

Astros, Scott open season at home against Reds

HOUSTON (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds, who traditionally open the National League season at home, will instead visit the Houston Astros Monday night where another tradition will be celebrated — the Astrodome's 25th anniversary.

The Astros were supposed to start the season April 2 in Cincinnati, where the Reds have missed only two home openers since they became charter members of the National League in 1876.

Weather caused Cincinnati to miss scheduled home openers in 1877 and 1966 and the 32-day labor dispute killed the 1990 opener.

Tom Browning, 15-12 with a 3.39 earned run average last season, will

Pregame ceremony to mark Astrodome's 25-year anniversary

be the opening day pitcher for new Reds manager Lou Piniella.

Mike Scott, 20-10, who became the Astros' fourth 20-game winner last season, will start for the Astros.

Not being able to open the season in Riverfront Stadium takes some of the thrill out of being the Opening Day pitcher, Browning said.

"We're not going to be at home, so it's not going to be as big a deal," Browning said. "The crowd's not going to be part of the hoopla."

Cincinnati opened its season on the road in 1877 because its opener

was rained out. In 1966, the opening series with the Mets was rained out and the Reds started the season in Philadelphia.

Cincinnati has a 52-53 record in NL openers.

The Astros will celebrate the 25th birthday of their indoor arena with an old-timers' game between former New York Yankees and Houston players.

The two teams played the first official event in the Astrodome on April 9, 1965, with Mickey Mantle christening the new facility with a

home run off Turk Farrell.

The Reds, who in 1989 finished in fifth place, 17 games behind champion San Francisco, hope for fewer injuries this season.

"There was no continuity on our team last year," rightfielder Paul O'Neill said. "Every day there was a different lineup. Somebody else was out. That's why we struggled as a team."

O'Neill missed six weeks with a broken thumb.

He was part of an injury list that included every position starter at

some point in the year with the exception of first baseman Todd Benzinger.

The Astros are continuing a youth infusion into their lineup by placing power-hitting, strikeout-prone Eric Anthony in left field.

Half of the Astros' starting eight has less than six years combined major league experience.

Anthony (49 days in the majors) will join centerfielder Gerald Young (2 years, 89 days), catcher Craig Biggio (1 year, 99 days) and third baseman Ken Caminiti (1 year, 137

days). "There are areas where experience is more important," Astros general manager Bill Wood said.

"But all things being equal, the young player is better. He'll be more enthusiastic. He hasn't reached the stage where security kicks in. He still has a lot to prove."

Houston finished third in the NL West last year, six games behind the champion San Francisco Giants.

The Astros also are depending on starters Jim Clancy and Bill Gullickson to perform well.

Clancy, 7-14, had an off-season in 1989 and Gullickson has pitched in Japan the past two seasons.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. CDT.

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Entries Open: April 2 Entries Close: April 10

Men's Baseball Hitting

No entry fee! Competition Date: April 16

Entries Open: April 9 Entries Close: April 17

Women's Softball Hitting

No entry fee! Competition Date: April 23

• Entries for the 11th Annual Penberthy Softball Tournament will remain open through April 17. Tournament will be played April 20-22. Entry fee is \$40 per team. For more information, contact Tom Reber at 845-7826.

• **RAINOUTS** will be rescheduled and posted by 2:00 pm the following day. Check the notebook inside the Recreational Sports Office for new dates and times. **Captains** - be sure to check your schedule the day following a rainout, as your team could be playing that night. For rainout information call 845-2625.

• To make room for the softball playoffs information it was necessary to move the **basketball playoffs** information inside the Recreational Sports Office. Brackets are also available inside the Check-out Room and at the 3rd floor basketball supervisor's table. **Softball Playoffs** are posted across from racquetball court number 2.

• The **Swim Meet** has been rescheduled. New dates are as follows:

- Corps and Fish Prelims** Monday, April 16 7:30
- Rain Date Tuesday, April 17 7:30
- Divisionals** Wednesday, April 18 7:30
- Rain Date Thursday, April 19 7:30
- All-University Finals** Monday, April 23 7:30
- Rain Date Wednesday, April 25 7:30

Entries and scratches will be accepted through Wednesday, April 11 in the Recreational Sports Office.

