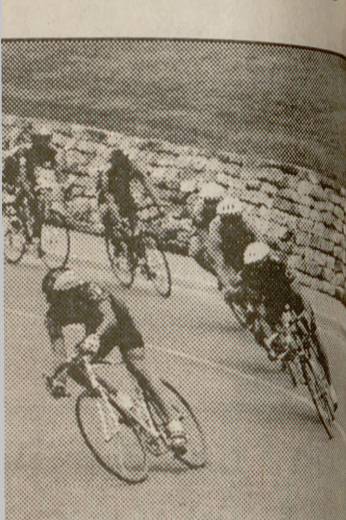


Tour del Oso



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The Tour del Oso in Waco last weekend was a good show (in Waco), Schroeder said. "That's what the club (success) comes from. The C's have moved up to A's and B's."

There are three races left in the Cycling Team's season, including the Southwest Texas Critérium this weekend. If the Aggies finish the season as conference champions, they qualify for nationals which will be held in Rome, Ga. this next month.

"We haven't done that well in the past," Schroeder said. "That's why it's pretty nice. A few of the better riders have really helped the other riders along."

The cycling team meets in front of the Academic Building every day at 3:30 p.m. for training rides.

# Baseball tickets cost patrons big bucks

Average ticket prices increase 7.7 percent

CHICAGO (AP) — Check your wallet if the kids are hollering, "Take me out to the ballgame." It could cost about \$85 for a family of four.

That's the average cost based on four game tickets, two beers, four hot dogs, four soft drinks, two souvenir baseball caps, two programs and parking, says a Chicago-based sports business newsletter.

According to the survey, 21 baseball teams have raised ticket prices. The Baltimore Orioles, who are moving into a new stadium, raised theirs the most for the season, up 27.18 percent from an average of \$7.59 last season to \$9.65 this year. Raising ticket prices the least were the California Angels, up 1.06 percent from an average of \$7.94 last season to \$8.02 this year.

The average cost of a ticket increased 7.7 percent over the past year, according to the survey by Team Marketing Report. That's more than the consumer price index, which is rising at an annual rate of 3 percent.

"We've found that teams are pushing their entire ticket price structure into a higher tier," the newsletter editor Alan Friedman said.

"But history has shown that fans will continue to attend games at or near record levels. When fans stop coming to the park, the teams will know they've outpriced the market."

The average cost of a major league ticket is \$9.41, compared to \$8.73 last season.

The most expensive seats in baseball cost \$18 at Boston's Fenway Park and Oriole Park. This season, 26.3 percent of all seats are priced \$12 and above.

Ticket prices at Cincinnati, Houston, Detroit, San Diego and Oakland are the same as last year, while Toronto and Montreal show a slight drop in price because of a change in the exchange rate of the U.S. and Canadian dollars.

# Aggies have their way with UT-Arlington, 8-2

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deep over the left field wall for a 4-0 lead.

The onslaught continued as the Aggies loaded the bases with a hit batsman, a base on balls and a fly single by Thomas. A sacrifice bunt by Gonzalez and an RBI single by shortstop Jason Marshall increased the lead to 6-0.

Left fielder Jay Estes closed out the rally with a fly ball that was misplayed by UTA left fielder Clay Gould that scored Marshall and Thomas.

Johnson said the Mavericks had a solid team, and beating them in a mid-week game was bigger than it seemed.

"UTA has a good ball club, and some people don't realize

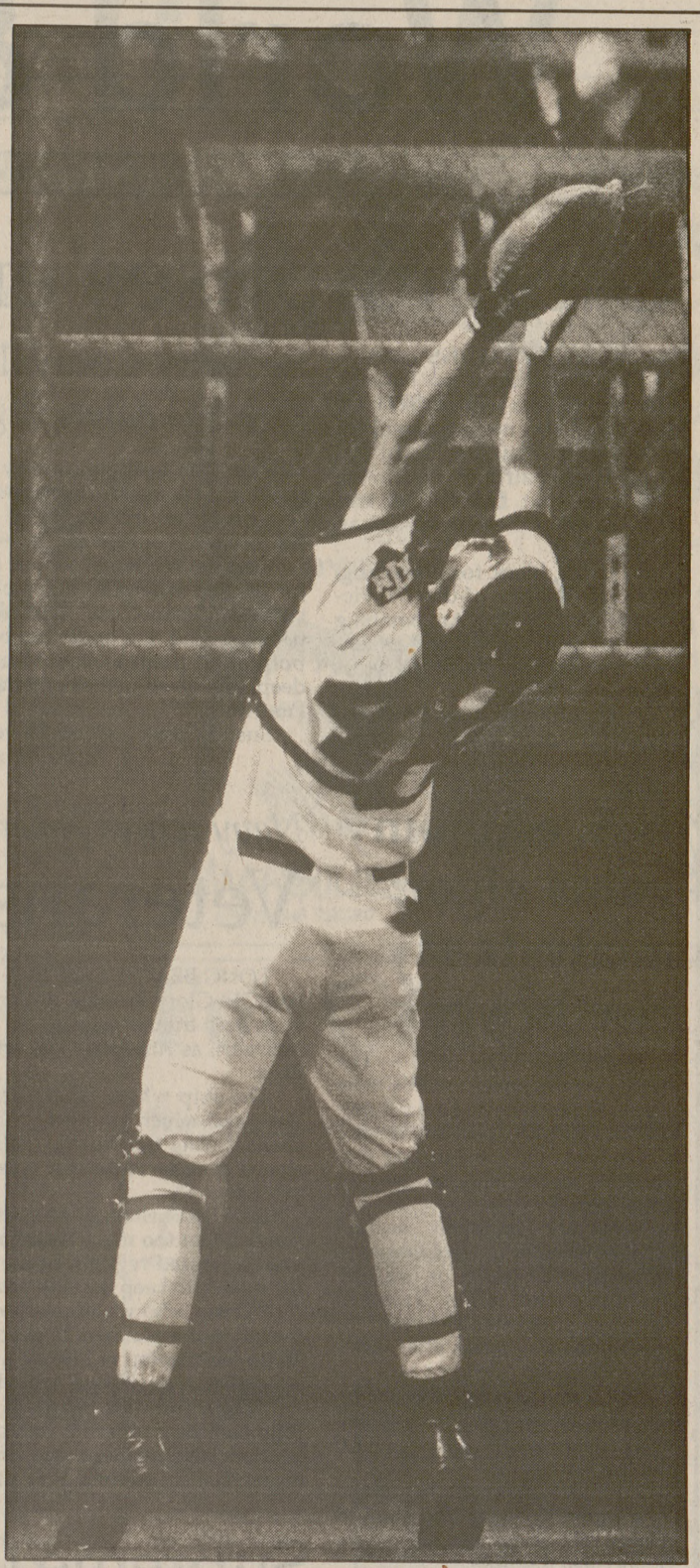
that," he said. "They have a real good record and I was glad we were able to win."

