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## Henderson caught, comes up injured

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rickey Henderson was caught stealing and later pulled up lame to remain stuck one steal shy of tying Lou Brock's all-time career stolen base record Thursday, and the Oakland Athletics defeated the Minnesota Twins 3-0.

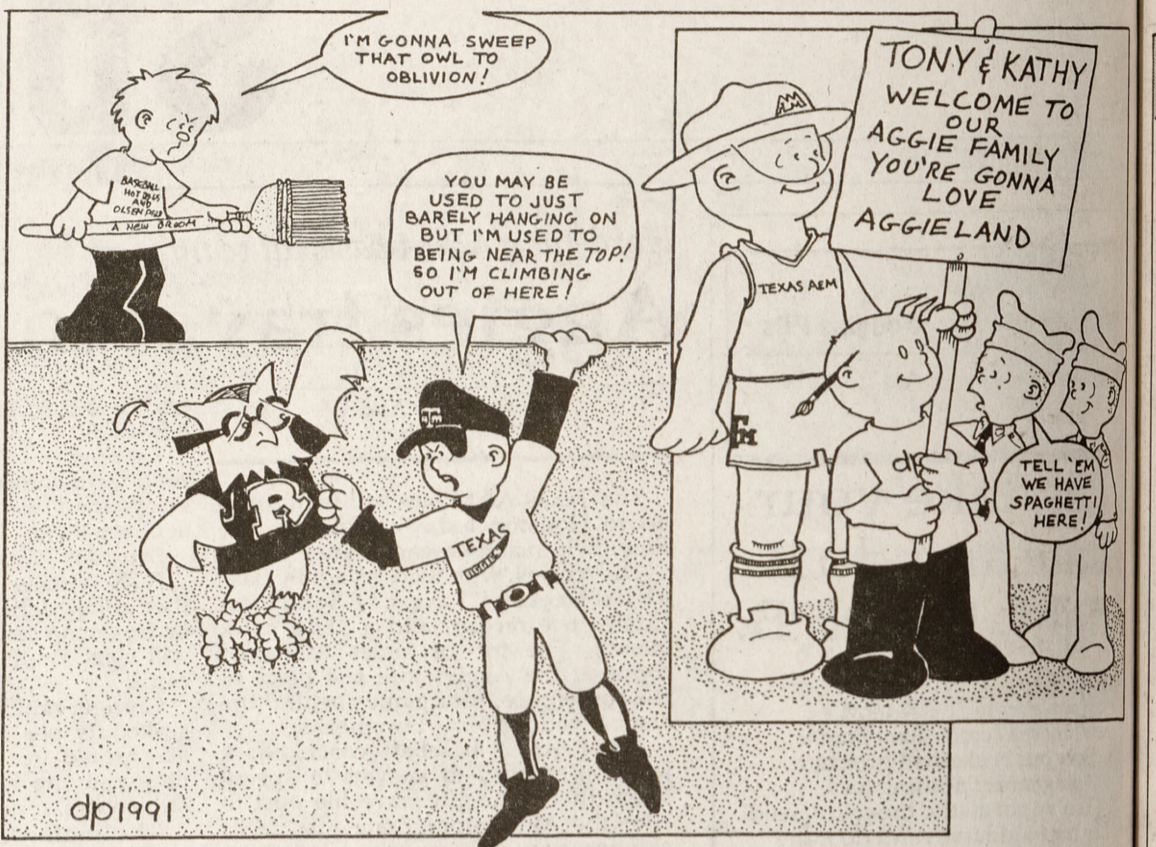
Joe Slusarski pitched seven shutout innings, allowing five hits in his major league debut. Henderson was running to first base on a groundout in the seventh, when he grabbed his left calf. He sat down and had to be helped by trainer Barry Weinberg, before struggling off the field. Henderson left, and his status is day-to-day for Oakland's next game, Friday night at home against the Seattle Mariners.

Henderson, who went 1-for-4 with a fourth-inning single, was thrown out by catcher Junior Ortiz at second base in his only attempt to tie Brock's record of 938.

Dennis Eckersley pitched two scoreless innings for his first save.

Scott Erickson (0-1) gave up two runs and eight hits in seven innings.

The A's went ahead 1-0 with an unearned run in the fourth. McGwire doubled, took third on Willie Wilson's groundout, and scored on a passed ball.



## TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



## Astros beat up Reds, Dodgers edge Braves

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds fell out of first place for the first time in more than a year Wednesday night and turned nasty about it, losing to the Houston Astros 4-1 and starting a bench-clearing brawl on a behind-the-back fastball by Rob Dibble.

After Astros reliever Curt Schilling hit an RBI single in his first big league at-bat in the ninth inning, Dibble threw his next pitch behind Yelding's belt. Yelding charged the mound, threw his helmet and hit Dibble in the left shoulder, and then tried to tackle him.

