

SPORTS BRIEFS

The Wizard unsure of retirement after productive '96 season

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The way Ozzie Smith is playing, this might not be his last season after all.

The St. Louis Cardinals' 41-year-old shortstop announced his retirement in June, deciding to step away from the game rather than prolong daily controversy regarding his playing time behind Royce Clayton.

pitcher right now. We've got enough to concentrate on." Others have no doubt that Smith can still do the job. "Absolutely," Astros manager Terry Collins said.

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Ozzie Smith Cardinal's shortstop

he wonders about the wisdom of the decision.

On Monday, Smith hit a rare left-handed home run and tied his career high with four runs scored, including the game-winner, in an 8-7, 10-inning victory over Houston.

"My decision is my decision," Smith said Tuesday. "I have a right to change my mind if I choose to do that."

"I'm not changing my mind right now, but if that happens, it won't be the first, and it certainly will not be the last time, that somebody has

changed their mind." Smith figures he could play two or three more years somewhere, for someone.

"If I chose to do that, I know I could do it," Smith said. "I think over the years I've proven that when I say I feel I can do something, I've done it. So that's not a big secret."

On Tuesday, he was back on the bench behind Clayton, who's also playing well. Clayton was batting .283 with 26 steals, five home runs and only 10 errors, and he's 15 years younger.

"That's not something you look at with any player or

It doesn't appear that Smith will get that chance with the Cardinals despite the fact that he's hitting .294 with multi-hit games in eight of his last 18 starts and he's almost as good as ever in the field.

"Physically, he looks good," McGee said. "I'm not in his body and I'm not in his mind, but in a role like he's in now, if he takes care of himself, he can play."

If he decides to stick with his decision to retire and take a undefined consultant role with the Cardinals, Smith said he'll have a lot of good memories from his farewell tour.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Smith, one of only seven men to play shortstop in the majors at his age. "People have been nice to me. I've been shown a lot of respect and a lot of admiration for what I've tried to bring to the game, and that's all you can ask."

If he decides to keep playing, it shouldn't take Smith long to get to 2,500 hits, a goal he set a few years ago.

A&M Hall of Fame inductees named

The Texas A&M Athletic program announced plans Tuesday to induct six Aggie sports greats into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 25.

Those to be enshrined at the 9th Annual Burgess Banquet at Pebble Creek Country Club include baseball All-Americans Chuck Knoblauch and John Spangston, softball All-American Karen Guerrero, track All-Americans Stanley Kerr and J.D. Mert, Hampton, and legendary track coach Charlie Thomas.

For Burgess Banquet ticket information, contact Julie Beames of the Lettermen's association at 409-846-3024.

A&M sets season ticket record

The excitement surrounding the Texas A&M Football Team and its entrance into the Big 12 Conference this season has translated into soaring ticket sales. A&M has established a new record for season tickets with 23,922 sold as of Tuesday.

Season ticket sales have increased for the sixth straight year and each of the past four seasons has set a new record.

"We're pleased with the response of the fans for the first season in the Big 12 Conference," Athletic Director Wally Groff said.

Smith declares himself injury-free and ready for Giants

IRVING (AP) — Injured Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith threw away his neck brace Wednesday and declared himself ready to take on the New York Giants.

"I honestly feel like I can go," Smith said. "I'm still sore, but I think I'll be OK."

It was less than 48 hours earlier that Smith fell on his head and shoulder trying to carry out a play

ligament suffered in the final exhibition game.

"This definitely made me forget about my knee," Smith said. "This was a big burner down my body. I was numb. I could hear the crowd and everything, but I was wondering what happened."

What happened was Smith went into the air and expected to be tackled before he came down.

"I thought somebody would hit me and cushion my fall," Smith said. "Instead, they (the Bears) just let me fall, and all of a sudden, I was crashing face first into the ground. I'm just glad it was grass and not turf."

Smith said he won't carry out play fakes again with the same vigor.

"They'll have to get somebody else if they want somebody to make a big dive," Smith said with a laugh.

New York coach Dan Reeves was asked Wednesday in a teleconference call if he thought he would see Smith on the field Sunday.

"No doubt," Reeves said.

Cardinals complete three-game sweep over Astros

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals finished off a three-game sweep, beating Houston 6-4 Wednesday night to open a 1 1/2-game lead over the Astros.

Andy Benes (16-9) pitched four-hit ball over seven innings for the Cardinals.

Tom Pagnozzi hit two solo homers and John Mabry added a two-run homer for St. Louis.

Bepes worked on three days' rest for the second time in a month to win for the 13th time in 14 decisions.

He allowed an unearned run in the fourth and left after the Astros.

Brian Hunter's home run to open the eighth.

Sean Berry's two-out RBI double in the eighth off T.J. Mathews cut the Cardinals' lead to 6-3 before Dennis Eckersley got the final four outs for his 26th save.



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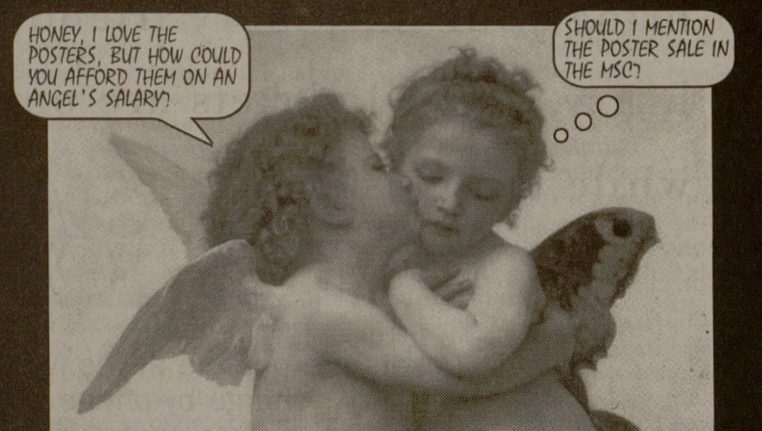
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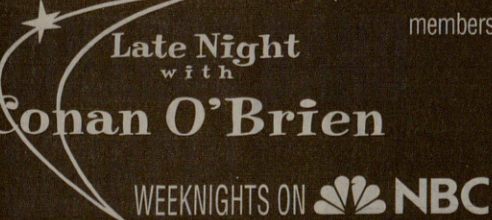
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Continued from Page 13 team as a whole will have a positive attitude," Dingwall said. "Our coaches are always emphasizing this. One hard worker can rub off on everybody."

Coming off a second-place finish in the final year of the Southwest Conference behind the University of Texas, the women's team still sees the

"Since we don't have the experience, we're going to go on pure excitement."

Nancy Dingwall A&M tennis player

Lady Longhorns as the team to beat, despite the new conference competition.

"It doesn't change a whole lot," Kleinecke said. "Texas is coming with us (to the Big 12) and they will dominate."

The team plans to continue with the same strategies it used in the Southwest Conference, to practice and play hard.

"We are going to go in (to competition) really strong and try to come out with the title," Dingwall said.

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