

BATTING CHAMP RANDY BOBB

A LOOK BACK

The Razorbacks took a rollercoaster ride through the 1988 season and finished with another trip to the NCAAs.

It was a year of inconsistencies. Norm DeBriyn's Arkansas Razorbacks exhibited their usual competence by qualifying for the Southwest Conference and NCAA post-season tournaments but the Hogs managed to sweep only one league series and finished the season on a disappointing five-game losing streak.

Arkansas was the darling of the pre-season, tabbed by the media as the league favorite to unseat the Texas Longhorns from the top spot in the SWC standings. The Razorbacks entered the season ranked fourth by Baseball America and ninth by Collegiate Baseball. Things were going along nicely as the Hogs raced to a 10-2 record and were able to swell that mark to 21-6 with a conference opening victory over Texas A&M.

Then came the Mr. Hyde side of this 39-win tale.

Arkansas lost two of three to Texas A&M in Fayetteville, followed by another 1-2 weekend at the hands of Houston at Houston. The fact the two losses to the Cougars came in extra innings didn't help matters at all.

Bouncing back with two league victories at home against Texas Tech gave the Razorbacks some momentum but it was a thrilling 6-5 road win over No. 1-ranked Oklahoma State on April 11 that turned on the juice for Arkan-

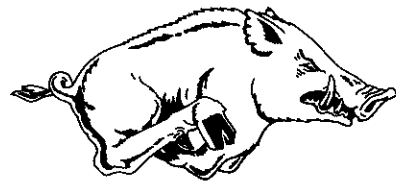
sas. The Hogs scored a single run in the top of the ninth and an ESPN national audience witnessed a 6-5 Arkansas victory in what was only the second loss for the Cowboys in 31 games on the season.

TCU invaded George Cole Field next and the Razorbacks managed to keep their heads above water with two wins in three tries. A trip to Baylor produced the same outcome and the Hogs stood at 31-15 and 8-9 in league play with a trip to Austin, Texas, up next.

The Razorbacks, behind the pitching of Mike Oquist, handed Texas a four-hit shutout to take a 5-0 victory. The Longhorns rebounded, however, and finished the series with two wins. Arkansas earned its only league sweep in its final series of the season, a homestand with Rice.

Arkansas qualified for the SWC tourney for a record-setting 12th time but proved to be an unhappy host to the tournament. The Razorbacks could not repeat the magical season of 1985 and were eliminated in two games.

The Razorbacks, 39-21, on the year with a tough schedule and a solid tradition, earned the school's eighth trip to the NCAA Playoffs. It was a return trip to Stillwater, Okla., for the Midwest Regionals. Arkansas dropped decisions to Loyola-Marymount and to OSU to finish the season 39-23.



1988 SWC STANDINGS

	SWC	Season
Texas	18-2	58-11
Texas A&M	17-4	52-15
ARKANSAS	12-9	39-23
Baylor	9-12	25-31
TCU	8-13	27-32
Texas Tech	7-14	34-25
Houston	6-14	33-22
Rice	6-15	31-28

BATTING . . .

BATTER	GP	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-CS	SH	SF	HBP	CI	GW	SLG%	BA
Ken Reese	25	44	9	17	20	3	0	0	10	6	6	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	.455	.386
Robert Person	17	13	12	5	10	0	1	1	4	3	2	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	.769	.385
Randy Bobb	58	208	43	70	109	19	1	6	48	22	25	9-2	4	4	3	0	7	.524	.337
Kelly Zane	62	208	53	69	115	14	1	10	42	40	24	17-4	0	4	8	0	3	.553	.332
Jay Carpenter	35	46	18	15	19	1	0	1	9	11	6	1-0	0	0	3	0	1	.413	.326
David Boever	24	26	8	8	10	2	0	0	3	1	7	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	.385	.308
Jimmy Kremers	62	215	46	65	117	20	4	8	62	32	36	8-1	0	5	0	0	7	.544	.302
Kyle Caple	7	10	0	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	.400	.300
Oreg D'Alexander	60	201	48	60	117	18	0	13	46	25	39	2-0	4	5	0	0	1	.582	.299
Jim Calhoun	46	105	24	31	46	7	4	0	17	9	14	2-4	4	0	1	0	2	.438	.295
Billy Dawson	38	78	13	23	30	7	0	0	17	10	9	1-0	0	2	0	0	1	.385	.295
Troy Eklund	60	207	54	60	110	11	3	11	60	31	35	11-3	3	5	4	0	8	.531	.290
Don Thomas	61	181	35	52	79	8	5	3	28	12	30	11-4	8	2	4	0	1	.436	.287
Willie Newman	7	7	2	2	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	.429	.286
Scott Pose	49	151	44	43	61	3	6	1	16	32	19	20-4	3	1	2	0	1	.404	.285
Rod Stillwell	61	160	35	45	55	3	2	1	23	35	23	9-0	1	3	3	0	0	.344	.281
Kendall Trainor	52	115	21	32	65	5	2	8	25	15	23	2-3	1	0	1	0	2	.565	.278
Bubba Carpenter	24	29	9	8	13	2	0	1	4	14	4	2-1	0	0	1	0	0	.448	.276
Haden Etheridge	10	12	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	.167	.167
Roger Wilson	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Ray Harris	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Arkansas	62	2019	482	610	985	125	29	64	417	301	309	100-26	28	32	31	0	34	.488	.302
Opponents	62	1915	348	489	780	95	29	46	302	314	401	50-30	27	23	31	1	21	.407	.255

PITCHING . . .

