



ALL-SWC RIGHTHANDER MIKE OQUIST

A VERY SPECIAL SEASON

Arkansas went to the wire in winning the school's first Southwest Conference baseball championship.

The 1989 season turned out to be a very special season for the Arkansas Razorback baseball team and was also a complete opposite of the troubles Norm DeBriyn's Hogs experienced in 1988.

The 1988 team was plagued by pitching woes the entire year, but that was not to be the case for last season's squad. Arkansas was carried by a highly successful pitching staff and a spectacular defense to a fifth place finish at the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Things started out on the right foot for the Razorbacks as they jumped out to a 7-0 record which included wins over the highly-ranked Kentucky Wildcats and the eventual national champions, the Wichita State Shockers, in the season opener and a three-game sweep of the Kansas Jayhawks in Fayetteville. Arkansas lost the next two games, but proceeded to win their next eight before traveling south to the Dixie Classic in Shreveport, La. At the Classic, the Hogs defeated Northwestern State, but lost to Oklahoma State and Southern Louisiana to give the Razorbacks a 16-4 record.

The Hogs then reeled off 17 wins in a row and 23 of 24 games in the next month including Southwest Conference sweeps over the Houston Cougars in Fayetteville and Texas Tech Red Raiders and TCU Horned Frogs on the road to give them a perfect 9-0 league record. Another sweep over Baylor at George Cole Field pushed the Hogs' record to 37-5 overall and 12-0 in SWC play. Norm DeBriyn's club then took two of three games at Rice and went 2-1 against the Texas Longhorns in front of a packed home crowd to set up a showdown for the SWC championship with the Texas A&M Aggies.

The A&M series pitted the number-two-ranked Aggies at home versus the number-five-ranked Hogs for the SWC title. Game one of the series was one of the most memorable games the Southwest Conference has ever witnessed. The game started at 7:07 p.m. and six hours and 16 innings later the Arkansas Razorbacks had clinched a share of their first-ever SWC regular season title with a bloop double by Greg D'Alejandro and seven gut-wrenching innings by short reliever Phillip Stidham. In game two of the series, the Hogs led the Aggies by two runs going into the bottom of the sixth inning, but the Aggie bats erupted for three runs to give Texas A&M a 3-2 victory. Game three was going to decide whether Arkansas would win the title outright or share it with the Aggies. Texas A&M rode the arm of Ronnie Allen to victory as the freshman threw a complete-game three-hit shutout to defeat the Hogs and give the Aggies a share of the SWC title.

Arkansas qualified for its league record 13th consecutive SWC Post-Season tournament, but didn't fare too well. Arkansas faced the Texas Longhorns in its opening game of the tourney and the 'Horns led 4-3 going into the top of the ninth. Texas blew the game open with four runs in that frame and the Hogs lost 8-3. Houston was Arkansas' next opponent and the Hogs had to struggle to beat the pesky Cougars by the score of 5-4. Dennis Fletcher got the win in that game with Phillip Stidham recording his 10th save of the year. After the Houston game the Longhorns awaited the Razorbacks for yet another contest. This time the score

was not as close as Texas ran off and left the Hogs with a five-run third inning and a three-run ninth inning to set the final score at 9-1 in favor of the 'Horns.

Although the Hogs were disappointed by their showing in the tourney, their disappointment soon changed to excitement when they learned they had been given the number-one seed at the Northeast Regional in Waterbury, Conn. The Razorbacks' emotions took a turn to the down side when in their first game at Waterbury, they were upset 7-5, by the underdog LeMoyne Dolphins. After the LeMoyne defeat the Hogs faced their most important task of the season. If they were to advance to the College World Series it would take four straight victories over four of the top collegiate baseball teams in the country. Dennis Fletcher defeated George Washington University as he threw a complete game and won 8-2. Doug Bennett and Stidham teamed up to help beat Illinois by the score of 9-2 and Don Thomas hit a solo homer and Mark Swope and Stidham blanked the Sun Devils of Arizona State to give the Hogs a 1-0 win. In the championship game of the Northeast Regional the Razorbacks faced their first-round opponent, LeMoyne. Fletcher tallied the win against the Dolphins, his second victory of the tourney, and Troy Eklund clubbed a grand slam home run to send Arkansas to its fourth College World Series trip in Razorback history.

