

Second Texas A&M Open attracts over 600 netters

by MIKE BURRICHTER

David Kent sat in his small, unair-conditioned office, his face dripping with sweat. He had two days to pull together the agenda for his brainchild, the Texas A&M Open, the biggest tennis tournament in College Station history.

A year ago, Kent had just finished his first full season as head tennis coach at Texas A&M. He had come to Aggieland from West Texas State University, where tennis is king and Kent is now a legend. However, after one season in the big leagues, Kent felt his tennis program was dwarfed by basketball, track and football. He started the tournament as a public relations device, to show off his fancy new tennis complex.

Last year the tournament went well, with a relatively small draw and equally small crowds. But this year about six hundred people have entered, and one gets the feeling that even Kent may have gotten in over his head.

The tournament has enlarged so much that it can no longer fit on just the Texas A&M campus.

"We're not playing them all here," he replied. "We've got so many entries. We've got them playing all over the place: Bee Creek, Bryan High School, Tanglewood Apartments and the Racquet Club."

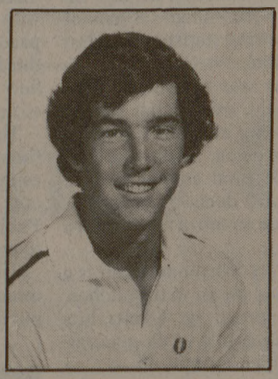
The tournament begins Friday morning with opening round action in the boys and girls division. It will be played all over town in the beginning rounds, but when the finals roll around on Sunday, all matches will take place at the University's varsity courts.

"We've got people from all over this part of the country playing in this tournament," Kent said. "This is one of the biggest tournaments in Texas this summer. It's sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association. This means it's a ranking tournament."

The men's championship division's No. 1 seed, Trey Schutz, the number one player on the Texas A&M team, said entrants will be vying to pick up points in order to move up in the state rankings.

"The more you win, the more points you get," the senior from Galveston said. "I'm not even ranked in the state anymore because I haven't played in one of these tournaments in such a long time."

Two other Aggies are among that division's top seeds. Max King, a senior from Dallas, is seeded third, and Tom Judson, the walk-on who came off a



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sensational season this spring, is seeded fifth. Last year's winner, Galveston professional Chris Connell, who used to play for the Aggies, is seeded second. Schutz, who is ranked No. 48 in the nation on the collegiate ladder, says he's not sure he should be the top seed.

"I really haven't been playing that much since the beginning of the summer," he said. "I'm just going to go out there and do my best. I'm just looking to get into the state rankings."

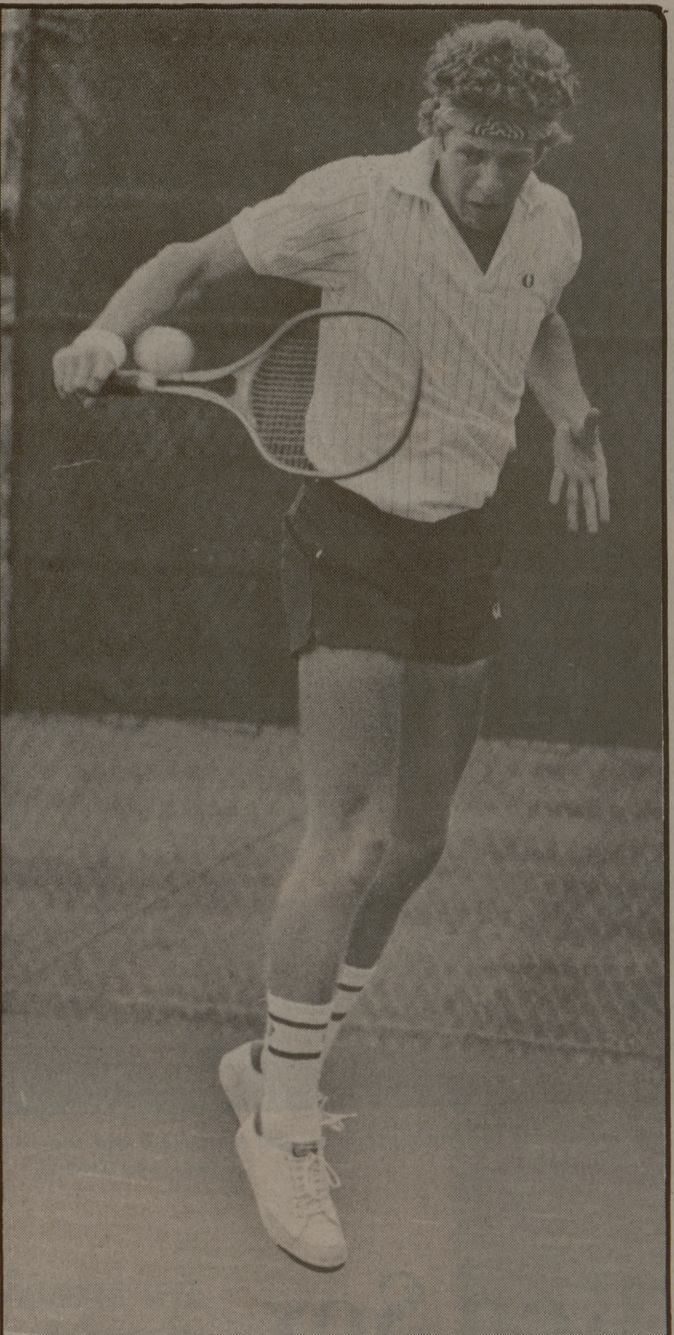
Even though some big guns are in the men's championship division, Kent says the mixed doubles competition is the most popular.