Pete Harnisch (1-0) pitched five hitless innings but walked eight in his NL debut. Xavier Hernandez gave up two hits and Schilling finished with one-hit relief for a save.

**Dodgers 4, Braves 2**

Ramon Martinez started his season with eight strong innings and Brett Butler got Los Angeles going with three hits Thursday.

Martinez gave up one run on six hits and struck out four.

**Giants 11, Padres 9**

Will Clark and Kevin Mitchell hit RBI singles in the 10th inning, as San Francisco recovered after blowing a six-run lead to beat San Diego.

The Padres tied it with two outs in the ninth on Marty Barrett's three-run, pinch-hit homer off Dave Righetti.

Mitchell, Matt Williams and Robby Thompson homered as San Francisco took a

9-6 lead.

Craig Lefferts (0-1) took the loss. Righetti (1-0) got the win despite allowing three runs on five hits in 2 1-3 innings.

**Blue Jays 7, Brewers 3**

Devon White and Joe Carter continued to spark the offense and David Wells pitched the first complete game of his career, as Toronto beat Milwaukee.

Carter drove in two runs and White went 3-for-5, with scored three runs.

**Angels 5, Mariners 0**

Mark Langston pitched six strong innings and California beat the Seattle.

Dave Winfield drove in three runs.

Langston gave up four hits, walked two and struck out three.

## Slocum: Restructure will aid kickoff consistency

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return. Texas Tech's Rodney Blackshear returned a kickoff 92 yards with 11 seconds left in the first half, giving the Red Raiders a 13-7 lead at halftime.

A&M won the game, but Slocum said the play might have indicated a change was necessary.

"(That play) points out part of the problem, but it was a very small part of our consideration," Slocum said. "Our regular kickoff team didn't cover very well that day either."

Slocum replaced the 12th Man squad with scholarship players in the second half of the Texas Tech game.

The 12th Man Kickoff Team was originated eight years ago by former head coach Jackie Sherrill and was patterned after E. King Gill, the original 12th Man.

The tradition began in 1922 during the Dixie Classic when Gill, a reserve on the football team, was called from the stands by Coach Dana X. Bible who

feared he would not have enough men to finish the game due to injuries.

Gill suited up in the uniform of an injured player, and although he never actually played, he was the last man left on the sidelines when the game ended.

Sherrill, now the head coach at Mississippi St., is starting his own version of the 12th Man next year. He announced in February a non-scholarship squad would handle kickoff duties for the Bulldogs. Over 40 students turned out for the tryouts, and Sherrill said he's considering calling the unit Mad Dogs or Pit Bulls.

This season's 12th Man squad at A&M will continue to carry out the tradition, but with a new angle, Slocum said.

He said some changes have been made, but only within the structure of the 12th Man Team.

"This year, I'm taking the 12th Man guys and I will rotate them with the No. 12 jersey reserved for the 12th Man," Slocum said. "We will alternate who has that jersey each week out of the pool of players we have on the 12th Man team."

Slocum said the change was pre-empted by the inconsistency produced by both the 12th Man squad and the regular kickoff team.

In the past, the 12th Man team covered kicks at home while a regular kickoff team covered kicks on the road.

"It really has put both our kick teams at a disadvantage," Slocum said. "The 12th Man didn't get to kick on the road games and then, when we came home to play, they may not have covered in two or three weeks, and they're going against an offensive team who has been practicing every week."

"The same goes for our regular kickoff team. It has just made for a lot of inconsistency."

Slocum said he thinks this will be a positive change and expects the students to react positively too.

"The 12th Man will still be at home and now we will even take him with us," he said. "Every kick that we cover this year will have a 12th Man represent the student body, and at the same time our kick team will be much better."

Slocum said he thinks this is more in line with the tradition of the 12th Man.

"When E. King Gill came out of the stands, he didn't have 12 guys come out of the stands with him to help," he said. "It was just one guy and that's how the whole tradition started."

But 12th Man team members

are not happy about the change.

"It's not going to be a 12th Man team anymore, it's just going to be one guy," said Tom McCoy, who was on the squad from 1989-90. "We used to have a lot of team unity and everyone wanted to do a great job to represent the student body."

"But if it's just one person, it's not even the same tradition."

New squad member, junior Steve Bishop, agreed.

"(The kickoff team) seems like the foundation for the student body and the home of the 12th Man," Bishop said.

Bishop also said that it is a lot of hard work for the opportunity to play in just one game.

"It's a lot of time to devote for just one game," Bishop said. "I guess I can see justification for the change though, because they lost a lot of yardage last year."

"It's just that it is a big sacrifice," McCoy also sees the motives for the change.

"It's tough to keep up in college athletics if you don't have the best (players) at every position," McCoy said.

"It was a good tradition, but I guess all good things come to an end."

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