

Writers, SID officials clash on NCAA infraction issues

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A nine-member panel of journalists and sports information employees disagreed Tuesday about the range and methods of coverage of NCAA infractions in the Southwest Conference.

rean Williams, sports writer for the Bryan-College Station Eagle, Hal Hammons, sports editor for The Battalion, Al Carter, sports writer for the Houston Chronicle, Kirk Bohls, sports writer for the Austin American-Statesman and lecturer at Southwest Texas State University, and Richard Kilwine, an intern assistant SID at the University of Houston. The program was moderated by Chip Howard, sports director for KTAM-KORA radio.

strained by running controversial stories, and Bohls mentioned experiences where coaches and players refused to grant interviews to the media. "You can't let anyone intimidate you," he said. "You have to stand up for your rights as a journalist and hopefully your employer will back you up." "If they won't talk, fine. I tell them. 'I can still cover the game and write about you.' It makes my job harder, but it can be done."

A's finally beat Dodgers McGwire homers in 9th for 2-1 win

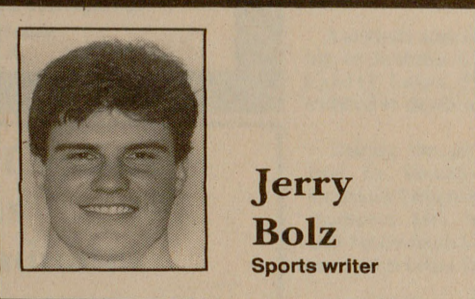
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mark McGwire hit a solo home run with one out in the ninth inning as the Oakland Athletics finally broke through for a 2-1 win over Los Angeles Tuesday night. The victory cut the Dodgers' lead in the World Series to 2-1. McGwire fouled off three 2-2 pitches before lining a drive over the left-center field for his first hit in 10 World Series at-bats.

The game open in the sixth when they loaded the bases with no outs but failed to score. Danny Heep's double, John Shelby's single and a walk to Mike Davis finished Bob Welch. The former Dodger has not lasted beyond 2 1/2 innings in four postseason starts this year. The Oakland bullpen, the most effective in the majors this year, did its job well. Left-hander Greg Cadaret stopped lefty Mike Scioscia on a foul popup and right-hander Gene Nelson got Jeff Hamilton on a force at the plate and Alfredo Griffin on a grounder to first.

before Tim Leary took over in the second. Welch won 115 games in 10 seasons with Los Angeles and became the second pitcher in history to start a World Series game against the team he played for the previous year. Bob Ojeda was the other, pitching in 1986 for the New York Mets against Boston. Welch gave up a leadoff single to Steve Sax and struck out the next four batters. He fanned eight in four innings and took a 1-0 lead into the fifth before Los Angeles scored. Hamilton singled for his first hit in 10 Series at-bats, advanced on Griffin's sacrifice and came home on Franklin Stubbs' two-out double.

It's old, but pass-less offense is still hurting A&M

There's no question, a team that wants to win the national championship has to have a defense that can stop anything — that's a given. But what separates those who make it to the top and those who get hung up on the top rung is offense. After four straight games of Oklahoma-style running, the Aggies are on the winning road, but will chugging it out on the ground be able to take them to the top?



When an Aggie QB does drop back to throw, it's generally either a short pass or an incomplete long one — or an interception. Only two Aggie receivers are averaging more catches per game (Rod Harris with 4 and Larry Horton with 2) than the average number of interceptions per game thrown by A&M (1.67). The Aggie running attack, however, is averaging around 250 yards a game. The last three weeks, against Southwest Conference teams, the Aggies have run like an elephant escaping the circus.

tries, although Athletic Director Frank Broyles is pressuring Coach Ken Hatfield to pass or leave. To run the ball and win, the Aggies must have plenty of beef up front. Guys like Jerry Fontenot and Matt McCall fit the big mold fine. And with the average size of linemen growing every year — with or without steroids — keeping up the supply of beef shouldn't be a problem.

gies in these games was the defense, so that's beside the point. Osgood has had some bright moments passing this season but there have been a lot more shiny spots when Richardson is leaping over the defense. Lance Pavlas has only played sparingly since the OSU game, and there is no telling what it will take for Sherrill to give him another shot.

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