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Netters defeat OCU

By RICK STOLLE

Battalion Staff
Displaying a fearsome tenacity, bordering on recklessness, the Texas A&M University men's tennis team survived a first set barrage to withstand and eventually soundly defeat Oklahoma City University 9-0, Tuesday.

The first set of each of the top three singles matches saw players lose their tempers, rackets and sometimes the match. Frustration was the key word as Brian Joelson, Reid Freeman and Max King found themselves losing after the first half of the first set. They all battled back to win despite being behind early.

Joelson fought back to a 7-5 first set win and took the second 6-4 over Paul O'Donoghue. Joelson could not hit any shots in the first part as he fell behind. He found his touch late in the match, though, and staged a rally that frustrated O'Donoghue.

O'Donoghue's frustration came to a head in the second set when he repeatedly threw his racket to the ground, slammed balls into the net and berated himself in disgust.

"He is definitely a different sort of guy," said Texas A&M coach David Kent.

"He's weird," said Ron Kowal.

Freeman took Fort Battad 7-6, 6-4 after losing his temper, racket and his touch.

Upset at himself midway through the first set, Freeman tossed his racket down in disgust. He could not hit an overhead smash though he had numerous chances.

He settled down after changing sides and staged a furious rally. He regained his composure and the match.

But the best comeback of the day belonged to King. He had been down 3-0, 5-4, and 6-5 before coming through to totally dominating John Setticeze to take the match 7-6, 6-4.

"Max is playing really consistently," said Kent. "Right now, he is the playing the best of his career."

Kent also said Tom Judson had another great match against Greg Osteen.

Judson defeated Osteen 6-3, 6-2. In the other two singles, Ron Kowal dominated Bill Surbeck 6-1, 6-1 and Leonard Smith, taking the place of the injured Trey Schutz, defeated Joey Molina 6-1, 6-1.

The Ags swept the doubles though they had to battle back in the top game.

O'Donoghue and Battad crushed Freeman and Joelson in

the first game 6-3. But like they had all day, Freeman-Joelson battled back to take the next two sets 7-6.

"It was a great win," said Kent. "I have to give Reid and Brian a lot of credit, they fought back tooth and nail to win."

He said the win was especially important because it gave the Ags some momentum going into Thursday's Southwest Conference match with SMU.

"We needed this win," he said. "But even more important than the win, we will need all the support we can get Thursday. SMU has a very good team."

SMU is ranked 18th in the latest poll and Texas, who the Ags play Saturday, is ranked 19th.

"We are excited about getting to play both Texas and SMU here," said Kent. "We can use all the help we can get."

Kowal echoed Kent later when he said, "We need a lot of people out here to help us. It would be really nice to fill the stands."

The Ags are now 16-5 for the season and 2-1 in SWC play. The match total for Texas A&M 20-6, which is good enough for first place at this early date.

The matches against SMU and Texas will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

Out of the Blue

By Rick Stolle

Cougar fans classless

"Hey, baby, (burp) ya wanna come up t'm room and (bleep) (Bleep) Aggies, just (bleep)em all!" "I thin' we outta go out and beat their (bleeps). Gimme some beer, (belch!)." Now picture a rowdy crowd yelling and screaming, guzzling and watching sweaty men running around an area in the name of sport. Something right out of Saturday night wrestling?

Comments such as these and many others as well were heard Friday afternoon at a tennis court in Houston. A nice, quiet, tennis court.

That's right, tennis, the game revered for its manners. The place where even a whisper is hushed down. A game that is usually played and watched by "gentlemen and ladies."

But, oh, how times have changed. Now, all around the rowdy crowds and rudeness are the norm rather than the exception. It seems that the polite tennis crowd has gone the way of the dinosaur.

Twentieth-ranked Texas A&M University and the University of Houston, ranked 13th in the latest national tennis poll, went to each other in the second SWC match of the spring season on March 13.

The obscenities and vulgar language that came from the Houston fans stunned many who have watched and played tennis for years.

"It was the worst treatment I have ever had a team receive," Texas A&M tennis coach David Kent.

He said the "fans" threw beer, which they had been given from three free kegs, onto the court in the middle of points.

"I don't know where the beer came from," he said, "but we check the rules and see if they are allowed to do that."

On Feb. 27, the women's tennis team traveled to Houston to play on the lady Cougars. The treatment they received foreshadowed the treatment the men would receive.

Obscenities flowed from the stands like free beer down a drain. Vulgar propositions were common and a few of the women had to halt their matches to wipe away the tears.

"It was the men's team that did all that," said Kent. "Some of their friends decided to 'help' out their women's team."

Fortunately, the Aggie women won their match and crushed Cougars 7-2. Unfortunately, the van in which they were traveling was broken into and over \$2,000 worth of valuables was stolen.

The theft was unrelated but just served as icing on the cake that day.

"I guess we should consider it a compliment," said Kent. "To understand it, they only have free beer for the teams they beat very badly."

He said he does not, however, consider it a compliment and has written a letter to the SWC office to try to avoid the situation in other teams in the conference.

Kent said he had a letter from the SWC commenting on the unruly behavior at some tennis matches.

The letter states that crowd control is the responsibility of the home team. "Should conditions ever prevent the completion of a match, the referee may declare a forfeit in favor of the other player or players."

"Of course," said Kent, "it would really take something to prevent the completion of a match."

So far this year, the Aggies have only been forced to experience the Cougar fans. The Ags have yet to play TCU, SMU or Arkansas, all known for their poor crowd behavior.

It is a shame that this, very vocal minority of Cougar fans, has such a bad impression on visitors. I believe that the majority of students at the University of Houston are hard working, loyal and just like students at Texas A&M or any other university.

But it is the minority that creates all the bad press for Houston. And until the majority of Cougar fans stand up and calm down, the vocal minority, all Ags and fans will view the Cougars as a team without class.

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Doubles — Rusty Smith, Houston, 4; Mark Reynolds, Texas, and Wesley Greig, Houston, 3; Gene Segrest, Rodney Hodde, A&M, Johnnel, Arkansas, Reggie Thomas, Arkansas, Eric Smith, Mark Machalek, Rice, and Eteir, TCU, 2.

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RBI — Mike Minturn, Houston, 9; Reggie Thomas, Arkansas, 7; Chris Campbell, Texas, 7; Dees, Arkansas, John Hennell, Arkansas, 6; Dave Edwards, Jeff Jacobson, Houston, Mark Machalek, Rice and Tim Baylor, 5.

Stolen Bases — Joe Brant, A&M, Rusty Smith, Houston, Todd Zacher, Arkansas, Chris Russ, Rice, 4; Andy Dees, Tech, and Dave Edwards, Rice, 3; Terry Lawrence, Mark Machalek, Rice, Keith Goria, Arkansas, Clint Welch, Rice, and Spike Owen, Texas.

Pitching — Matt Williams, Rice, and Doug Drabek, Houston, 2-0; Scott Tabor, Arkansas, 2-1; Tony Arnold, Texas, 1-1; Withrow, Texas, Jimmy Tomkins, Texas, Jeff Long, David Shelburn, TCU, Akerfelds, Arkansas, Scott Arkansas, Rick Luecken, and Robert Slavens, A&M, Lee Tunnell, Baylor, 1-1.

Team batting — Arkansas, .321; Texas, .310; Rice, Houston, .266; Texas Tech, A&M, .217; TCU, .208; Baylor, .194.