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Ags host LSU in rematch at Olsen Field

By ALAN LEHMANN
Of The Battalion Staff

The No. 22 Texas A&M baseball team will be looking for revenge when it faces No. 11 LSU Friday at 3 p.m. at Olsen Field.

The Aggies and Tigers will finish the three-game set with a 1 p.m. doubleheader Saturday.

Last May, the Tigers ended the Aggies' season by beating them twice in the NCAA Central Regional 13-5 and 5-4 in College Station.

An Aggie win in either game would have sent A&M to Omaha, Neb. for the College World Series.

It was a tough way to end such a promising season for the 58-7 Aggies, said senior catcher John Wood.

"The feeling was something I'll never really be able to describe," Wood said. "The pain felt sort of like somebody had died."

Last weekend, the Aggies were treated rudely on their Louisiana road trip, losing four of six games to Louisiana Tech and Northeast Louisiana.

The Aggies dropped to 11-4 for the season and plummeted from No. 8 to No. 22 in the College Baseball/ESPN poll.

LSU is 7-3 after beating Southern Mississippi Wednesday night. Coach Skip Bertman's club is not the same as it was last season. Star pitchers Ben McDonald, Russell Springer and Curtis Leskanic have gone on to sign professional contracts, and only three starters return.

The Tigers won't be the only new faces at Olsen Field. The Aggies returned no position starters from last year's team, and have had to rely on JUCO transfers this season.

San Jacinto transfers Dan Robinson and Rich Robertson have led the Aggies.

Robinson, a junior rightfielder, has the team lead in homeruns (3) and RBI (13), and is second on the team with a .300 batting average.

Robertson, a lefthander pitcher, is 3-0 with a 0.82 ERA and has struck out 21 batters in 22 innings. He was named the Coppertone National Player of the Week on Feb. 19.

On the road trip, Robertson one-hit Louisiana Tech and saved Monday's 6-5 win over Northeast Louisiana.

Robertson will pitch either Friday's game or the nightcap Saturday. He will be joined in the starting rotation by sophomore Ronnie Allen (1-1, 2.95 ERA) and Pat Sweet (3-1, 3.97 ERA).

All three games will be broadcast on the radio by KTAM (1240 AM). Saturday's games will be televised on TCA Cable Channel 31.

The Brazos Valley Food Bank will be accepting donations of canned goods at Olsen Field Saturday.

The new message center atop the Olsen Field scoreboard will be dedicated Friday.

