

Olajuwon's surgery successful

The two-time NBA Finals MVP is expected back by opening day.

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets expect Hakeem Olajuwon to make a full recovery from elbow surgery in plenty of time for the Nov. 3 season opener.

Team doctors operated on Olajuwon's left elbow Tuesday to drain fluid and remove an infected bursa sac.

Minor swelling and pain in the elbow had bothered Olajuwon all summer, but flared suddenly this week to the size of a grapefruit. Doctors Walter Lowe and Bruce Moseley decided to conduct the procedure immediately.

"We drained the infection and then removed the sac," Moseley said. "You have bursa sacs all over your body. In Hakeem's case, it won't make any difference for him that he doesn't have the bursa sac

in his elbow." Olajuwon, who is still resting a sore back that kept him from playing Shaquille O'Neal one-on-one, was under full anesthesia for about 45 minutes during the operation.

He must remain inactive for a few days and will be allowed to



practice with the team around Oct. 25, assuming no complications. That means he'll almost certainly miss the McDonald's Championship in London next week.

The McDonald's Championship pits the NBA champion Rockets against a field of six title-winning foreign clubs. The Rockets are scheduled to play

the champion of Australia's National Basketball League on Oct. 20.

Moseley said there's not much doubt Olajuwon will be fully recovered in time for the regular season.

"Barring anything unforeseen, I think he'll be ready to go by opening night," Moseley said. "The main thing is to make sure the infection goes away."

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said that although Olajuwon is only missing preseason playing time, he still considers it a setback.

"Whenever you're missing a rotation player for any amount of time, it's a setback," he said. "And it's even more of a setback with Hakeem because he's such a big part of what we do at both ends of the court."

"But I will say that now, I think we're in better shape to handle something like this. We've got a lot of hungry guys who can play a lot of positions and they are picking up some of the slack."

Big plays norm in UT-OU series

James Brown got his first win last season against the Sooners.

AUSTIN (AP) — Players can make history with one great game or even one great play in a rivalry with as much intensity and tradition as Texas-Oklahoma.

Such was the case last year as Texas quarterback James Brown sizzled in place of injured starter Shea Morenz and nose guard Stonie Clark came up with a victory-preserving tackle on fourth-and-goal in the final seconds as the Longhorns beat the Sooners 17-10.

Both players became part of the legend that surrounds the rivalry, which will mark its 90th meeting when No. 13 Oklahoma (4-1) meets No. 18 Texas (4-1) in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on Saturday.

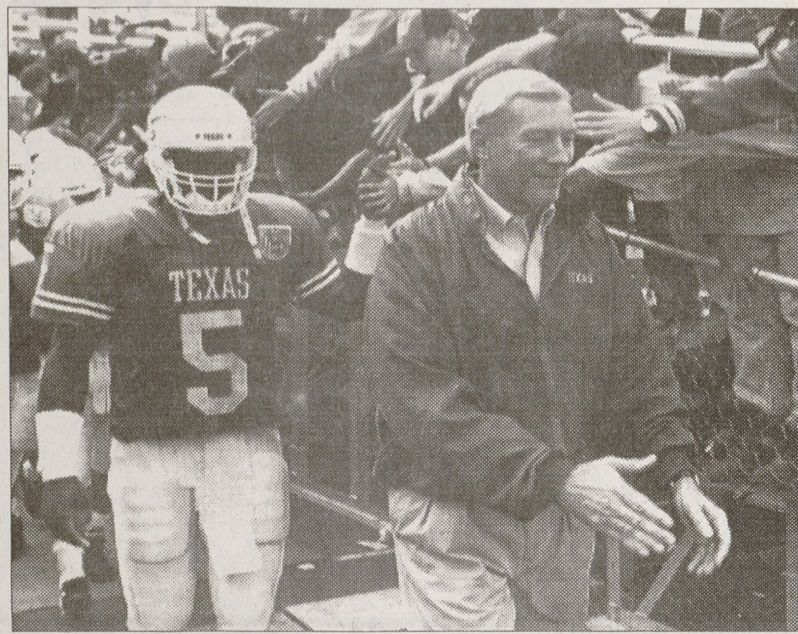
Brown, then a redshirt freshman, overcame the hype of the annual Red River shootout and an early interception to help his team battle back from a 7-0 halftime deficit.

He completed 17-of-22 passes for 148 yards and a touchdown while rushing for 51 yards and a TD.

It was an amazing performance considering he had endured a miserable week of practice leading up to the game. His teammates were worried.

"We had some reservations and probably would have preferred Shea at the time," Texas offensive tackle John Elmore said. "James was never known as a good practice quarterback."

"I was surprised at how well he handled the pressure of mak-



UT Head Coach John Mackovic and quarterback James Brown will have their hands full Saturday when they face off against Oklahoma.

ing his first start in one of the greatest rivalries in the history of college football," Elmore said.

"He wasn't rambling, and his eyes weren't big and wide. He was calm."

Brown said he hardly remembers any details from the game and downplays his performance.

"I haven't looked back on it," Brown said. "The only big thing in my mind was that it was my first start. I got to show people I could play. The year before I was just taking stats."

This year, Brown is a virtual veteran as a sophomore. He said he won't be nervous on Saturday.

Clark, unlike Brown, fre-

quently reflects on his dramatic fourth-down tackle of OU's James Allen at the Texas goal line with 43 seconds left in last season's game.

"I have it on tape and watch it all the time," Clark said. "It's a great motivational tape for me. I love watching it. Hopefully, I can make a great play like that again."

Clark can recall stopping Allen as if it had happened every day since last October — shedding his block, seeing Allen's jaunt around the left end forced inside by linebacker Robert Reed and then lowering his helmet and crashing into Allen just in front of the goal line.

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saved a guy who had been shot 97 times through the heart. He actually walked out of the hospital and went home about three hours later."

Teacher: "I did the most amazing thing at the high school today. No one was shot or stabbed in the hallways. The drug dogs found nothing in the lockers. And all the students in my classes were

able to read above a third-grade level. The cafeteria food was even decent. Principal Hughes said I deserve all the credit."


Journalist: "I was interviewing Newt Gingrich the other day, and he told me on the record that 'Hillary was a babe.' He also said he wished there was more skin on HBO and liked to relax by listening to gangsta rap. My editor wouldn't let me run the story though, he didn't think it was

news-worthy." Priest: "I did confession today, and you would not believe what this one girl did. I made her say one billion Hail Mary's." Lawyer: "I had a client that was accused of a double murder. They had DNA evidence, blood in his vehicle and on his socks, that pointed to him as the murderer. I got the jury to find him not guilty, and the trial really didn't take that long."



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