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## Roger Clemens finally serving suspension term

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It seems appropriate that Major League Baseball took five months to finally make a decision on Boston Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens' five-game suspension and \$10,000 fine.

To refresh your memory, Clemens received this penalty from American League president Bobby Brown way back in November for shoving umpire Jim Evans and allegedly cursing home plate umpire Terry Cooney in Game 4 of the 1990 American League Championship Series.

Last Friday, Commissioner Fay Vincent upheld Brown's ruling, and Clemens' suspension went into effect.

True, Clemens will only miss one start, and \$10,000 is not going to make an enormous dent in his \$2,600,000 yearly salary, but what took so long?

Some of Major League Baseball's decisions seem to take almost as long as some of the baseball games.

Remember the gambler Pete Rose? Even though his situation was a little more complicated than Clemens', it still took baseball almost 7 months to finally decide his fate.

To make matters worse, Clemens was in the midst of a 30 consecutive inning scoreless streak, which is on hold right now so he can serve his five-game suspension.

Major League Baseball should have done him more justice. Maybe Clemens deserved a more stringent fine or a longer suspension (after all, Rose was suspended 30 days in 1988 for shoving an umpire), but the penalty should have taken place at the

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## Aggies have revenge on their mind

# Tim Holt ready for Houston

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For centerfielder Tim Holt, the hardest thing to swallow about this year's baseball season has been his transition from a starting role to that of a backup.

"Last year I started all but four or five games, and this year I've only started in four or five games," Holt said. "That's been one of the hardest parts of my college career."

This season Holt has provided the Aggies with a backup centerfielder who has both excellent speed and a great glove in the field. Holt's playing time has been mainly limited to the late innings of the game, but he feels that he is an asset when the team is in situations with the game on the line. "I feel that I have helped the team when I've come into the game with my speed and my defense," he said.

Holt and the rest of the Aggie team travels to Houston today to take on the University of Houston Cougars, and the thought of revenge is in the back of their minds. Last year the Aggies needed just one victory in their three game series with the Cougars to gain a berth in the SWC post season tournament.

The Cougars came to Olsen field and swept the three game series from the Aggies and dashed any hopes the team had of making the tournament.

"The thought of revenge is there," said Holt, "but that is not the only motivational factor."

Holt, who was a member of the 1989 Aggie team that won four of five games from Texas in dramatic fashion, feels that the wins over U.T. this year were more exciting.

"This year's wins over t.u. were sweeter because they were ranked number three and we were not ranked," Holt said.



Jay Janner

Tim Holt a starter on the 1990 Aggie baseball team, has seen limited action in 1991.

said. "To us that is more important than revenge."

Although Holt does not start, he says this season has been exciting, especially during the last six weeks.

"To me the most fun has come recently," he said. "We've gone from being last in the conference to first, and from not being ranked to number eight in the nation."

Holt also feels the confidence the team has will carry them a long way in both the SWC and NCAA tournaments.

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The series against the Cougars closes out the Aggies' regular season. The next step for them is the SWC tournament, which will take place at Olsen field on May 16th through the 18th. Holt feels that the home field advantage will play a big part in the tournament.

"We have the best fans in the nation and they are always behind us," he said. "They provide us with that extra boost."

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## Olsen hosts tournament

From staff and wire reports

College Station — After sweeping TCU this past weekend, Texas A&M clinched a spot in the 1991 Southwest Conference Post-Season Baseball Tournament and will host the event May 16-19 at Olsen Field.

A tournament reserved seat ticket package for all games is \$36. A general admission tournament pass is being sold for \$25 each, regardless of age.

General admission tickets for individual games will go on sale at the Olsen Field ticket booth two hours before gametime. Single game general admission tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for A&M students and high school age and under.

Games are set for 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday (May 16-18). If a seventh game is needed, it will be played at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19.

For more ticket information, contact the Athletic Ticket Office at (409) 845-2311.

Entering the final weekend of SWC regular-season play, only two teams, Texas A&M and Texas, have clinched berths in the four team field.

Four other teams are vying for the other two slots. Baylor is currently in third place with an 11-7 mark, and Arkansas is in fourth at 9-9. TCU and Houston are tied for fifth with 8-8 records.

All six teams play this weekend with A&M traveling to Houston, Texas at Arkansas, and TCU at Baylor.

### Season ticket deadline

May 1 is the final day for Texas A&M faculty and staff members to renew their football season ticket options.

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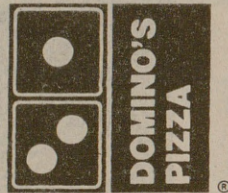
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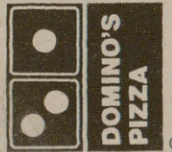
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