Seeing some of his own players in action for the first time this summer is obviously pleasing to Kent. "Judson would have been seeded higher if he just hadn't entered so late," he said.

Judson came from nowhere last season to become a mainstay on the already solid Aggie team that finished ranked No. 18 in the country. He is one of those pleasant surprises that makes Kent's job that much more enjoyable.

"I never used to pay much attention to walk-ons until he came around," Kent said. "It just goes to show you what can happen at a big school. There might be a good player out there at any time."

Kent says he'll hold tryouts at the end of this month to fill single slots on both the men's and women's teams.



Tom Judson returns a backhand for the Texas A&M tennis team during the season last spring. The Fort Worth native walked on as a freshman last season. He is seeded fifth in the Texas A&M Open this weekend.

Major League Standings

National League					American League				
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	60	45	.571		New York	67	39	.632	
Pittsburgh	58	48	.547	.2½	Baltimore	60	44	.576	6
Philadelphia	54	48	.529	4½	Detroit	56	47	.543	9½
New York	51	55	.481	9½	Milwaukee	56	50	.528	11
St. Louis	47	57	.451	12½	Cleveland	53	49	.519	12
Chicago	43	60	.417	16	Boston	54	51	.514	12½
West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Toronto	45	59	.432	21
Houston	59	47	.556		West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	58	48	.547	1	Kansas City	67	40	.626	
Cincinnati	58	51	.532	2½	Oakland	55	53	.509	12½
San Francisco	52	56	.481	8	Texas	51	55	.481	15½
Atlanta	47	58	.447	11½	Minnesota	47	59	.443	19½
San Diego	48	60	.444	12	Chicago	46	59	.438	20
					California	39	64	.378	26
					Seattle	39	66	.371	27

Pirates sweep Cubs; Cards thump Phils

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Dale Berra couldn't let Bert Blyleven and Grant Jackson's good work go to waste. Berra clouted a two-run homer and Blyleven and Jackson combined for a seven-hitter to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 2-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs and a sweep of the double-header.

Jim Foli's ninth-inning sacrifice broke up a 6-6 tie and two more runs scored on catcher Tim Lincecum's throwing error to give the Pirates a 9-7 triumph in the opener. Berra's homer, his fourth, came in the fifth after Steve Nicosia doubled loser Doug Capilla, 2-5. Blyleven, 6-8, pitched six innings before leaving because of a pulled muscle. Jackson notched his 10th save, allowing two hits.

In the first game, Phil Garner opened the ninth with a single off Dick Tidrow, 4-3. Manny Santillan, pinch hitting for winner Robert Tekulve, 7-5, shortened up to get the bases loaded. Garner then slapped a single past second baseman Larry Bittner, sending Garner to third. A wild pitch allowed Sanguillen to second and Moreno to home. Garner was intentionally walked to fill the bases.

Foli followed with a fly to center to score Garner. Sanguillen stole third and Moreno second and when Black's throw went into left field, both runners scored. Cliff Johnson's two-run homer in the first put Chicago ahead 2-0, but Mike Easler made it 2-1 when he led off the second with his 14th homer. Larry Martin's 20th homer gave Chicago a 4-1 lead. The Pirates tied it in the fifth on Foli's two-run double and Garner's RBI single.

Steve Macko's RBI double in the tenth gave Chicago a 5-4 lead, but Berra's sacrifice fly in the seventh tied it 5-5. Willie Stargell's 10th homer in the Pittsburgh eighth made it 6-5, but Johnson's RBI single in the bottom of the inning tied it 6-6. In another NL game, Cincinnati edged San Diego 4-3. Dave Concepcion's double with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning drove in Dan Driessen from second base with the winning run to lead the Reds to a sweep of their four-game series. Driessen led off the eighth with a walk off loser John Acosta, 2-2. He was sacrificed to

second by Joe Nolan before Concepcion drove the first pitch off the center field wall to lift reliever Tom Hume to his fifth win in 12 decisions.

In night games, Montreal downed New York 4-1, St. Louis trounced Philadelphia 14-0, Los Angeles defeated Atlanta 6-2 and Houston blanked San Francisco 1-0.

Larry Parrish hit a two-run homer and Scott Sanderson won his 12th game to boost the Expos. After Gary Carter led off the second inning with a single, Parrish smashed his 12th homer over the left-field fence off loser Roy Jackson, Ted Simmons knocked in four runs and Bob Sykes pitched a three-hitter to carry to carry the Cardinals. Sykes, 5-8, allowed just three singles in posting his second National League shutout, both against the Phillies. He walked two and struck out three.

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