1989 SWC BASEBALL STANDINGS

	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
ARKANSAS	17-4	.810	51-16	.761
Texas A&M	17-4	.810	58-7	.892
Texas	14-7	.667	54-18	.750
Houston	9-12	.429	43-17	.717
Texas Tech	9-12	.429	32-22	.593
TCU	7-14	.333	37-22	.627
Baylor	7-14	.333	32-19	.627
Rice	4-17	.190	28-30	.483

At the CWS the Hogs faced Wichita State in their first game of the tourney. The Hogs were bested 3-1, by Shocker hurler Greg Brummett and faced the University of North Carolina in the loser's bracket. Scott Pose and Don Thomas knocked in two runs apiece and Mike Oquist picked up the win in relief to defeat the Tarheels 7-3 and give the Hogs another chance at Wichita State. Arkansas faced a familiar foe in the second meeting with the Shockers in the series as Brummett took the hill and once again defeated the Hogs, this time 8-4, and ended up winning the MVP of the series. The Razorbacks ended the season with a record of 51-16 and their third fifth place or better CWS finish in the last five years.

FINAL 1989 STATISTICS

BATTING . . .

BATTER	GP	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-CS	SH	SF	HBP	CI	GW	SLG%	BA
Scott Pose	66	222	59	85	111	13	5	1	24	37	25	28-11	5	1	1	0	2	.500	.383
Greg D'Alejandro	66	242	53	86	131	15	3	8	66	23	37	12-0	2	12	4	0	17	.541	.355
Rod Stillwell	64	208	38	73	88	15	0	0	32	26	23	11-1	5	3	1	0	2	.423	.351
Bubba Carpenter	62	191	43	67	92	12	5	1	41	28	25	14-2	1	0	3	1	5	.482	.351
Troy Eklund	66	229	62	74	141	16	12	9	62	39	25	18-2	2	4	8	0	9	.616	.323
Tony Gilmore	57	168	23	52	69	12	1	1	29	9	19	2-1	2	3	3	0	2	.411	.310
Haden Etheridge	56	141	24	43	65	9	5	1	26	16	20	4-5	1	3	1	0	1	.461	.305
Greyson Liles	34	57	9	17	25	5	0	1	6	9	15	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	.439	.298
Tim Thomas	62	204	50	56	76	13	2	1	22	45	46	4-0	5	2	2	1	2	.373	.275
Scott Epps	40	75	17	20	33	5	1	2	9	12	11	1-0	0	2	0	0	0	.440	.267
Kirk Piskor	53	153	26	40	74	10	0	8	31	9	34	1-0	0	1	6	0	2	.484	.261
Jim Calhoun	45	106	18	26	31	3	1	0	17	10	6	7-1	1	2	0	0	2	.292	.245
Jay Carpenter	39	90	17	21	26	5	0	0	14	6	17	4-0	1	1	1	0	0	.289	.233
Don Thomas	58	98	19	20	42	7	0	5	19	10	11	7-2	4	2	2	0	3	.429	.204
Ron Moore	34	12	3	2	4	2	0	0	4	3	4	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	.333	.167
Glen Ray Hines	12	14	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	4	3	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	.143	.143
Todd Hobson	12	15	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	3	4	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	.133	.133
Dan Hreha	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Arkansas	67	2233	466	686	1012	142	35	38	405	290	327	115-26	30	37	32	2	47	.453	.307
Opponents	67	2130	255	504	725	89	18	32	232	249	495	31-26	19	23	27	1	15	.340	.237

PITCHING . . .

