

# Howell evens score

## Reliever shuts down A's, McGwire

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Reliever Jay Howell got even by getting Mark McGwire with the bases loaded in the seventh inning Wednesday night, preserving the Los Angeles Dodgers' 4-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics and moving them within one game of the World Series championship.

The crippled Dodgers will try to win their sixth title and first since 1981 when ace Orel Hershiser faces Storm Davis in Game 5 Thursday night. Of the 35 teams that took a 3-1 lead in the Series, 30 went on to win.

Howell, victimized by McGwire's game-winning home run in the ninth inning a night earlier, got revenge this time. He relieved starter Tim Lincecum with two outs in the seventh ahead 4-3, but a walk and error loaded the bases.

McGwire, just 1-for-13 in the Series, swung at a first-pitch fastball and popped it straight up to first baseman Tracy Woodson. Howell finished for a save in the same ballpark where fans constantly booed him last year when he pitched for the A's.

He ended it by striking out A's home run king Jose Canseco, who hit a grand slam in the first game, on a 3-2 pitch with the tying run on first and getting Dave Parker on a foul pop to third.

The Dodgers ended a streak of 13 consecutive victories by the home team in the World Series. They did it the hard way, with top hitters Kirk Gibson and Mike Marshall unable to start because of injuries and catcher Mike Scioscia forced to leave with a twisted right knee in the fourth inning.

Oakland's starting lineup had out-homered Los Angeles

132-36 this season, but Belcher and Howell continued the Athletics' Series-long slump.

Belcher, just the third pitcher to start in the Series on his birthday — he turned 27 — went 6 2-3 innings and allowed three runs, two of them earned, on seven hits.

Dave Stewart, the two-time 20-game winner, took the loss. He gave up four runs, only two hits in 6 1/2 innings.

Neither team played particularly well. Oakland made two errors and Los Angeles one, although there were several other sloppy plays.

Dave Henderson, who had four of Oakland's nine hits, doubled home Walt Weiss, who singled, in the seventh. That finished Belcher, and Howell walked Canseco on five pitches before usually reliable shortstop Alfredo Griffin dropped a liner by Dave Parker, loading the bases and bringing up McGwire.

The Dodgers' injury problems continued when catcher Mike Scioscia twisted his right knee on an unsuccessful steal try in the fourth inning and limped off the field and into the dugout. He might be able to play in Game 5, but the team said Scioscia would be in pain.

Rick Dempsey, the only other catcher on the Los Angeles roster, replaced Scioscia. All-purpose Mickey Hatcher would have been next in line if Dempsey had been hurt.

The Dodgers, though, did catch some breaks, mostly because Oakland couldn't catch the ball.

Steve Sax drew a walk to start the game and took third on Hatcher's perfect hit-and-run single. Sax scored when a pitch skipped off catcher Terry Steinbach's mitt.

# McWilliam makes the most of opportunities at pro ball

By Jerry Bolz  
Sports Writer

Former Texas A&M baseball player Tim McWilliam found himself in a jam last June. The major league baseball draft came to town and, surprisingly, it didn't stop at McWilliam's house. So he got back to the business at hand — finishing the three or so semesters left to graduate.

But about a week into summer school, the 23-year-old McWilliam got an invitation to play in the Arizona rookie league for the Padres' team in Scottsdale, Ariz., about a two-hour drive from his home in Tucson. He took the shot, even though the Padres weren't his favorite team.

McWilliam is back in Aggieland this semester. With his new career, the fall is the only gap in his schedule that he can squeeze in a semester.

Playing in Aggieland in 1987 and 1988, after two years at Pima College in Tucson, the 6-2, 190-pounder wound up a two-year starter in the outfield. Last year he ended up second in batting average on the team.

So you take a good, but non-drafted player out of summer school and into a 10-week, 60-game schedule with a

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#### Tim McWilliam

bunch of much-touted draftees, and he should do OK, right?

Wrong.

McWilliam hit Arizona, and he hit Arizona, and he hit Arizona some more. He pounded-out a .445 average for the season while playing center field and first base, which he said might be his position of the future.

Speaking of the future, McWilliam goes back to the Padres' spring training in March to see where they want to use him. He discussed his experiences and current status with *The Battalion*.

**Question: Was it a hard choice for you to leave school and go play ball?**

Answer: It was a big decision because I was enrolled in summer school. I had to look at it two ways; I could either stay in summer school and get my degree early, or put school on hold and play ball. When you've been playing your whole life and get a lucky break like I did, you can't pass it up. After playing this summer, I know I made the best decision.

**Q: Were you surprised to hit .445?**

A: Definitely. It was hard because before each season, I set a goal. But being the first year of pro ball and using wooden bats, I had no idea what to expect, so I didn't really set a goal.

**Q: Did you like playing such a rigorous schedule?**

A: Yeah, I didn't mind it. We did play a 60-70 game schedule in college, but it's spread out. In pro ball we played Monday through Saturday at 9:00 in the morning, so you have to program yourself to get to bed at a decent hour. It's more laid-back than college where you'd "get up" for a couple of games a week. In rookie ball, we played every day, so you don't get too high or too low.

**Q: Is there much difference in the level of play from college ball to rookie ball?**

A: Excellent question. I was waiting for that one. From Southwest Conference play, there was a slight drop-off. One of the things is that you get more fastballs in rookie ball because guys haven't established good breaking pitches. I hit .362 at A&M and went out

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# Taylor, amazing Aggie rally beat Rice in '55

Texas A&M tangles with a winless Rice Owl squad Saturday afternoon, one that would have pulled off a wildly unlikely upset in order to beat the oncoming Aggies.

