

**SPORTS**

# No. 2 ranked Ags get a crack at LA Tech

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Ruston, La. The bulldogs bit the Aggies. Now the Texas A&M softball team is mad - and ready to fight back.

Saturday night, Louisiana Tech swept the Aggies in a double-header, 1-0 in 11 innings, and 2-1. Those two wins earned the 36-13-1 bulldogs a regional bid. The Ags, now 44-10 overall, have a chance to redeem themselves since they host Tech in the best two out of three games Thursday and Friday.

The last time the two teams met a few weeks ago, the Aggies blitzed the Bulldogs 9-0.

Tech Head Coach Bill Galloway, who coached at A&M before moving to Tech four years ago, said he felt the teams were more evenly matched than the 9-0 game indicated.

"They beat us 9-0," Galloway said. "At that time, I didn't think there were nine runs difference between us. I think we proved that with these two wins."

A&M entered the latest game with Tech on a 12-game win streak. However, the Ags hadn't played in two weeks, since the Missouri Tournament on April 28. In addition, they didn't practice during dead week and only practiced three days during finals week.

"We had been on a roll," said A&M Head Coach Bob Brock. "We would win a game and then say 'next.' Then we hit the layoff, and it hurt us. We were rusty. Of course, all of our players will make over a 2.0 (GPR)."

The two week layoff did indeed hurt the Aggies.

In the first game against the



Bulldogs, the Ags could manage only five hits.

A&M shortstop Judy Trussell reached as far as third base, with a single and two sacrifices, but

was left standing on the bag in the fourth inning.

A&M pitcher Shawn Andaya struck out 13 over 11 innings and gave up only three hits. But, two

walks and a single to opposing pitcher Tami Cyr did Andaya in.

In the second game, the Ags showed just how rusty they were. Two errors and a walk in the

first inning gave Tech a quick 1-0 lead.

By the seventh inning, it appeared the Ags would lose another one run game. However, a rule the Ags have learned this year is with homerun queen Liz Mizera at bat, anything is possible.

The freshman smashed her 17th homer of the year 190 feet over the leftfield wall to tie the game.

That run appeared to spark the Ags, but two singles and an error sent Tech into regional play with a 2-1 win.

For Galloway, the wins were especially sweet.

"They're the number two team in the nation and have a tremendous program," Galloway said. "It was exciting on our part. We have played A&M head to head the last four years. Two years ago, we came close to sweeping them here."

At 2 a.m. Monday, the Ags got word that they would have a chance to meet Tech again.

The Ags showed Sunday against Northeast Louisiana in Monroe, La. They will be ready to play. A&M stomped the Indians 7-0 in 7-0.

Andaya had a perfect game in the first game until the fifth inning when Louise Bellon singled with two outs. That was the only hit the sophomore All-American gave up as she struck out nine.

So now, it's back to thinking about La Tech. Only one word comes to mind -- revenge. And that's what the Aggies are thinking about as they begin their march toward Omaha, Neb. and the World Series.

## Rangers look at alternative to end slump

From hypnotism to firing Rader

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Caught in an ever-worsening slump, the Texas Rangers are apparently considering everything from hypnosis of pitcher to eviction of manager Doug Rader to get the team out of the cellar.

At 9-20 on the season and with Pittsburgh for the worst record in baseball, the Rangers need team officials admit.

Rader has suggested hypnosis, an Oklahoma psychiatrist who previously helped some players prove.

And the front office has been suddenly quiet about Rader's future.

"I'm not going to respond to that but don't read anything into it," said Ranger President Mike Stone in response to a question about whether Rader's job is safe.

Last June, when the Rangers were floundering in last place, Rader signed a contract extension to 1987. This week Stone said he can't discuss Rader's future with the team.

"We're committed to bringing a winner here," he told the Dallas Morning News. "We've improved our club in the off-season and we have said from the beginning that we intended to field an improved ball club over 1984."

Rader has suggested that the team call on Dr. Douglas Brady, a well-regarded psychiatrist and hypnotherapist who is a close friend of Stone.

Dallas Morning News reported. Brady hypnotized Rader and fielders Gary Ward and Bobby Jones last season, and both Ward and Jones reported positive results.

"So much of the game is mental," said general manager Tom Grieve. "If a player has an inner I say 'sure.'"

Ward struggled at the plate during the first three months last season. Much of it was mental, stemming from being hit in the face by a fastball in September 1983.

Last June, in one 90-minute session, Ward was hypnotized and possibly cured by Brady, Ward said.

"I don't know what he did," Ward said. "He put me in a trance and talked to me. It played a big role in helping me remove some thoughts that were in there (his mind). It shouldn't have been. But I have to credit myself, too, because I worked very hard, too."

Rader, bothered by the slow start last year, was hypnotized by Brady around the same time.

But this year, Rader admits he doesn't feel the blade of the firing ax as close.

