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Sports

St. Louis shuts out K.C., 3-0

Cards within game of World Series title

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ST. LOUIS — John Tudor pitched a typical game Wednesday night in a contest that was anything but typical for the rest of the St. Louis Cardinals.

And the Cards are now within one game of winning their second World Series championship in four years.

Set against the backdrop of Tudor's dominating five-hitter, St. Louis' offense awoke in a startling manner with solo home runs from Tito Landrum and Willie McGee, beating the Kansas City Royals 3-0.

The win gave the Cardinals a 3-1 advantage in the best-of-seven Series and left the Royals in a hole from which only five other teams have recovered, the last being the '79 Pittsburgh Pirates.

"All we've got to do now is win one more," Cards Manager Whitey Herzog said.

The Cardinals, with an offense built on speed and line drives, scored their first two runs on the solo homers by Landrum and McGee. Their third run was a more typical St. Louis effort, scoring on a triple by Terry Pendleton and a full-count suicide squeeze bunt by Tom Nieto.

"I don't think we've accomplished anything until the Series is over," Tudor said. "I can't think about what I've done because I may have to go out and do it again."

The Royals were down 3-1 in the American League playoff series before rallying to beat the Toronto Blue Jays in seven.

"It's hardly the same," Royals Manager Dick Howser said. "That was the playoffs. This is the World Series. People say we've been down before. We have, and we've got some confidence from it. But this situation is different. This is the big one."

The Cardinals can wrap it up Tuesday.

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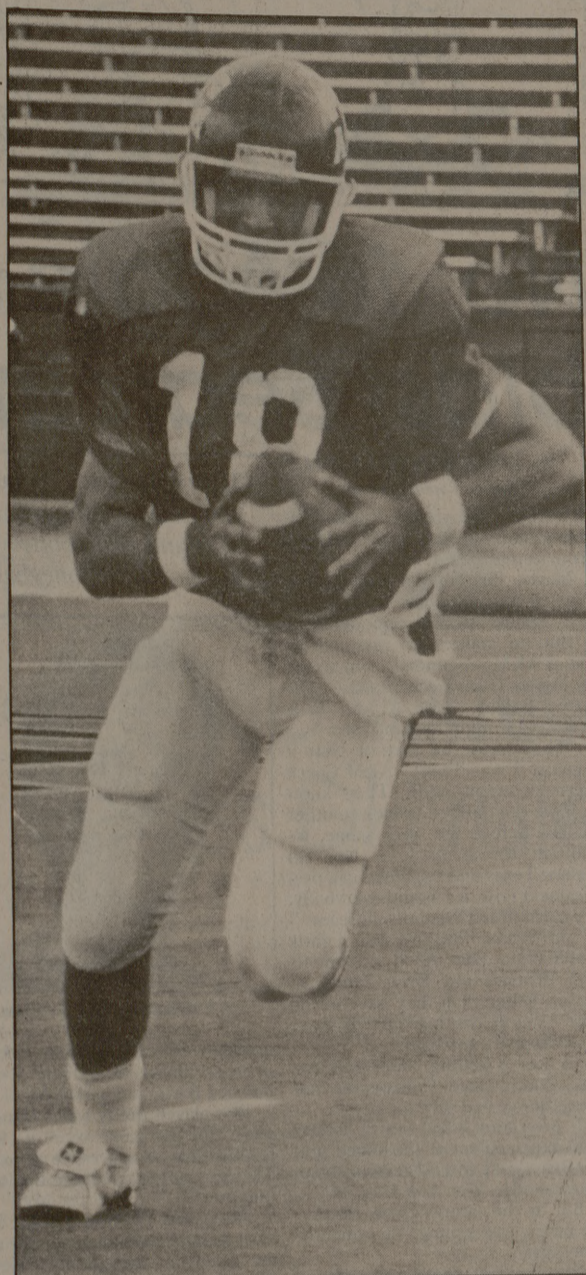


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Aggies' fourth-string QB waits for shot at starting

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Paul Gasper would rather be known by Texas A&M football fans for his Saturday afternoon heroics.

Instead, Gasper is known, mainly by his teammates and coaches, as the Aggies' fourth-string quarterback.

Gasper's duty, in addition to backing-up A&M QBs Kevin Murray, Craig Stump and Mark Motley, is to help A&M's defense prepare for its next opponent by directing the scout team offense.

At a time when college football is becoming better known for scandals involving free cars and cash, it's refreshing to find someone who still plays the game for fun.

"I'm in charge of running the scout team," said Gasper, a red shirt sophomore. "It's hard (being A&M's No. 4 QB), but you have to find some way to get through it. I enjoy it. Football is just something I do after school."

Gasper, a standout at Lamar High School in Houston, was a part of A&M's strong recruiting season in 1983 that included fellow bluechip quarterbacks Stump, from Jefferson High in Port Arthur, and Jay Hess, from Eastland High.

"I thought my chances (of playing at A&M) were fairly good," Gasper said. "Coming out of high school, you've got a lot of confidence. I knew coming in that Stump and Hess were going to be my main competition. I didn't even know about Kevin Murray. I thought my chances were as good as anyone else's."

Even though Murray established himself as A&M's starter in the latter half of the '83 season, Gasper's chances of playing still improved when Hess transferred to Iowa.

But that was before A&M recruited Motley out of Ore City High in '84, and before Stump came on to lead the Aggies to

consecutive victories over TCU and Texas.

"They (the A&M coaching staff) said that Motley beat me out for third string," Gasper said. "I just don't know. But, like you say, they're the coaches and I'm the player."