Penberthy Tournament Honors Intramural Founder

The Eleventh Annual Penberthy Softball Tournament will take place April 20-22. The tournament is in memory of Walter Penberthy who has been referred to as the "Father of Intramurals" for his work in establishing the intramural program here at Texas A&M. The intramural program began with only the major sports but with the aid of Mr. Penberthy many

more sports were added. It didn't matter to Mr. Penberthy if one was an all-star athlete or not; only that one gave their best effort, which is something the intramural program strives for to this day. Now is your chance to participate in this exciting program, so sign-up for the double elimination softball tournament while entries are open.

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CHAMPIONS !!

Recreational Sports congratulates the winners of the following events:

Team Bowling

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| Men's A
Split Happens | Men's B
Team Box |
| Men's C
Pin Heads | Women's B
Deuces |
| CoRec A
DSS#1 | CoRec B
Lucky Strike |
| CoRec C
Co-Spam | |

16" Softball Tournament

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| Men's A
Sportin Wood | CoRec B
New Sensation |
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8-Ball Doubles

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| Men's A
Matt McBurnett | Men's B
Shawn Hitt |
| Men's B
David DeLaGarza | Men's A
David Leahy |
| Women's A
Cathy Goedeke | Women's A
Kristen Anderson |
| CoRec A
Jeff Stubing | CoRec A
Cheri Ordener |



Congratulations to the Texas Rugby Union Club Champs!

TAMU OUTDOORS

TAMU OUTDOORS sponsors camping trips, kayak workshops, backpacking excursions, as well as other programs for rock climbers, scuba divers, and general outdoor enthusiasts. All programs are conducted by experienced personnel, and offer participants an opportunity for personal growth through challenge and group fellowship.

Registration closes on April 9 for:

	Date	Rating*	Fee**
Kayak Roll Clinic	April 10	B	\$10/12
Windsurfing FUNDamentals	April 12, 14***	B	\$15/20

Registration closes on April 13 for:

Diving in Cozumel	May 14-18	B/I	\$550/570
Cozumel (non-divers)	May 14-18	B	\$455/475

Registration closes April 16 for:

Rock Climbing Trip	April 20-22	I	\$32/35
Kayak Workshop	April 21-22	B/I	\$45/50

Registration closes April 23 for:

Kayak Roll Clinic	April 24	B	\$10/12
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*B=Beginner, I= Intermediate

**Second price is for non-A&M participants

***The April 10 classroom session is open to everyone

All registration for TAMU Outdoors is taken in 159 Read. For more information, call Patsy at 845-7826.

CLUB NOTES . . .

The TAMU Men's Rugby Team won the Texas Rugby Union Club Championship, Collegiate Division in Houston.

The Steinlager/Western Collegiate Rugby Championships will be played April 14 & 15 on the Polo Fields.

TAMU LaCrosse will play 1 pm, April 14 on the Drill Field.

Men's Rugby Hosts Championships

The Steinlager/Western Collegiate Rugby Championships will be held April 14 and 15 on the polo fields on the east side of TAMU. Preliminary games begin at 10am on Saturday and the semi-finals games begin at 10am Sunday. The championship game will commence at 1:30 Sunday afternoon with a

brief trophy ceremony immediately following.

The Steinlager/Western Collegiate Rugby Championships are being hosted by the Texas A&M Men's Rugby Club. For more information about the Championships, please contact the Rugby House at 846-3122, Earl Silver at 268-0378, or Paula Opal, at 845-7826.

REC SPORTS WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY April 9	TUESDAY April 10	WEDNESDAY April 11	THURSDAY April 12	FRIDAY April 13	SATURDAY April 14	SUNDAY April 15
<p>Entries Open:</p> <p>Softball Hitting</p> <p>Happy Birthday Paula Opal !!</p>	<p>Entires close:</p> <p>Baseball Hitting</p>		<p>Happy Birthday Patsy Kott !!</p>			<p>Happy Easter!</p>