"It (being fired) wouldn't be a shock," Rader said. "I can appreciate the impatience of the front office and of the fans."

He said this week he can't figure out why the team is doing so poorly.

"I'm not going to lay it off on the players," Rader said. "They're trying. I don't know what else we can do. We've tried about everything we know of. Sometimes there are things you're held accountable for that are not fair, but that's the way it is."

## Olajuwon to appear in science fiction flick

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Rockets star Akeem Olajuwon is appearing in a science fiction movie that will be filmed in Los Angeles this summer, a spokeswoman for 7-foot National Basketball Association player says.

"It sounds like something that will be a lot of fun for him, and he's excited about doing it," spokeswoman Andrea Mason said Monday.

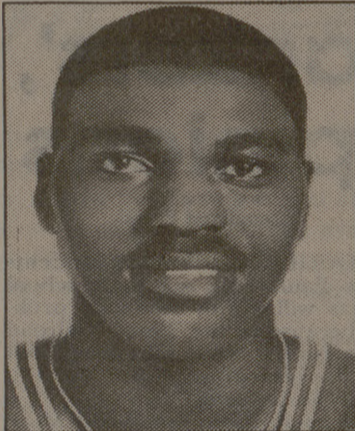
Mason said Olajuwon decided last week to appear in the film "Kill-Bots."

The movie will star actress Linda Blair, who earned fame after appearing in the thriller "Exorcist."

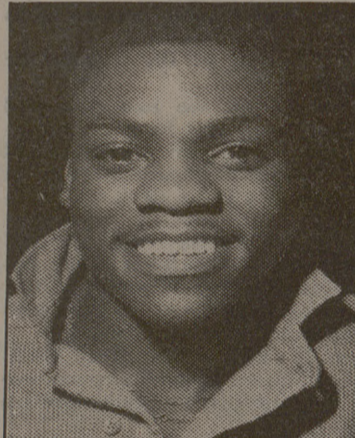
Olajuwon's role in the movie is a small one, Mason said. He will play a security guard at a robot programming facility.

The athlete will be paid \$1,000 for his part in the movie, which will begin production in August, she said.

The film will be produced by Julie Corman and will be directed by Jim Wynorski, who wrote the screenplay.



Akeem Olajuwon



Carl Lewis

## Track star Carl Lewis named Texas 'hero'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Carl Lewis, the first track and field athlete to win four gold medals at an Olympics since Jesse Owens in 1936, was recognized by the Legislature on Tuesday as an official state hero.

"Carl Lewis is an outstanding athlete whose world-renowned achievements have brought a high measure of attention and praise to his adopted home of Texas," said a House-passed resolution.

Lewis, who has lived in Houston for several years, won the four med-

als at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

"Thank you for helping me feel like a true Texan," he told House lawmakers after they approved the resolution.

Lewis also was named U.S. athlete of the year for four straight years by Track and Field News, and in 1984 was named the world's best athlete by several sportswriters groups.

He holds the NCAA records in both the long jump and the 100-yard dash.

The athlete also was honored in the Texas Senate on Tuesday.

## Arkansas gears up for championship indoor track meet

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE — An Arkansas track team led by Olympian Mike Conley goes for its fourth straight Southwest Conference outdoor track championship Friday and Saturday.

Coach John McDonnell's Razorbacks will be running on their home track as the favorite to capture the outdoor title. In addition to its outdoor titles, Arkansas has won five straight SWC indoor championships and 11 straight cross country championships.

The last team other than Arkansas to win a league track crown was Texas A&M in 1981. The Razorbacks also are the 1984 and 1985 NCAA indoor champions and won the NCAA cross country title last fall.

Texas, Houston, SMU and Baylor are expected to battle for second place.

Conley, a silver medalist at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles in the triple jump, is the favorite in that event and in the long jump. He is expected to try to win points for Arkansas' relay teams also.

It's not a red carpet, but Conley is

getting the royal treatment at the Razorback track — a new long jump and triple jump runway constructed in front of the grandstand.

Conley has won every SWC long jump competition the past four years. His best jump this year — 26 feet 7½ inches — is short of the meet record set in 1981 by Olympian Carl Lewis.

He holds the SWC meet record in the triple jump — 56 feet 2¼ inches — and has a best this season of 56 feet 4½ inches. Assistant track coach Ted King of Arkansas said the triple jump record should fall.

"Mike will beat that and rightly so," King said. "The new runway, particularly at the take-off point, has a beautiful consistency and is bouncy. So there should be a lot of great performances this weekend."

Four NCAA champions will compete, as well as defending conference champions in 12 of the 17 individual events.

Texas' Patrick Sang is to defend his 1984 SWC title in the steeplechase, SMU's Rod Jones in the 400 meter, SMU's Roald Bradstock in the javelin, Texas' Marty Davenport in the discus and Texas A&M's Arturo Barrios in the 10,000.

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