

Out of the Blue

By Rick Stolle



'Lucky' to visit giant

(... the third part in a hopefully never-ending, at least until March 28 and 30, series on the triumphs and tribulations of the giant and his faithful followers ...)

As we left the giant last time, he was getting ready to travel to that den of wickedness and perversion, Austoned. I am happy to report that the giant beheaded Sour Lemons and the rest of his punk rock group with their own sharp-but-now-sawed-off horn to restore sanity to the once thriving metropolis of Austoned.

Later, the giant was able to squash the funny frogs of the "killer" to revenge an earlier pitfall. The giant had fallen asleep against the funny frogs in the first meeting and almost did again but at the last minute, Magical "call me Merlin" Metcalf, came through with a quick spell and some hot coffee to keep the victory. He was fortunate to get out of that frogs den with what he got. But, once again, the giant will face another tough test. This time Gambling "lucky" Lewis will sneak into the the giant's castle to try to draw a winning hand with his hotshot hit man, Rob "the sting" Williams.

"Lucky" will bring his own special type of gambling into the match. He likes to run and gun, gambling for the most part. But he takes a while sometimes ... a long while. He has been known to shake the dice and shuffle the cards for eight or 10 minutes until he gets it down right.

But as the gambler he is, he wins some and losses others. A couple of times "lucky's" plan has backfired. He once drew the four 10s he wanted from the deck but dealt his opponent four jacks.

"Lucky's" followers are not as loyal or faithful as the legions of followers the giant has. The giant's are always there urging him on.

Magical "call me Merlin" Metcalf would have it no other way. He likes the noise the followers make. (I think he secretly plugs the giant's ears up before each match.) He likes to see if the opponent will go deaf at the giant's home, the Hollerin' House.

Also, Magical Metcalf seems to cast his best spells when the legions get rowdy. He likes the effect it has on the outcome of his spells. The magical quality of the faithful adds to the spell and changes it, to make it even more powerful.

Magical "call me Merlin" will need all the help he can get from the loyal and faithful because Gambling "lucky" Lewis will try to steal away a win with a couple of hidden aces.

The last time the giant took on "lucky," at the Red-eye Lewis Gambling Hall and Casino, he rolled the dice well. Unfortunately, "lucky" had his poker face on, sleeves rolled up and hand warmed up to barely out-roll the giant.

"Sting" had a great time in the last meeting as he tried to break the giant's knees. He almost succeeded, too, as the giant could not swat that far down to get rid of the pesky "Sting."

"Sting" is also good at bringing opponents to their knees with his famous razzle-dazzle, behind-the-back-double-pump-in-yo-face long shot. On their knees, his opponents are about his size and he can take his time and shoot them to rags.

Oflate, however, "lucky" and "Sting" have been rope-a-doped. They haven't been able to collect from anybody like they once did. He has been out-drawn, out-bluffed and out-rolled by the likes of the "killer" Killingsworth and his funny frogs, Hapless Haller and his humping bears, and Marginal Meyers and his red pirates from the wastelands.

He always seems to have his troubles with groups that are not supposed to be as good as his. Even Ignorance-is (call me anything) Bliss was able to come through and beat "lucky's" group. They played the best match of the year as far as maniacs games go.

In those matches, "Sting" went from a mean, dead-eye, trouble-shooter to a funny little kid with a pop gun.

"Lucky" has broken out of his slump against the birds of the bayou, though. The "Sting" romped and stomped his way through the meeting and broke the bird's backs. He shot from the hip with a deadly eye. He broke a few knees, elbows and ankles as "lucky's" group rolled their way to victory and plucked the birds.

But in this meeting, "lucky" has to come to the giant's castle and meet his loyal legions of faithful followers. And the faithful will be out to fill the castle this time.

Against the totally evil Duke Sutton of Mutton, the castle was not even filled. It was a real shame.

Magical Metcalf's spells only work to full capacity when the castle battle-grounds are full. Nothing can stand in the way then. The only way for the giant to get another shot at the evil duke would be to get on that mystical golden path to San Antone. The path will have all kinds of evil things lurking in the shadows.

Will the giant be able to out-shoot "lucky" to get another shot at the evil duke? or will he come to his knees at the "Sting's" pop pistol?

Can the giant lean down enough to swat "Sting" and out-roll "lucky" or will the giant lose his pants in the encounter?

Stay tuned to the tale of the giant and the golden path to San Antone to find out ...

Much is on tap for Aggie teams

Here's a rundown of the sporting events this weekend involving Texas A&M University:

Women's golf — The Texas A&M women golfers will host an intercollegiate "Future Pros" golf tournament March 1-3 at Briarcrest Country Club. Last weekend, the Aggie women finished fourth in the Houston Baptist Invitational in Conroe.

Men's lacrosse — The Aggie men, who lost their first game since last spring last Saturday against the San Antonio Lacrosse Club, try to rebound against another San Antonio squad Saturday when they host Trinity University at 1 p.m. on the drill field.

On Sunday, the men's team will play Houston at Houston, beginning at 1 p.m.

