# **Sports**

## Schmidt snares National League MVP for third time

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mike Schmidt, the 37-year-old hird baseman of the Philadelhia Phillies, was named the Naional League's Most Valuable layer on Wednesday for the hird time, and said he wanted to in once more next year before etiring

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

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Schmidt, who led the league in ome runs and runs batted in, aid he was not looking beyond 987, adding that his thoughts bout retiring had not changed nce the season ended.

He said three things might onvince him to change his mind. "If my knees are OK, if my vife and family can cope with an-ther year or two and the club is a ontender . . . . But unless I fall at on my face next season, I want to go out on top. I've in-

Schmidt, who also captured the ward in 1980 and 1981, became nly the seventh three-time MVP nner in the major leagues since he award began in 1931. He ined Stan Musial of the St. ouis Cardinals, who won in 943, 1946, and 1948, and Roy ampanella of the Dodgers, who on in 1951, 1953 and 1955, in e National League,

Four American Leaguers, mmy Foxx of the defunct Philalphia A's and Boston Red Sox nd Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra nd Mickey Mantle, all of the ww York Yankees, won the vard three times.

Schmidt totaled 287 points to beat runnerup Glenn Davis, out-fielder 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 firstplace 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 Her-nandez, 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 sea-

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

Schmidt hit .290 with leagueleague leading totals of 37 home runs and 119 RBI in 1986 as the Phillies finished second in the NL East, 201/2 games behind the Mets. He was tied for second in runs scored at 97 and led the league with a .547 slugging per-

centag 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

#### Sports Writer The Rockets have the Twin Tow-

**By Doug Hall** 

ers. 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 Yugosla-vian 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 twohanded 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 al-

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



Lady Aggies to open schedule

against Yugoslavian 6-footers

"We're hoping they'll be a little bit

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.

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

'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

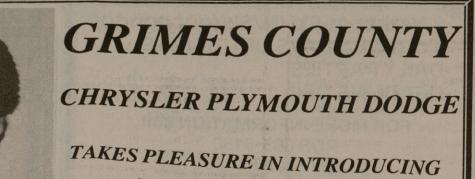
game so the players can see them-selves. After a while, they can't see what I'm talking about in practice unless it happens in a game.

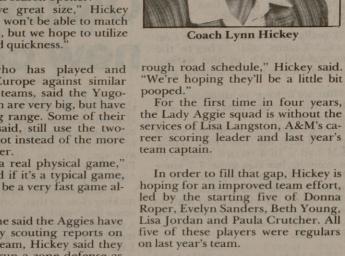
Before the season ends next March with the Southwest Conference tournament, however, the Lady Aggies will have plenty have of chances to see themselves in action.

"We hope to move in to conten-tion (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

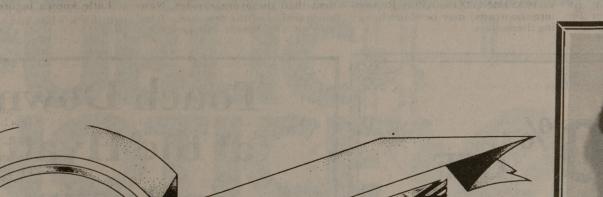
"We're trying to continue to build on last year. However, we just found out we've got the 10th toughest schedule (in the nation). So we've put them in a difficult spot. We hope it will pay off in March."





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

Nov. 28-30	Southern Invitational Tournament	TBA
	Atlanta, Ga. (A&M, Georgia, Alabama, South Al-	
	abama, Georgia State, Florida A&M, Grambling,	
	University of Alabama-Birmingham)	
Dec. 5-6	CONVERSE LADY AGGIES TOURNAMENT	6, 8 p.m.
	(A&M, Nebraska, Mississippi College, Lamar)	
Dec. 12-13	Dial Classic	TBA
	Long Beach, Calif. (A&M, Long Beach, Montana	
	State, Arkansas)	
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	TBA
	(Dallas — Moody Coliseum)	
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