PITCHER	GP-GS-CG	SHO	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	HRA	HB	WP	BK	W	L	S	ERA
Phillip Stidham	36-0-0	0	57.0	38	22	54	19	17	2	3	1	1	2	0	12	2.68
Dennis Fletcher	17-15-4	1	90.2	89	37	78	31	28	2	0	1	0	10	3	1	2.78
Cole Hyson	16-8-1	0	59.2	40	37	62	24	19	2	5	5	0	6	2	0	2.87
Peter Raether	9-8-1	0	51.0	42	22	43	20	17	2	1	2	0	5	0	0	3.00
Mark Swope	24-4-0	0	79.0	73	33	57	33	27	6	7	3	1	7	1	2	3.08
Mike Oquist	17-15-4	2	109.0	95	31	93	50	42	8	2	8	0	10	5	0	3.47
Doug Bennett	14-12-0	0	60.2	53	38	54	33	29	3	4	4	0	7	3	0	4.30
Jim Tejcek	12-2-1	1	22.2	22	10	18	14	11	1	3	1	0	2	1	1	4.37
Scott Osmon	6-1-1	0	14.1	15	7	8	9	7	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	4.40
Chris Bryan	18-2-0	0	32.0	37	12	28	22	19	5	1	3	0	1	1	1	5.34
Arkansas	67-67-12	7	576.0	504	249	495	255	216	32	27	29	2	51	16	17	3.38
Opponents	67-67-16	1	549.1	686	290	327	466	375	38	32	70	12	16	51	7	.614

FIELDING . . .

POS PLAYER	GP	PO	A	E	DP	PB	PCT
IF J Calhoun	32	193	10	3	16	0	.985
IF B Carpenter	54	404	24	5	36	0	.988
OF B Carpenter	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
IF J Carpenter	22	38	21	0	2	2	1.000
OF J Carpenter	2	5	1	0	0	0	1.000
IF G D'Alejandro	64	30	119	6	15	0	.961
OF T Eklund	66	100	4	2	3	0	.981
IF S Epps	27	13	30	4	6	0	.915
OF S Epps	7	4	0	0	0	0	1.000
OF H Etheridge	55	71	3	1	2	0	.987
IF T Gilmore	56	326	37	5	4	8	.986
OF T Gilmore	1	4	0	0	0	0	1.000
OF G Hines	3	5	0	0	1	0	1.000
OF T Hobson	10	9	0	1	0	0	.900
IF D Hreha	7	0	4	1	0	0	.800
IF G Liles	5	21	2	0	2	0	1.000
OF R Moore	30	10	0	0	0	0	1.000
IF S Piskor	22	122	16	3	1	3	.979
OF S Pose	66	93	1	4	0	0	.959
IF R Stillwell	64	90	163	16	36	0	.941
OF D Thomas	55	53	2	1	0	0	.982
IF T Thomas	62	103	163	6	40	0	.978
P D Bennett	14	5	12	3	1	0	.850
P C Bryan	18	1	3	1	0	0	.800
P D Fletcher	17	5	12	0	0	0	1.000
P C Hyson	16	3	7	0	0	0	1.000
P M Oquist	17	5	11	1	0	0	.941
P S Osmon	6	1	2	0	0	0	1.000
P P Raether	9	2	7	0	1	0	1.000
P P Stidham	36	3	16	0	2	0	1.000
P M Swope	24	6	18	0	2	0	1.000
P J Tejcek	12	2	5	1	0	0	.875
Arkansas	67	1728	693	64	68	13	.974
Opponents	67	1645	717	121	59	13	.951

RECORD: 51-16 (29-4 HOME; 11-3 AWAY; 11-9 NEUTRAL; 17-4 SWC)

NORM DeBRIYN ERA TOP PERFORMERS

NO HITTERS:

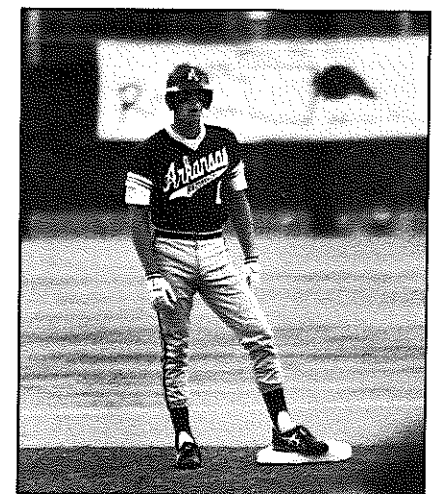
David Rhodes vs. Northeast Oklahoma, 1977
Scott Glanz vs. North Dakota State, 1982
Tim Deitz vs. Texas A&M, 1983
Fred Faust vs. SW Baptist, 1984 (5 in.)
Steve Parker vs. Texas A&M, 1986 (7 in.)

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; vs. LeMoyne, 1989



SCOTT POSE