The Aggies travel to Lubbock this weekend to open the second half of their SWC schedule against Texas Tech. A&M is currently in second place in the conference standings with an 11-7 record.

Johnson said his team needed a good momentum going for the Aggies' trip to Lubbock and for the rest of the season.

"It's going to be cold up there, and we don't play well in that weather," he said. "So I hope we can go up there and play well."

"We didn't play very well up there last year, but we're starting to get things going and are getting some guys back in the lineup, so we'll see how we do."



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## Stretch!

A&M catcher Rob Trimble reaches for a foul ball in the Aggies 8-2 win over UTA Tuesday. Trimble dropped the ball in the attempt.

# Smith has strong showing in return to A&M lineup

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situation where I could ease into the game with a sacrifice."

After that, Smith said he was ready to go to the plate and take his cuts.

"The rest of the night, I was more relaxed and ready to play," he said. "I've been out for too long and I was just really to get in there."

Smith said the foot didn't give him many problems, but there was some soreness after the game which he expected coming off the injury.

Johnson said Smith's return will not only affect his team's offensive punch, but will also help overall team confidence.

"Scott's home run was big because it let everyone else relax at the plate," Johnson said. "Things like that are contagious, and so far

we haven't had anyone with a real hot bat that helps everyone else loosen up."

"All the guys are looking forward to Scott and Mike Hickey getting back into the lineup, because we've basically had to play the entire first half without them. It's tough to play without your number three and five hitters. I'm not saying they will hit .300 during the second half of the season, but they will surely get some big

hits for us," Johnson added.

Smith complimented the work his teammates had done during his absence, and said he hopes he can step in now and have an effect on the second half of the conference schedule.

"Rob (Harris) and Jay (Estes) have done a great job while Mike and I were out, and I hope we can combine their play with my bat and Mike's and have an impact on the conference," he said.

## Andro

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players themselves. And because of that, Indiana might have a chance. This could be described as a game of gym rats. Laettner, Bobby Hurley, Eric Anderson and Damon Bailey aren't the kind of players born with the talent, they have had to work for it.

This should make for a good physical game, but Duke should prevail in the end.

Now that leaves Cincinnati and Michigan, the two Cinderella teams in the tournament. The Bearcats came into the tournament as a No. 4 seed but have played like a No. 1 seed. They beat Memphis State for the right to go to Minneapolis and will come to the Final Four as the team no one really knows about.

There could be a reason for that. Cincinnati is 28-4 on the season but have taken a pretty easy path to the Final Four. Wins over Delaware, Michigan State, UTEP and Memphis State shouldn't really scare the Wolverines. But who knows? If Kansas and Arkansas were not upset, maybe Cincinnati would have beat them, too.

That leaves the Wolverines, or the UCLA Bruins of the 1990s. This team is loaded with the Fab Five of Chris Webber, Jalen Rose, Juwann Howard, Ray Jackson and Jimmy King. Sure they are all freshmen, but they are all athletes. If they stay together for the next few years, there could be a true dynasty in the making. If you don't think so, just ask the Ohio State Buckeyes, the Wolverines last opponent.

The Michigan lineup is just plain scary. The freshman can do it all. They will prove it

to Cincinnati and set up one of the more interesting championship games in a while.

On one hand, you have the Blue Devils, who are trying to win back-to-back titles and establish themselves as one of the best teams ever. On the other hand, there are the Wolverines, who could have the first of many chances to prove that they are the best team in the land.

Earlier this season, Duke beat Michigan in Ann Arbor. But that was when the Wolverines were just 10 games into their season and still trying to find their niche. Well, since that time, they have discovered their niche.

In the end, it seems like the Wolverines have too much athletic talent and Duke is a step slow. Besides that, Laettner has already used his miracle for this year.

Let the dynasty begin.

## Lakers spoil Olajuwon's return, 107-101

HOUSTON (AP) — A.C. Green got 16 rebounds and scored 22 points, including a game-breaker with five seconds to play, helping Los Angeles win their fifth-straight game with a 107-101 victory over Houston Tuesday night.

The Rockets lost despite the return of Hakeem Olajuwon from a three-game suspension. It was their sixth-straight loss and they fell three games behind the Lakers in the race for the No. 8 and final Western Division playoff spot.

After the Rockets scored seven points, cutting Los Angeles' lead to 103-101, Green tipped in his final points with five seconds to go and Terry Teagle added two free throws with one second remaining.

Olajuwon scored 20 points and got 16 rebounds. Chris Thorpe scored 30 points and got 12 rebounds in the Rockets' loss.

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