

Out of the blue



The giant's awake

Once upon a time ... in a land not so far away, a sleeping giant finally awoke ...

The giant had been accidentally put to sleep by his mentor, Magical (call me Merlin) Metcalf, who had been experimenting with various, new formulas. The formula he was searching for was the one that would give the giant the crown of the tiny kingdom of Speegland.

One of the formulas the giant drank during one of the parties of yuletide, was a sleeping potion. Very promptly, he fell asleep among all the merriment and partying of the new year.

Darkness descended upon the castle of Jolly Rolly, the home of the giant. All the serfs and followers were in despair trying to find ways to awaken the giant.

Once they learned the giant was soundly asleep, all his enemies began to laugh and kick him while he was down. At first they were wary of a trap and sneaked upon the slumbering form so as not to awaken him.

Soon they learned they were in no danger and they began to slam dunk, fast break, wheel and deal upon the giant. They had a good time.

All the while, Magical (call me Merlin) Metcalf was trying to remember the antidote for his formula. He tried all kinds of things — different formulas, new incentives and even a little bloodletting but nothing seemed to work.

First to kick the downed giant were the funny frogs of the "Killer." Then the Red Pirates from the dusty wastelands laid the giant low.

The birds from bird-brain city flew in to Jolly Rolly and cruised out with another feather for the nest.

After a few more matches, all the groups in the tiny kingdom were jumping at the chance to come to Jolly Rolly castle to joust and try their stuff.

It seemed as if all was lost. Gambling "lucky" Lewis was ready to win it all with his hit man, Rob "the sting" Williams.

The evil Duke Sutton of Mutton was laughing grimly at the plight of the giant as he came up with plan to beat "lucky" and the rest of the groups and swipe the crown of the tiny kingdom.

The crown of Speegland went to the survivor of the most matches. The giant had won the crown a year ago as he had cut a swath through all his enemies. He had seemed invincible wielding his favorite weapon, a piece of his magical Wall.

But the giant was asleep and nothing could help him. Just when all seemed lost for the giant, Magical Metcalf came up with a formula he had seemed to have forgotten. It was an old one using two parts to three. He had little to lose so he tried it.

At first, the giant only stirred. With another dose, the giant moaned and moved but did not awaken. Finally, with time running out, Magical (call me Merlin) gave it his best effort ever. And the giant awoke.

The loyal legions of serfs and minions of the giant sighed with relief. They had screamed and yelled with each match trying to awaken the slumbering form. Finally, he was awake and the loyal followers were ready to be led.

He flexed his muscles and stretched and finally regained the form he had lost when he had been asleep. The sleeping giant had awakened ... and once he had finally stirred, the race for the crown was thrown into the air.

But is the giant too far down to recover? What of the evil plans of the Duke Sutton? And what of Sour Lemons, the lead singer in the new wave group Bevo, who threatens to take over the kingdom? The answers to all the questions lie in the riddles of San Antonio for all those who are brave enough to seek them.

Tennis team remains unbeaten

By RICK STOLLE
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The Texas A&M University men's tennis team continued its winning ways over the weekend as the Ags swept past both Stephen F. Austin University and the University of Southwest Louisiana at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

The Ags defeated SFA 8-1 Friday in an easy win but was challenged Saturday against USL before taking a 6-3 victory.

After splitting the singles matches against USL, the Ags came on strong to win all three doubles.

"The number one doubles match was the best match I have seen in years," said coach David Kent. "Brian Joelson and Reid Freeman were down 4-0 in the first set but came back to take it, 7-5. It was absolutely a super effort."

Kent said he was pleased with his team's effort and the fan support. The support from the rest of the team and the home crowd was the deciding difference, he said.

In singles: Joelson defeated Tora Yonozewa 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; Freeman lost to Terek Elsakka 6-3, 6-3; Trey Schutz was beaten by Jim Price of USL 6-3, 6-3; Tom Judson defeated Vaughn Bryan 6-4, 6-2 and Leonard Smith beat Spike Jopiti 6-2, 1-6, 6-1.

"Leonard Smith had a great singles victory," said Kent. "He is doing exceptionally well for a freshman."

In doubles: Joelson-Freeman defeated Yonozewa-Elsakka 7-5, 6-3; Judson-Ron Kowal beat Jim Boustany-Jopiti 6-2, 1-6, 6-1 and Schutz-Jim Grubert defeated Bryan-Price 6-4, 6-4.

"Joelson and Judson were super with double wins Saturday," said Kent. They won in both the singles and doubles matches they played.

The Ags raised their record to 5-0. USL dropped to 3-2.

The men's team will take on the University of Washington Wednesday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center at 1:30. On Thursday, the Ags travel to San Antonio to take on ninth-rated Trinity in the first major test for the Ags of the young spring season.

