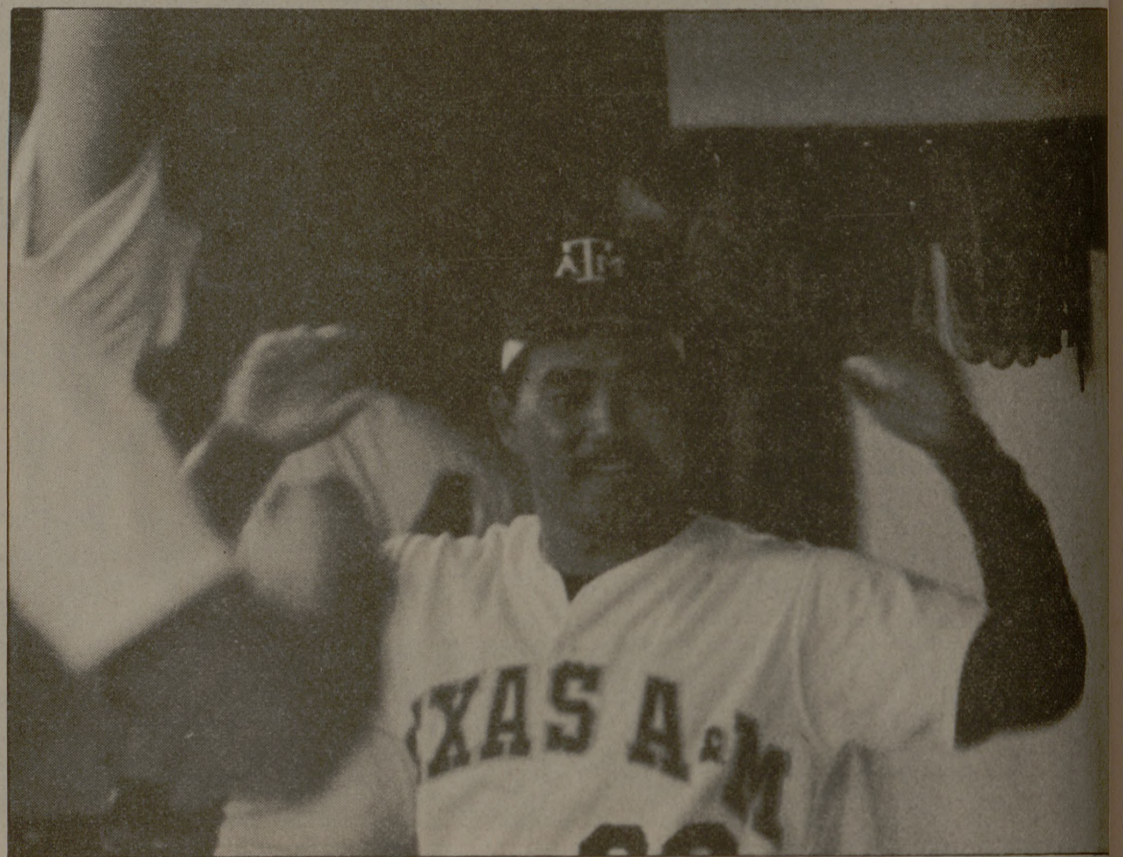
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Go Hawaiian

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Texas A&M relief pitcher Beje Mahoe, a native of Honolulu, celebrates in the Aggie dugout after picking up a win against South-

western Monday. Mahoe came in in relief out of the bullpen during the seventh inning of the Aggies' 4-3 victory over the Pirates.

NBA's cream should rise to the top in '85 playoffs

The pairings and selections for the best-of-5 first round of the National Basketball Association playoffs starting this week (seedings in parentheses):

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland (8) vs. Boston (1) — The Cavaliers were one of the surprises of the regular season, finishing 34-27 after a 2-19 start. Right now, Cleveland might be better than a half-dozen other playoff teams, but the penalty for their horrendous start is having to meet the Celtics in the first round. The Celtics are playoff tested, and more important, they have Larry Bird. Boston beat the Cavaliers all six times they met this season, and when the best-of-5 series is over, it should be 8-0.

Milwaukee (2) vs. Chicago (7) — Led by all-stars Terry Cummings and Sidney Moncrief and "point forward" Paul Pressey, the Bucks posted the third-best record in the NBA, behind only Boston and the Lakers. The Bulls have some talented players, but they have to hope the Bucks will be looking at the tough road ahead. If the Bucks beat Chicago, they probably face series with Philadelphia, Boston and the Lakers en route to a possible NBA title. Don't count on that happening. Bucks in four games.

Philadelphia (3) vs. Washington (6) — The 76ers have been troubled by injuries to Moses Malone, An-

drew Toney and Clemon Johnson, but all three are expected back for the first game with Washington. The Bullets, however, went from a good team to a so-so one in the second half after losing rugged Jeff Ruland. Philadelphia in four.