PITCHER	GP-GS-CG	SHO	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	HRA	HB	WP	BK	W	L	S	ERA
Gary Paul	1-0-0	0	2.0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bobby Edwards	29-3-1	0	93.2	79	34	76	55	46	9	4	2	0	11	7	2	4.42
Chris Bryan	6-0-0	0	13.2	12	6	13	8	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.61
Ray Harris	14-11-4	1	80.0	74	40	57	52	41	6	3	1	1	5	4	1	4.61
Mike Oquist	24-10-3	2	76.0	71	42	77	42	40	9	2	4	0	3	4	4	4.74
Dennis Fletcher	16-14-2	0	73.0	71	58	47	49	46	6	3	7	0	6	1	0	5.67
Mark Swope	12-5-1	1	41.2	42	21	30	31	28	4	5	5	0	4	3	0	6.05
Britt Shoptaw	12-2-0	0	23.2	28	21	16	17	17	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	6.46
John Cebuhar	20-15-3	0	78.1	73	68	74	69	58	7	12	15	0	6	3	0	6.66
Scott Osmon	5-2-0	0	13.1	17	8	2	10	10	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	6.75
Ken Reese	7-0-0	0	11.1	18	10	6	10	9	2	0	3	1	1	0	1	7.15
Dale Grant	1-0-0	0	1.0	1	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	18.00
Jimmy Kremers	59-0-0	0	1.0	2	2	2	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	27.00
Arkansas	62-62-14	5	508.2	489	314	401	348	307	46	31	41	2	39	23	9	5.43
Opponents	62-62-14	0	487.1	610	301	309	482	386	64	31	48	5	23	39	4	7.13

FIELDING . . .

POS	PLAYER	PO	A	E	DP	PB	PCT
IF	Randy Bobb	344	23	8	35	0	.979
IF	David Boever	12	23	3	1	0	.921
IF	Jim Calhoun	110	10	2	8	0	.984
IF	Kyle Caple	6	0	1	0	0	.857
OF	Bubba Carpenter	25	0	0	0	0	1.000
OF	Jay Carpenter	16	11	10	0	0	.964
IF	Greg D'Alexander	28	107	11	9	0	.925
IF	Billy Dawson	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
OF	Troy Eklund	65	3	3	1	0	.958
OF	Haden Etheridge	5	0	0	0	0	1.000
IF	Jimmy Kremers	357	35	9	3	9	.978
IF	Willie Newman	5	0	0	0	0	1.000
OF	Robert Person	7	0	1	0	0	.875
OF	Scott Pose	76	0	4	0	0	.950
IF	Ken Reese	66	5	1	1	3	.986
IF	Rod Stillwell	68	174	9	34	0	.964
OF	Don Thomas	121	3	1	1	0	.992
OF	Kendall Trainor	60	3	1	1	0	.984
OF	Roger Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	.000
IF	Kelly Zane	126	125	4	38	0	.984
Pitchers		30	81	14	1	0	.889
Arkansas		1528	603	67	54	12	.970
Opponents		1465	586	132	43	13	.940

RECORD: 39-23 (31-10 HOME; 6-10 AWAY; 2-3 NEUTRAL; 12-9 SWC)

NORM DeBRIYN ERA TOP PERFORMERS

NO HITTERS:

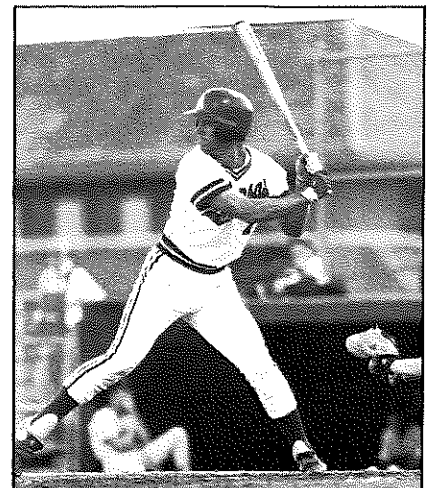
David Rhodes vs. Northeast Oklahoma, 1977
Scott Glanz vs. North Dakota State, 1982
Tim Deitz vs. Texas A&M, 1983
Fred Faust vs. SW Baptist, 1984 (5 in.)
Steve Parker vs. Texas A&M, 1986 (7 in.)

TRIPLE PLAYS:

Brett Harrison to Jim Ward to Ralph Kraus (4-6-3) vs. Texas, 1983 SWC Tournament

GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS:

Marc Brumble vs. Eastern Michigan, 1979
John Hennell vs. Baylor, 1979
Kevin McReynolds vs. TCU, 1980
Luis Zambrana vs. Tulsa, 1980
Tony Laird vs. Houston, 1984
Dave Patterson vs. NW Missouri St., 1985
Derrick Richardson vs. NW Mo. St., 1985
Jeff King vs. Texas A&M, 1985
Lynn Van Every vs. Indiana St. 1986
Rod Moore vs. Rice, 1986
Jeff King vs. Baylor, 1986
Jimmy Kremers vs. Kansas, 1988
Troy Eklund vs. N. Iowa, 1988; vs. Houston, 1988



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