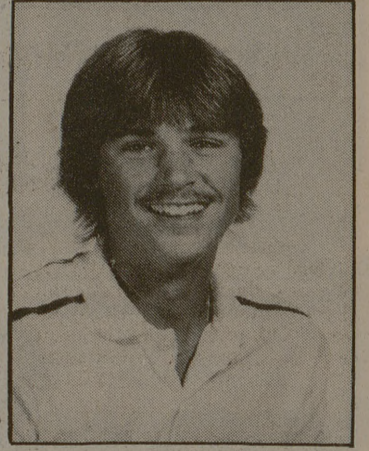
Kent said Washington is very good and the Ags cannot be caught looking towards the Trinity match. They are in a tough conference, he said, that has six top 20 teams in it.

Texas A&M and Trinity have developed an intense rivalry since they began playing matches three years ago.

"We really look forward to playing them each year," said Kent.



Ron Kowal



Brian Joelson

Aggie women's squad has good showing in Arizona

By RICK STOLLE
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The Texas A&M University women's tennis team saw red in a four-way dual meet tournament over the Valentine's weekend in Arizona.

The Ags did very well against Grand Canyon College of Phoenix, Saturday, winning 9-0, but lost to Arizona State University Sunday 8-2.

Cannon said ASU, ranked No. 4 in the nation last fall, had not lost a set of doubles this year until this tournament.

In Saturday's singles against GCC: Texas A&M's Liliana Fernandez beat Karen Regman 6-2, 6-4; Amy Closs beat Pat Smith 7-5, 6-3; Maylyn Hooton defeated Cathie Brown 6-0, 6-0; Sonja Hutcherson beat Liz Armas 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 and Laura Hanna beat Joanne Sanders 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles: Hutcherson-Pam Hill defeated Regman-Smith 6-4, 6-4; Closs-Hanna beat Brown-Armas 6-1, 6-4 and Hooton-Judy Willard beat Sanders-Theresa Smith 6-2, 6-1.

Cannon said Hutcherson, who was playing the number one woman from Ecuador, had a "super good win." She said Armas had been dropped from number one to three in an effort to upset Hutcherson.

She said she was disappointed in the showing the Ags had against ASU.

In singles: Fernandez was beaten by Patty Schiff 6-4, 6-1; Hill lost to Leslie Hewitt 6-2, 6-4; Hooton was defeated by Cheryl Hawkins 7-5, 6-3; Closs lost to Jeannine Blabiers of Mexico City 6-0, 6-0 and Hutcherson was beaten by Jennifer Bland 6-0, 6-1.

Texas A&M's lone win came in the number six position where Hanna beat Tracey Stern 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

In doubles: Hutcherson-Hill were defeated by Schiff-Hawkins 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Closs-Hanna lost to Hewett-Bland 2-6, 6-1, 7-5 and Hooton-Fernandez were beaten by Balbiers-Susan Clark 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Emersons are champions

United Press International
HOUSTON — Defending champions Roy and Anthony Emerson won in three sets Sunday to claim the fifth annual National Father and Son Indoor Tennis Championships played at the Metropolitan Racquet Club.

The Emerson team defeated Metropolitan club general manager Sammy Giammalva and his

son, Sammy Jr., 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

The elder Emerson is one of the premier doubles players in the world. Anthony Emerson, is ranked 10th in the nation for 18-year-olds. They live in Newport Beach, Calif.

The younger Giammalva, ranked 130th in the world, is the top-ranked amateur in the world according to ATP rankings.

The Emersons claimed the top prize of \$8,000 from the \$20,000 purse.

In third place from the 32 teams were Richard Leach and Richard Leach Jr. of Palo Verdes, Calif. The Leachs Sunday defeated Gordon and Scott Davis of Santa Monica, Calif. 7-5, 7-6, 6-2.

TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Holovak now a Houston Oiler

United Press International
HOUSTON — Former Boston Patriots Head Coach Mike Holovak has been named assistant general manager for the Oilers, club officials announced Sunday.

Holovak was on the New England Patriots staff the past four years as personnel assistant and director of college scouting. He coached the Patriots from 1961 to 1965 and was named American Football League coach of the year in 1966.

Holovak said he looked forward to working with former colleagues in Houston. He was defensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers when Dick Nolan was head coach and Jim Shofner was offensive coordinator. Nolan and Shofner have recently joined the Oilers' staff.

Holovak was assistant for the Oakland Raiders and the New York Jets. He was a standout full-

back for Boston College from 1939-42, and he played with the Los Angeles Rams and Chicago

Bears before returning to Boston College as an assistant coach in 1949.

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