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Scott not concerned with encore season

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mike Scott says he is not going to worry about a 1987 encore to his Cy Young Award-winning campaign of 1986.

"I'm not even going to think about it," the Houston Astros' split-finger fastball wizard said. "I'm certainly not going to stop and look at all my stats and see where I was last year at the same time."

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Scott wound up the 1986 campaign with an 18-10 record and major league highs of 306 strikeouts and 275.1 innings, and a major-league low earned-run average of 2.22.

If his start in 1987 is any indication, he may do even better this year.

Scott tossed a one-hit, one-walk shutout at the Los Angeles Dodgers Wednesday night, striking out 10 in Houston's 4-0 victory as he ran his record to 2-0. He had beaten the Dodgers 4-3 in the season opener in Houston nine days earlier.

"My one goal when I went into spring training was to have a decent start this season," he said. "As long as I've played, I've never gotten off to a very good start. I had a terrible start last year."

"I'll take this start."

He lost his first two decisions and had a 7.20 ERA to begin 1986, then was just 5-4 on June 26. But he rallied with the development of his new split-finger fastball to win 13 of his last 15 decisions.

Although Scott is 2-0 already this season and was masterful in the one-hitter against the Dodgers, catcher Alan Ashby thinks he will be even better later in the season.

Ashby said that Scott, who limited the Dodgers to a third-inning single by Mariano Duncan and retired the final 15 batters, was not as dominant as he was late last year.

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"I don't think he's as overpowering now as he was then," Ashby said. "Stuff-wise, this game didn't compare to his no-hitter (last Sept. 25 against San Francisco)."

"He just had them (the Dodgers) hitting the ball at people the whole game this time. But the results were outstanding."

"He's still mighty good right now, and I think he'll get even better as the season goes on."

As usual, there were claims that Scott was doctoring the ball, and balls that had been fouled and taken out of play were scrutinized in the Los Angeles dugout.

Dodger pitcher Rick Honeycutt, who wasn't in the game, examined the ball a number of times.

"The scuff marks were all identical," Honeycutt said. "I don't know what grade of sandpaper he (Scott) was using, but it was a finer grade."

Los Angeles Manager Tommy Lasorda, though, didn't want to downplay the fine pitching performance.

"He pitched a heckuva game; you can't do anything about that one. The guy was too tough for us," Lasorda said.

Senior Liong excels in role as Lady Ag student-athlete

By Ed Bodde
Assistant Sports Editor

It's somewhat of an accomplishment these days if a student can graduate in four years. It's even a greater feat when it's a student-athlete, who must learn to budget time for athletics and for school. Well, Laura Liong, a senior on the Lady Aggie tennis team, is graduating on time this May, with a 3.65 grade-point ratio in finance to boot.

Ironically, Liong, who is from Singapore, wanted to come to the United States to go to college because she said the Singapore society puts too much emphasis on school.

"I kind of wanted to come to the United States for school because I never really fit into the (Singapore school) system because it's so pressurized," Liong said. "Study! Study! Study! I was kind of like the black sheep because I played so much tennis. I just never fit into the grind of things there when you'd study 24 hours a day. The only thing that mattered was your grades, and I couldn't do that."

Liong also wanted to be able to play tennis — competitive tennis.

She didn't start playing tennis until the age of 13, but she didn't take the game too seriously back then.

"I just started playing because there was a court at my high school, so I took up tennis," Liong said.

Two years later, Liong got her first real tennis lessons when she

participated in an eight-week tennis camp in Australia. After returning to Singapore, she continued to play three or four times a week at a local club. But tennis was more important to her now.

"When I came back from Australia, I played in the junior tournaments, but more seriously," she said. "I mean I was thinking about winning them. And then I almost beat the No. 1 junior in Singapore. I was more interested in it (tennis), and I got a lot of press because I got better."

After finishing high school at 16, Liong went to Florida to play in the Orange Bowl Tournament and later met A&M men's tennis coach David Kent at the Nick Bolletieri tennis camp.

"That's really when I started to know about tennis scholarships," Liong said. "Before that, I never knew anything of scholarships."

Kent ended up offering her a scholarship, and she accepted.

"I never really looked anyplace else," Liong said. "I knew of A&M academically. You here of some schools, and I knew (A&M) was a good school. When I took a recruit trip here, I liked it. Hey, if they want to pay my way through school, I'm going to say, 'Sure.'"

With the decision to get an education about 9,000 miles from home came the realization that she wasn't going to see her family too often. Li-

ong, who hasn't been home in 2½ years, said it's been difficult being away so long. But Liong said adjusting to life in a different country hasn't been too hard.

As the No. 1 player in Singapore, she had already traveled quite a bit, playing junior tournaments in Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan. She also got to play in the Wimbledon juniors in England.

"It was more of having to adjust to being away from home," Liong said.

Now, after four years at A&M, Liong is on the edge of graduation and faces some important decisions in her life.

She has applied to the University of California, UCLA and USC for graduate school. She hopes to get her master's and do some investment banking.

Liong also said she would like to give the pro tour a try, but admits she probably started tennis too late.

"I think part of it is I started too late," she said. "I think I'm too far behind to catch anyone to do real decently on the pro tour. But I'm going to try it this summer."

An extremely emotional player, Liong often talks to herself to get pumped up during a match.

"If I end up winning Wimbledon, I'll play for a few years and put the MBA on hold," Liong said, laughing.

Whatever Liong decides to do, she certainly has two good choices in front of her.

Ags, 'Horns may sell out Olsen Field

A record crowd may greet Texas A&M and the University of Texas when the two baseball teams play a three-game series today and Saturday at Olsen Field.

The Aggies, 36-14-1 and 9-3 in the Southwest Conference and ranked 10th by ESPN, are coming off a 14-11 setback on national television at the hands of top-ranked Oklahoma State.

The Longhorns, ranked second in ESPN's poll, come in with a 44-7 record overall and an 11-1 SWC conference slate.

A&M and UT will play a single game tonight at 7 p.m. and will play a double-header Saturday beginning at 2 p.m.

All reserve seats for the series have been sold out, but general admission tickets will go on sale at 5 p.m. today and noon Saturday at Olsen Field.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for those high school age and under.

A&M cyclers to host race

The Texas A&M cycling team will host the Aggeland Stage Race this weekend in Normangee.

Saturday's races will consist of 10-mile time trials, a 33-mile road race and a 66-mile road race. Sunday's races will be held on campus and will feature a 40-mile race around the campus drill field.

More than \$3,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded, and preregistration for the event will be held today from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. in room 300 at the Manor House Motor Inn and at every race site.

For more information, call Cycles Etc. at 846-2453.

Lady Ags take pair from Bearkats

The Texas A&M softball team took a pair of games from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville Thursday by 6-0 and 7-0 margins.

The Lady Aggies chalked up 22 hits in the two games, including 6 doubles.

Shawn Andaya got the win in the

first affair to up her season record to 23-4. Julie Carpenter earned the win in the second game as she allowed only two hits. Carpenter improved to 14-2 on the year.

A&M has won 26 of 27 games on the road but is only 10-5 at home; A&M is 37-6 overall.

A&M Coach Bob Brock said the

pitching, especially Carpenter's outing, was the key.

"Both of our pitchers did a very good job," Brock said. "I think more people all the time are seeing what kind of job Julie Carpenter can do for us."

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Sample Letter

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