Detroit (4) vs. New Jersey (5) — A tough series to call. The Nets have beaten the Pistons in five of their six meetings, but Otis Birdsong, who combines with Micheal Ray Richardson to form New Jersey's outstanding backcourt duo, is injured, and center Darryl Dawkins has been at his foul-prone worst in recent weeks. Detroit was the consensus preseason pick to win the Central Division, but finished 13 games behind Milwaukee. But although they were somewhat of a disappointment in the regular season, the Pistons should have enough to beat New Jersey in five games.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles Lakers (1) vs. Phoenix (8) — Probably the biggest mismatch in the first round. The Lakers have the best record in the NBA in the second half, and their running game has been humming on all cylinders. The injury-depleted Suns, meanwhile, had to hang on to the final playoff spot in the last week of the season while losing 12 of 15 games between March 13 and April 9. Phoenix would have trouble beat-

ing Los Angeles at full strength, but with Walter Davis, Larry Nance, James Edwards and Maurice Lucas either sidelined or hobbled, it will be an upset if the Lakers don't sweep.

Denver (2) vs. San Antonio (7) — The Nuggets haven't won in San Antonio since 1978, but with three of the five games in Denver, they don't have to break that streak to advance to the second round. The Spurs are injury-depleted at guard. The Nuggets, still potent offensively, add depth to enable them to press effectively on defense. The Midwest Division winners should win in four.

Houston (3) vs. Utah (6) — The series pairs the Twin Towers of Houston, Ralph Sampson and rookie Akeem Olajuwon, against the Great Wall of Utah, Mark Eaton, who shattered the single-season blocked shot record. But more importantly, the Jazz are missing their point shooting specialist, Darrell Griffith with an injury. That should help the Rockets win in four.

Dallas (4) vs. Portland (5) — The Mavericks have the homecourt advantage, but struggled at the end of the season, losing four of their last five games. Portland, expected to challenge the Lakers for Pacific Division supremacy this season, finished a record 20 games behind in second place, but appeared to jell in the closing weeks of the season. Trail Blazers in four.

No ballclubs in the Majors will go 162-0

Associated Press

The New York Mets, Seattle Mariners and Detroit Tigers are conceding nothing to the law of averages. Each team made it through the first week of the baseball season unscathed, and some of the players are harboring unrealistic intentions of staying that way.

"It's not the easiest task in the world to keep up this pace," says Mets catcher Gary Carter, who had three game-winning homers as New York got off to a 5-0 start. "But right now we feel like we can just keep right on winning."

The Mets' start was the best in club history, as was the 6-0 start of the Seattle Mariners. The Tigers were off to a 5-0 start, but that paled in comparison to their major-league record getaway of 35-5 in 1984.

"The key is we have to keep on believing in ourselves," says Mariners outfielder Phil Bradley, who had a grand slam homer among his 10 hits in the first week of the season. "All of the breaks have been going our way. The Detroit Tigers did the same thing last year, and I don't think that the breaks ever caught up with them."

Obviously, no team will wind up the season 162-0, but neither will any team go 0-162. And that should be some consolation to the Texas Rangers and Cleveland Indians, both of whom started 0-5.

Braves' Murphy needs own baseball league

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dale Murphy is wreaking havoc on National League pitchers these days, and the suggestion has been tossed out by the enemy that the Atlanta Braves' two-time Most Valuable Player belongs in another league — by himself.

That was the reaction from Tim Flannery, a member of the defending NL champion San Diego Padres after Murphy hit home runs in three consecutive games this past weekend.

"There's got to be another league for him. He's just waiting to move up," said Flannery. "I've never seen anybody do what he's doing."

What Murphy has done — after six games — before the Braves played the Cincinnati Reds Tuesday night are pretty hefty, even for a four-time All-Star.

He's hitting .478 with 11 hits in 23 at-bats, has driven in 13 runs, ripped four home runs and three doubles, drawn four walks, scored nine runs and has a slugging average over 1.000.

In addition, the 29-year-old center fielder has only struck out once. This may be the key statistic for a fellow who struck out 134 times last season while hitting .290 and tying for the home run lead with 36.

In Murphy's two consecutive MVP seasons in 1982 and 1983 he struck out 134 and 110 times, respectively.

Murphy's easy smile is always on his face and his answer is the same. "I really don't know. I'm not doing anything different. I just keep swinging like I always do," he said.

But, he indicated there may have been less pressure on him this spring, no hordes of reporters following him around, which had been the case after taking the two consecutive MVP titles.

"Spring training was different than last year," he said. "There wasn't that much attention. Maybe I pressed a little early last year and got off to a slow start."

But, if he didn't get as much attention during the spring as usual, Murphy has started to get it again during the first week of the regular season with his torrid hitting.

Teammate Rick Mahler, who is off to a 2-0 start and has allowed only one run, was asked how he would pitch Murphy.

"I wouldn't," he said simply. "A guy like that carries a club," said Braves second baseman Glenn Hubbard. "It's supposed to be a 25-man club, but sometimes you forget that because you get to expect so much of Murph."