"But it (having several good quarterbacks) provides more competition. They're gonna recruit like that every year. Coming up this year, they'll probably bring in another quarterback."

Gasper said even though things at A&M haven't worked out like he'd hoped, he has nothing but respect for his fellow quarterbacks.

"Craig (Stump) and Kevin (Murray) have proven themselves in game situations," he said. "They're getting the job done and, as long as that's happening, I'm not going to be complaining."

"If we were losing, I'd want more of a shot at it (starting). But as long as we're winning, then it's fine. I'm excited about this season. I think the whole school is."

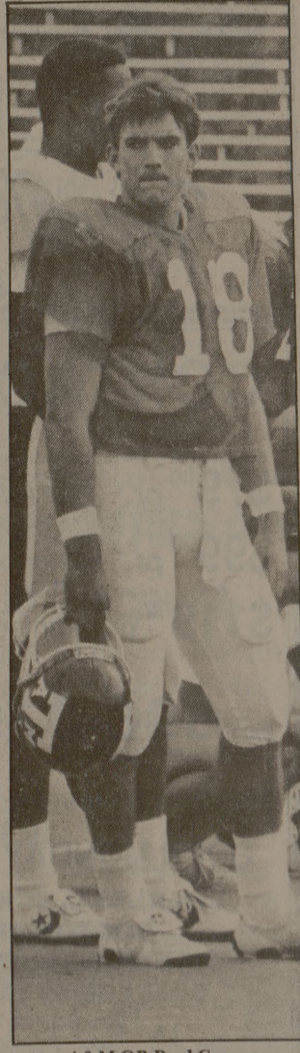
"Besides, I'd wanted to go to A&M since I was a little kid. It was kind of a dream come true. I was real close to going to Rice, but I wanted to go to a winning program."

Gasper said if he had to do it all over again, he'd make the same choice "without any hesitation."

"I don't regret coming here (to A&M) at all," he said. "I'm here for my education first and football second. I'm not going to play football all my life."

Gasper said he gets a lot of inspiration from remembering a speech by former Texas quarterback Ron Brewer during Gasper's senior year in high school.

Brewer, who was also dubbed a fourth-stringer during his senior year, said in that speech he knew somehow he'd finally get a chance to play. And, sure enough, when the Longhorns' top three signal callers went down with injuries, Brewer came on to lead the team to an '82 Cotton Bowl win over



A&M QB Paul Gasper

Alabama. "That's always given me a lot of inspiration," Gasper said. "Besides, anything can happen in two years."

Travelers big bucks

The costliest trip cited by the GAO found a family of four on a 21-day journey, flying from Los Angeles to Colombia and taking a 20-day cruise along the east coast of South America to Uruguay. The GAO said it cost \$21,956 — \$18,396 more than a one-day flight.

GAO said it was told by foreign service officers that prior approval from superiors for ocean voyages was not required. The officers said ship travel was known to be more expensive but was considered "a fringe benefit," GAO said.

The report said the previous travel regulations were conflicting. On one hand, they permitted ocean travel. On the other, employees were required to "use the most direct and expeditious routes consistent with economy."

Joan McCabe, an associate director of the GAO, said that during the 18-month investigation "very few people tried to justify this travel on the basis of its merits. The typical rationale is, it is permitted, therefore it is allowable."

Arms sale

Lugar told reporters the legislation would "preserve the option for the president" of selling arms to Jordan at a later date, as well as "opponents the assurance we wanted" that the sale would not proceed unless Jordan's King Hussein sat down at the bargaining table to "direct and meaningful peace negotiations" with the Israelis. Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres earlier this week proposed to react peace talks with Hussein. The Jordanian embassy issued a statement Wednesday saying the proposal was "being studied carefully by the Jordanian government." Several senators have indicated they don't want their opposition to the arms sale to be interpreted as a slap at Hussein.

Historical dealings

the papers and paid off a \$150,000 loan he had acquired from another dealer for the transaction. "I always had some doubts about the McLellan collection because the church's historical department knew nothing of it," said Hinckley, who runs the church's daily affairs for its president Spencer W. Kimball. Hinckley and Oaks denied that the church had offered money for the papers of William E. McLellan, an early church apostle who was communicated in 1838. Hinckley said the church was under a mandate to acquire historical documents, but always had done so legally and from reputable dealers.

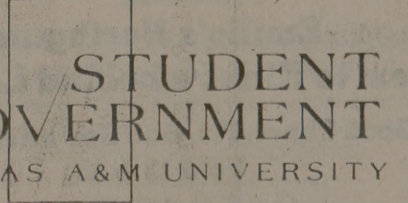
Oaks said he was approached late June by another church official, Hugh Pinnock, about the possibility of the church loaning \$185,000 to Hofmann to buy the collection. Pinnock refused, but said he authorized Pinnock to arrange a private loan to Hofmann at First Interstate Bank where Pinnock is a board member.

Oaks said he wasn't aware of the time of Hofmann's earlier communication with Hinckley, who was then of town, or of the \$150,000 loan Hofmann from Salt Lake City banker Alvin Rust.

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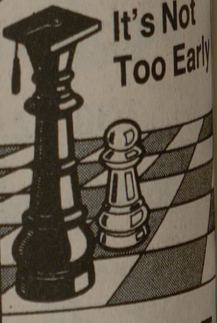
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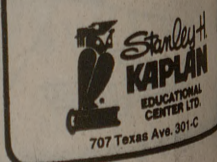


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