Women's softball — The nationally ranked Aggie women begin the 1981 season against Texas Woman's University tonight at 6 p.m. with a doubleheader at Bee Creek Park in College Station.

On Saturday, the University of Texas-Arlington will be in town for a doubleheader starting at 12 p.m.

On the mound for Texas A&M in the first contest tonight will be Lori Stoll. Shan McDonald will pitch the second game.

Track — For the first time since the spring of 1978, Texas A&M will host a track event at the University on the newly resurfaced Kyle Field track.

Saturday at 11:30 a.m., a double-dual meet involving both the Ag men's and women's teams will be held against the University of Texas-Arlington. No women's scores will be tallied because UT-A isn't sending enough female athletes.

Basketball — Both the Aggie men and the Aggie Ladies will take the court at G. Rollie White this weekend.

The Texas A&M men, sporting a 6-1 second half SWC record, take on the University of Houston in a crucial contest beginning at 2:10 p.m. Saturday. The Aggies

must win to assure themselves of getting the home court Monday in the first round of the SWC post-season tournament.

The Aggie Ladies, 7-20, play the University of Nebraska tonight at 7:30, and follow up the men's contest at approximately 4:30 p.m. Saturday is their final game of the year.

Men's golf — The Ag men are in Laredo for the Border Olympics Golf Tournament which begins today and ends Saturday. Texas A&M shot a school record 21-under-par two-day total last year to win the team title.

Baseball — The long-awaited baseball season begins for the Texas Aggies today at 1 p.m., weather permitting, with a doubleheader against the Northeast Louisiana Indians. There will be another doubleheader against the Indians Saturday at 1.

The games can be heard on KAGC radio (1510 on the AM dial), with Ernie Moore, Richard Oliver and Jon Heidtke announcing.

Men's tennis — The 20th-ranked Aggies, 6-1 this spring, will host Southwest Texas State today at 1:30 p.m. on the Omar Smith Tennis Center courts.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, the Ags open their SWC schedule with a dual match against Baylor.

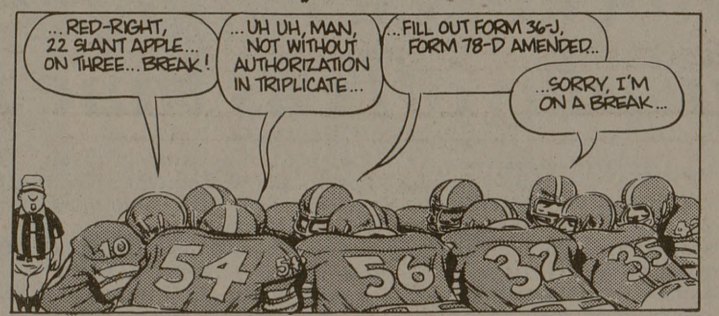
Women's tennis — The Aggie women, 4-2, travel to Houston today for a dual match against the Cougars beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, the women will be in Beaumont to play Lamar University at 10 a.m.

Fencing — The Texas State Collegiate Fencing Championships will be held in Austin Saturday and Sunday at the University of Texas.

Approximately 20 Aggie fencers will participate.

Rugby — The Aggie men's rugby team, 9-8 overall and 1-3 in Cup play, will be hosting the Houston Heathens at 10 a.m. Saturday on the main drill field. The match will be a Cup contest.

TANK McNAMARA



by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds

Ag cyclists host races

By RICHARD OLIVER
Sports Editor

The Texas A&M cycling team will host the third annual Little Aggie Land Bicycle Races Saturday on the streets immediately bordering the drill field across from the Memorial Student Center.

Three-member teams will compete in races along with men's and women's individual contests. The teams will go 30 laps around the drill field (approximately 10 miles), and each team member must race one lap. A pit area for bike changes will be given.

The women's individual racers will go 10 laps (approximately four miles) and the men 15 (approximately six miles).

Only teams need to sign up, and may do so at the Wheelmen Cubicle in the Student Programs Office in the MSC. The squads must register again at least one-half hour before the race itself. Cost will be \$3 per team.

Myron Gerhard, race promoter, said anyone is welcome to race, except people who will or do hold a racing license.

"People with racing experience will not be allowed to race," he said.

The women's individual race will start at 2:15 p.m., the men's

at 3 p.m., and the team race will first and second place individual racers.

The top two teams will be given a sixteen-gallon keg of beer each, and trophies will be awarded to

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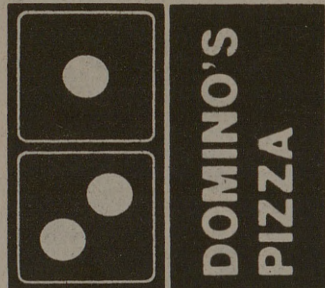
Cowboys ignore Pearson

United Press International
DALLAS — Running back Preston Pearson said he may be near retirement because the Dallas Cowboys have not offered him a contract.

Pearson's \$101,000-a-year contract expired following the 1980 season and the Cowboys did not make a qualifying offer before the

recent contract deadline. "I think it's pretty obvious that they don't want me," Pearson said this week. "If there had been any interest, I think I would have received an offer."

Pearson now is eligible to sign with another team but has said he does not want to move.



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