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**Thigpen doesn't believe he's baseball's best**

CHICAGO (AP) — Bobby Thigpen may have the major league record for saves, but he isn't ready to be called the best reliever in baseball. "I'm not the best," said Thigpen, who earned his record-breaking 47th save Monday night in Chicago's 4-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Thigpen concedes the honor to Oakland's Dennis Eckersley. "I've blown seven saves and that guy's blown only two," Thigpen said. "He's walked three the last two years.

"To me he's the best."

Actually, Eckersley, with 41 saves, has walked six in the last two seasons. He has only two blown saves but he had six last year to go along with his 33 saves.

Thigpen had 34 saves in each of the two previous seasons and each year had nine blown saves.

He is not pleased with his seven lost opportunities this season but concedes, "I'm not perfect, I'm not going to make the right pitch every time."

But he did Monday when he took over in the ninth after Barry Jones, his personal set-up reliever, had worked through the seventh and eighth innings.

Thigpen retired pinch batter Kevin Seitzer on a grounder, gave up a single to Brian McRae but got George Brett to hit into a game-ending double play. He was then mobbed by his teammates.

"Was it his toughest save?"

"It seemed like it," said Thigpen, who broke the record of 46 set by Dave Righetti of the New York Yankees in 1986. "It was more emotional than I thought it would be. But there are more games to go and I hope I can put a bunch more up."

Thigpen is on a pace to finish with 57 saves.

"I believe he's going to annihilate the record," said Manager Jeff Torborg, who was the Yankees' bullpen coach when Righetti set his record.

Carlton Fisk, who has been putting up a lot of numbers himself, also feels Thigpen will add to his record because of the team's inability to blow out opponents.

"It's too bad the team has to play that brand of baseball," said Fisk. "It's not like we can go out and get 19 hits and 15 runs. But we're ahead and that's what counts."

**High Five-O**



A&M defensive back Chris Crooms appears to want to give a high-five to the referee after the Aggies recovered a first quarter fumble in the Hawaii game. A&M defeated the Rainbows 28-13.

**Call is made NL president, umpires settle dispute peacefully**

NEW YORK (AP) — National League president Bill White and the umpires peacefully settled their dispute Tuesday with help from Commissioner Fay Vincent, agreeing to set a policy for breaking up fights that will not single out umpire Joe West.

"I'm happy it's resolved and that we can get on to other things," Vincent said.

White, Vincent and umpires' union chief Richie Phillips met Tuesday in New York. White had threatened to resign unless Vincent backed his authority, and the NL

**Jays' pitcher nabs ninth no-hitter**

CLEVELAND (AP) — Some suggest the baseball is slightly smaller this year. Others say the glut of no-hitters can somehow be attributed to the spring training lockout.

Ask Dave Stieb why 1990 has been the year of the no-hitter, and he shrugs.

"You got me," says Stieb, who threw the ninth no-hitter of the season Sunday as Toronto beat Cleveland 3-0. "Maybe it's not that tough to get one this year, and that's why so many have had one. You just have to get lucky."

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quick solution similar to Arkansas' and decided to give the good ole SWC one last try.

And believe me, this year is just that — the last try.

Mobley and Cunningham made a smart maneuver by saying, just one week before the season began, that the schools would remain in the SWC. It would be hard to concentrate on the week's game with everyone wanting to know who's meeting with whom about this conference and the other.

Sagging attendance and not being able to schedule more out-of-conference games are two problems the Big Two want solved if they are to remain in the conference.

Fan interest is the key in solving the attendance problem.

Baylor's game against Nebraska last weekend on national television is the type of performance that generates fan interest.

The Bears held the No. 7 Cornhuskers to just six points until the last minute of the game. BU fumbled away an opportunity to take the lead at the Nebraska 5-yard line earlier in the fourth quarter.

Had Baylor been able to sneak out of Lincoln, Neb. with a victory, the conference would have been saved.

Imagine, a team picked to finish in the middle of a supposedly weak conference beating the No. 7 team in the country. In the eyes of everyone around the coun-

try, A&M and UT would be fools to leave such a strong conference.

While the Bears' performance didn't help as much as a win, it did do some good for the conference. Nebraska fell three spots to No. 10 in the Associated Press' weekly poll.

This coming weekend is full of match-ups that will test the meddle of the conference.

Texas Tech travels to Columbus, Ohio to face Ohio State from the Big Ten. The Longhorns go to Penn State, while Baylor visits Pac-10 foe Arizona State and Texas Christian is on the road against the Big Eight's Missouri.

Other games having an impact on the SWC's image are the Texas-Colorado game Sept. 22, the Texas-Oklahoma game Oct. 13 and perhaps the most important will be when No. 1 Miami visits Lubbock to play Tech on Oct. 27.

Houston, Rice and Southern Methodist also play this weekend, but against teams of lesser importance.

If the conference can come out of this weekend with a good showing it might catch the attention of some television execs and possibly save the conference.

However, should teams get trounced and embarrassed, the Big Two just might start making plans for a postseason departure.

Stieb, more than any other pitcher, has a right to take such a fatalistic approach. Four times previously, he had gone into the ninth inning before giving up a hit. Three of those times he was one out away before his bid was spoiled.

The most frustrating occurred coincidentally, in Cleveland Stadium two years ago, when the Indians' Julio Franco bounced a bad-hop single over the head of Toronto second baseman Manny Lee with two out and a 2-2 count in the ninth. Stieb had to settle for one of his five career one-hitters.

The close calls define Stieb as much as Sunday's gem, Toronto manager Cito Gaston said.

"It takes great talent to get the close so many times," Gaston said. "He's had a lot of opportunities. He just hasn't had a lot of luck."

Stieb improved to 17-5 and lowered his earned-run average to 2.91. The 17 wins equal his career high achieved three other times.

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