Nearly 33 years ago, on November 12, 1955, the Aggies sported a 5-1-1 record when they invaded Rice Stadium to play Coach Jess Neely's 2-1-1 Owls, who were 0-3 in Southwest Conference games.

Yet, Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's youngsters had to put on the most unbelievable rally in Texas A&M football history in order to keep the Owls winless in the SWC.

Down 12-0 — and almost out with 4:18 left in the game — the Aggies stormed back with a pair of touchdowns in 46 seconds, three TDs in 3:09 and had the ball again when the game ended, winning 20-12.

As was the case with Bryant's A&M squads,

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the heroes were many that day, but none played a greater role than sophomore back Lloyd Taylor.

Taylor, who was from Roswell, N.M., not only led both squads with 76 yards rushing (on four carries) and in receiving yardage (43 yards on 1 catch), but also scored the Ags' initial two touchdowns in a space of 46 seconds.

"We had a good season in 1955, except for losing to UCLA in the opening game and to Texas to end it," Taylor said Wednesday afternoon. "After tying Arkansas 7-7, we had defeated SMU 13-2 but hadn't played very well."

"That day at Rice none of us had played together as a team, which is the way we had to play in order to win most of the time. Coach Bryant was so mad at the starters that he took us out late in the third quarter, saying that 'if you won't play, you can sit by me.'"

Taylor and teammates lineman Dennis Goehring and end Gene Stallings (referred to as "Eugene" back then) all recalled how Bryant had ignored them for much of the fourth quarter.

Rice junior back Paul Zipperlen from Rosebud scored touchdowns on rushes of 7 and 5 yards while the Aggie starters smoldered on the bench.

Fortunately for the Aggies, Owl fullback Jerry Hall missed both of the extra points. But with the clock dwindling under five minutes to play, it didn't seem to matter.

With 68,000 fans in the stands, many of whom had come to see the maroon-clad Aggies

add another win to their already successful season, Bryant made one of his all-time psychological ploys.

"Coach Bryant got the starters together on the sidelines and told us, 'If you were the type people that I think you are, you can still win this game,'" Stallings said Wednesday afternoon from his office in Phoenix, Ariz. "He had great faith in us, but we had to prove ourselves to him that day."

Goehring recalled that after Bryant had his say, "We just looked at each other and went onto the field. We knew that we had messed around all week in practice, but that if we wanted to win, we could."

Taylor said that Bryant added, "And by God, I want to see something happen."

"Ol' Bear never got his wish more than in the next three minutes on the Rice Stadium clock."

Don Watson fair caught an Owl punt at the A&M 39 yard line, a point from which the Aggie starters gave their coach something of which to be forever proud.

On second down Taylor swept left end, sprinting into the clear behind Pardee's crushing block on Owl defensive back Lanny Fife.

"I got to the corner and Jack put Fife on his back, which opened up the whole sideline for me," Taylor said.

Stallings and fellow end Bobby Drake Keith added blocks downfield, and only a lunging tackle at the Owl 3 by Ken Williams kept Taylor out of the end zone.

After Pardee, then quarterback Jimmy Wright pounded the middle of the stout Owl defense with little success, Taylor got the touchdown

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## Since 1960, hormone levels

Pumping iron has replaced flower power. Pinstripes have replaced paisley. And Wall Street has replaced Woodstock.

But of all the major changes that have taken place since the 60's, one is hardly visible at all: the change that has taken place in the Pill.

In 1960, the Pill contained as much as 150 mcgs. of the hormone estrogen. Today, it's down to 35 mcgs. or less. That's a fraction of the original dosage.

Yet, today's Pill is as effective as yesterday's. In fact, it's still the most effective birth control available other than sterilization.

But is the Pill right for you? You should see your doctor to help you answer that. If the answer is yes, then the ultimate decision is yours. And it's important that you learn all you can about oral contraceptives.

First and foremost, what are the risks? Does the Pill cause cancer? Will it make you less fertile? Do you need to take a rest from it? These are just a few questions that have surrounded the Pill since 1960. Questions which must be addressed by you and your physician.

What about the Pill and breast cancer? Although there are conflicting reports concerning this issue, the Centers for Disease Control reported that women who took the Pill, even for 15 years, ran no higher risk of breast cancer than women who didn't. The CDC also reported that ovarian and uterine cancer are substantially less common among women who use oral contraceptives.

The Pill has been shown to have other health benefits as well. Pill users are less likely to develop pelvic inflammatory disease (tubal infections), benign breast disease and iron deficiency anemia, not to mention menstrual cramps.

But if the Pill is so effective at preventing pregnancy, can it later prevent you from having a baby when you're ready to have one? Studies

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indicate that if you were fertile before you took the Pill, taking it will not affect your ability to have children later. Some women may experience a short period of readjustment after discontinuing the Pill. Even so, most women usually become pregnant soon.

One piece of advice you may have heard if you're on the Pill is that you should take an occasional rest from it. Yet there's no medical basis for this advice. Furthermore, a rest could turn out to be anything but restful, since switching to a less effective form of birth control increases your chances for unplanned pregnancy.

Now that you know what the risks aren't, you should know what the risks are. For example, if you are taking the Pill, you should not smoke. Especially if you are over 35. Cigarette smoking is known to increase the risk of serious and possibly life-threatening adverse effects on the heart and blood vessels from Pill use. What's more, women with certain conditions or medical histories should not use the Pill.

Even if you're already on the Pill, you should see your doctor at least once a year. And read the patient information regularly.

Taking the Pill is easy. Deciding whether or not to take it isn't. That's why it's so important for you to make an informed decision. Continue reading everything you can about birth control methods. Seek out reliable sources. Talk to your doctor.

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