

# Sports

## Schmidt snares National League MVP for third time

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mike Schmidt, the 37-year-old third baseman of the Philadelphia Phillies, was named the National League's Most Valuable Player on Wednesday for the third time, and said he wanted to win once more next year before retiring.

"I'm gearing up for next year in hopes of being at this podium again," Schmidt said at a news conference. "I'm going to try awfully hard."

Schmidt, who led the league in home runs and runs batted in, said he was not looking beyond 1987, adding that his thoughts about retiring had not changed since the season ended.

He said three things might convince him to change his mind. "If my knees are OK, if my wife and family can cope with another year or two and the club is a contender . . . But unless I fall flat on my face next season, I want to go out on top. I've invested and done well and I'm able to leave."

Schmidt, who also captured the award in 1980 and 1981, became only the seventh three-time MVP winner in the major leagues since the award began in 1931. He joined Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals, who won in 1943, 1946, and 1948, and Roy Campanella of the Dodgers, who won in 1951, 1953 and 1955, in the National League.

Four American Leaguers, Jimmy Foxx of the defunct Philadelphia A's and Boston Red Sox and Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle, all of the New York Yankees, won the award three times.

Schmidt totaled 287 points to beat runnerup Glenn Davis, outfielder for the Houston Astros,

who collected 231 in voting by members of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Schmidt polled 15 first place votes, five seconds and four thirds. Davis received six first-place ballots in voting by 24 writers in the 12 league cities. Catcher Gary Carter and first baseman Keith Hernandez of the New York Mets finished third and fourth. Carter, with 181 points, had one first-place vote and Hernandez, at 179 points, the other two.

Schmidt is the second oldest player to win the award, two years younger than Pittsburgh's Willie Stargell, who was 39 when he shared the honor in 1979 with Hernandez.

Schmidt described the 1986 season as the most enjoyable of his 14-year major league career.

Schmidt, who needs only five home runs to join 13 others who have hit 500 career homers, said he was looking forward to reaching that milestone early next season.

"It will be the pinnacle of my career," he said.

Schmidt hit .290 with league-leading totals of 37 home runs and 119 RBI in 1986 as the Phillies finished second in the NL East, 20½ games behind the Mets. He was tied for second in runs scored at 97 and led the league with a .547 slugging percentage.

In the field, the nine-time Gold Glove winner made only eight errors — six at third base, two at first base — and did not make an error in his last 58 games.

Schmidt is the first NL MVP from a team that did not win its division since Dale Murphy of the Atlanta Braves in 1983.

## Lady Aggies to open schedule against Yugoslavian 6-footers

By Doug Hall  
Sports Writer

The Rockets have the Twin Towers.

The Lakers have Kareem, and the Celtics have the Bird.

But the Red Star Club of Yugoslavia, which will square off against the Lady Aggie basketball team Friday at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum, has the Seven Sixers — seven players who are over six feet tall.

For A&M Coach Lynn Hickey and her young Aggie squad, the Yugoslavian team's size will present quite a challenge in its season opener.

"They have great size," Hickey said, "and we won't be able to match up with them, but we hope to utilize our speed and quickness."

Hickey, who has played and coached in Europe against similar international teams, said the Yugoslavian women are very big, but have good shooting range. Some of their players, she said, still use the two-handed set shot instead of the more modern jumper.

"It will be a real physical game," she said. "And if it's a typical game, then it should be a very fast game also."

Although she said the Aggies have not seen many scouting reports on the Red Star team, Hickey said they will probably run a zone defense as well as a man-to-man.

But all is not grim for the undersized Aggies, who finished 16-13 last year in Hickey's second season at A&M.

First, Hickey said, the Yugoslavians have agreed to play by NCAA rules, instead of international rules.

Secondly, she said the Red Star team, which is being sponsored by Athletes in Action International, is on a grueling two-week, 11-game tour of the Midwest.

"One of the main things we've got going for us is that they have a really



Coach Lynn Hickey

rough road schedule," Hickey said. "We're hoping they'll be a little bit pooped."

For the first time in four years, the Lady Aggie squad is without the services of Lisa Langston, A&M's career scoring leader and last year's team captain.

In order to fill that gap, Hickey is hoping for an improved team effort, led by the starting five of Donna Roper, Evelyn Sanders, Beth Young, Lisa Jordan and Paula Crutcher. All five of these players were regulars on last year's team.

"Basically, we have four of our five starters off of last year's team," Hickey said. "Donna Roper (who participated in last summer's Olympic Festival) has a lot more experience. We're hoping she can get us some quick points."

Unfortunately, though, the Aggies have not had a healthy fall.

Hickey said Nette Garrett, a sophomore who averaged 7.1 points a game last year, is recovering from shin surgery and Roper also has been sick.

"We haven't been healthy at all," she said. "Right now we really need a

### 1986-87 Texas A&M Lady Aggies Basketball Schedule

Nov. 28-30	Southern Invitational Tournament Atlanta, Ga. (A&M, Georgia, Alabama, South Alabama, Georgia State, Florida A&M, Grambling, University of Alabama-Birmingham)	TBA
Dec. 5-6	CONVERSE LADY AGGIES TOURNAMENT (A&M, Nebraska, Mississippi College, Lamar)	6, 8 p.m.
Dec. 12-13	Dial Classic Long Beach, Calif. (A&M, Long Beach, Montana State, Arkansas)	TBA
Dec. 19	LOUISIANA STATE	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.
Jan. 6	SOUTHERN METHODIST	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Texas Christian	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	TEXAS	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	TEXAS TECH	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	HOUSTON	5:15 p.m.
Jan. 21	Rice	5 p.m.
Jan. 24	Arkansas	4 p.m.
Jan. 27	BAYLOR	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	LOUISIANA TECH	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Southern Methodist	5 p.m.
Feb. 7	TEXAS CHRISTIAN	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Texas	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Texas Tech	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Houston	5 p.m.
Feb. 21	RICE	5:15 p.m.
Feb. 24	ARKANSAS	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	Baylor	5 p.m.
March 4-7	SWC Tournament (Dallas — Moody Coliseum)	TBA

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game so the players can see themselves. After a while, they can't see what I'm talking about in practice unless it happens in a game."

Before the season ends next March with the Southwest Conference tournament, however, the Lady Aggies will have plenty have of chances to see themselves in action.

"We hope to move in to contention (for the SWC title) this year,"

said Hickey, who spent five years at Kansas before coming to A&M. "This year when we talk about winning 20 games and the SWC title, I think we'll sound much more legitimate."

"We're trying to continue to build on last year. However, we just found out we've got the 10th toughest schedule (in the nation). So we've put them in a difficult spot. We hope it will pay off in March."



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