Aggies leave Red Raiders in the dark

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With a show of power almost as impressive as the windstorm that forced them indoors, the Texas A&M tennis team torpedoed floundering Texas Tech 8-1, while snapping a three-game losing streak in Southwest Conference action at Lubbock Monday.

It was the second time in two days that the Aggies were faced with the prospect of trying to play in a windstorm and considering their 6-3 loss to TCU Sunday, things did not look very hopeful for the Ags.

Given a chance to play indoors, Texas A&M coach David Kent gladly opted for a little darkness rather than try to brave the blinding dust being kicked up outside.

"It might have been a little hard for some of our players to see well inside, but it sure beat the conditions we had outside," said Kent.

It turned out to be a fortunate move for the Ags, as they posted their best conference performance since the 8-1 win over Baylor last month. After losing 16 of the last 18 singles matches, A&M broke loose to take five of six from the hapless Red Raiders.

"I thought Mike Moss looked particularly sharp in the No. 3 seeded match," said Kent. "He's been hot lately and seems to be getting better with every match. I also thought Hendrick Roller did a good job against Tech. He was in a slump for quite a while, but now he's looking more like the player I know he can be."

While Moss and Roller were boosting their overall records to 11-8 and 12-7, Reid Freeman was struggling through his eighth loss in the last nine matches. The match was the only blemish on the Aggies' performance Monday, as Freeman failed to last into three sets, losing to Doug Davis, 7-6, 6-3.

"Reid's problem against Tech was that he just had a real hard time seeing on the indoor courts," said Kent. "His game has been off lately, but I think he'll eventually come around."

Freeman had far less trouble playing in the No. 1 doubles match, as he and teammate Alberto Jimenez held off Raiders Davis and Harrison Bowes to win, 6-3, 7-6. Meanwhile, in the No. 2 seeded match, Moss and Trey Schutz were chalking up their fifth win in six conference matches by beating Chow Wgh and Randy Clayton, 6-3, 6-3.

The win also gave Moss and Schutz an overall record of 14-5, good enough to give them a winning percentage of .737.

"I can't say enough about how hard those two have played, especially against the tough competition we've faced all year," Kent said. "Half of the teams we play are in the top 20."

The Aggies made it a sweep of the doubles when Roller and Jim Grubert won the third match, 6-4, 7-6 over Robert Davis and Greg Davis. It was the eigth time in 19 dual matches this season that Texas A&M has swept the doubles action.

Kent said he felt his team's good showing was the result of a good team effort.

"I don't care how good your players are, if they don't think like a team, and help out each other, it's going to hurt you sooner or later," he said. "We've played several teams this year that did fine in the singles but then got beat in the doubles because their egos caused them to fight amongst each other o court. I don't think we have kind of ego problem with team."

Now 11-8 for the season, th gies upped their record for to ference matches to 27-27, Tech fell to an almost unbe 1-26 in the conference. That the Raiders a .037 winning pe age, good for last place. A&M, on the other hand, is h steady in fifth place behind tennis powers as SMU, Ho Texas and Arkansas.

The Aggies will host Arkan conference action Friday, w dual meet at 1:30 p.m.

"'It's going to be tough, ju every match we've had, but I the win against Tech will give kind of momentum we need f kansas," said Kent. "Of cou good home crowd always h The Razorbacks are currently and in third place after knock Texas 6-3 on Monday.

Carbo sa he'll play for Card

By MILTON RICHM
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NEW YORK — The worst you can tell a ballplayer is home and get himself a lunc That's another way of sayi doesn't have it anymore a should get another job.

Bernie Carbo knows the sa well as anybody because h heard it nine years ago follow best year in the majors and same suggestion thrown in again this winter right after h best back-to-back seasons.

"Maybe I will have to c lunch bucket some day, but I think I'm ready for it yet, Carbo, who has bounced a among a half dozen clubs in th seven years.

He broke in originally wit Reds. They dealt him to the C nals, who traded him to the Sox. After hitting .429 for the Sox in the 1975 World Series sent him to the Brewers and g back six months later. Last M Red Sox sold Carbo to the and now after playing out t tract with Cleveland, he's ba the Cardinals again.

"Someone up there does me," Carbo says, looking up ceiling while changing his so the clubhouse. He doesn't s someone with the Cardina means someone in a bigger l than them, and he's saying more out of frustration than co tion.

"I went throughy draft this w and four clubs drafted Montreal, Oakland, Philade and this one. Three of them offer me a contract, so on Feb 15th, I went through the seco draft, which is when you call th clubs to see who's really inter and the Cardinals were the club that drafted me."

That's what Carbo finds ha ficult to comprehend. He see eral American League clubs he he could've helped. Last S tember, when the Red Sox we strapped for any kind of stre from the bench, some of the got up a home-made banner w said "Where have you gone, B Carbo?" and displayed it at Fe Park more than once.

"Can you imagine that, onl American League club drafted he says, still finding it hard to lieve. "I don't know what the re was. You tell me. I still think good ballplayer. I'm only 31 have four-five years left. I ca left field, right field, and I can got power. I hit .289 and .28 last two years and they were best two years I ever put to back-to-back. As a designated last year, I hit .309. think of th .309! That's not straw, and on American League club drafte Maybe the owners are tired o draft. Maybe they're only goin superstars. But I'll tell you th fortunate John Claiborne (the dinals' Executive Vice Pres and Chief Operating Officer) w the Boston organization in 197 1975 and saw me play. If it w for him, I'd probably be back ing on some assembly line now is the only club that showed respect."

Bernie Carbo's sensitivities been hurt. Enough so that he come back, win a regular job with the Cardinals and h good year. Right now, manager Boyer has him penciled in a backup man in left field and field but Carbo has been t could win daily employment.

Everytime he thinks of h was generally passed over in re-entry draft, he burns. But he letting what happened bug him.

"To hell with them," Carbo about all those clubs which bother to draft him. "I know w can do. It's just like in the spri 1971, the year after I hit .310 fo Reds, with 21 home runs. I wa $25,000 and (Bob) Howsam wa fering me $15,000. He told me home and carry a lunch buck told him I wasn't gonna car lunch bucket as long as I could in the big leagues."

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