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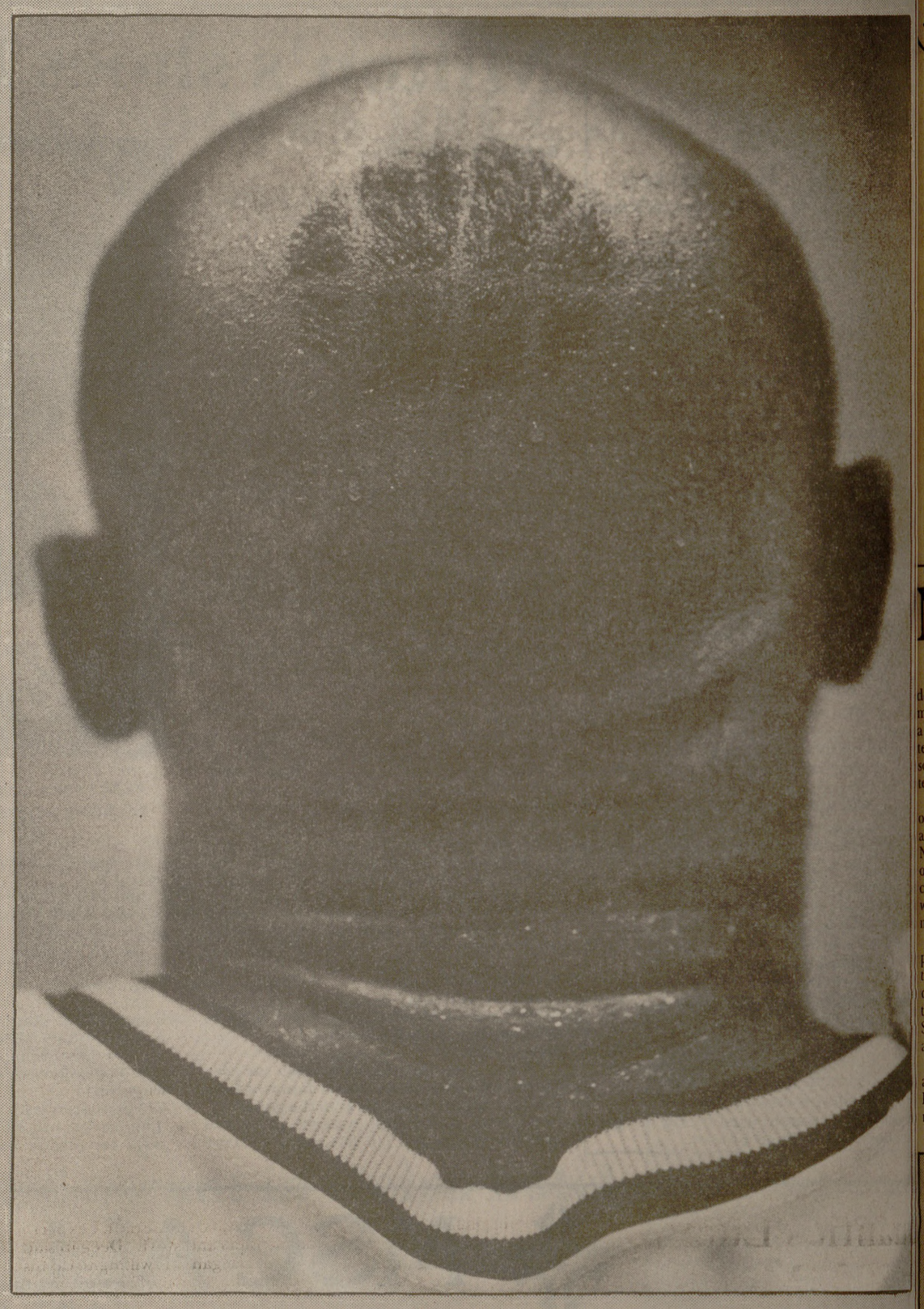

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Texas A&M center David Harris dons a sporty haircut at Wednesday's game against Houston. The 6-10 junior shaved his head, leaving the shape of a basketball. A&M closes its regular season Sunday against Texas Tech, and four seniors will be playing their final game at G. Rollie White Coliseum.
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Spurs: All is not happy in paradise

Brown unhappy, yearns for college coaching

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Spurs coach Larry Brown yearns for his days as a collegiate coach and could return to the college ranks after the NBA season, according to a published report.

Despite success with the Spurs this season, Brown said he is frustrated over the lengthy NBA season and its lack of time for practice and teaching.

He also regrets not accepting the UCLA coaching job after leaving the University of Kansas in 1988, the year he took over as Spurs coach, the San Antonio Express-News reported Thursday.

"I think I should have taken that job but, in some ways, it has worked out best because I did learn a great deal last year with all the losses," when San Antonio went 21-61, Brown told the newspaper Wednesday night in Oakland, Calif., where the Spurs lost in overtime to the Golden State Warriors, 144-135.

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>
> — Larry Brown, Spurs coach

"I wouldn't go through it again but I did get the chance to come back and try again, a chance I really didn't think I'd get," he said.

The Express-News, citing unidentified sources, said Brown has a stipulation in his five-year contract with the Spurs that he could leave after the 1989-90 season.

If he decides to remain, however, it becomes binding for the next three seasons, the newspaper said.

Brown declined to discuss any contractual matters, but did say aspects of professional basketball continue to bother him.

"We play three or four games a week, about 17 a month, and there's simply no time to work on skills, no time to teach, and that's what I love doing," Brown said.

"Plus, I have a hard time getting over the losses. It's just not easy for me to get to the next game after a loss," he said.

"I think that any time a player steps on the floor he should feel that the coaches have prepared him the best way possible and, after the game, will work on faults he may have."

Brown also said he dislikes trading and waiving players.

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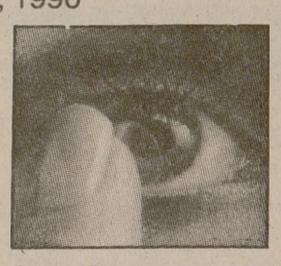

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