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Murray denies he received cash, car

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 HOUSTON — Attorneys for Milwaukee Brewers and Texas A&M University hope to see out today the second round of a legal fight over Aggie baseball recruit Kevin Murray. Attorneys for both sides said they expected U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald to rule today on the Brewers' request for a preliminary injunction prohibiting Murray from playing football for the Aggies. On Tuesday, Murray denied allegations he received a car, a refrigerator and a credit card from Aggie alumni to play football at Texas A&M. It was the second day of testimony in the case. Murray's testimony refuted a practice of Dan Duquette, the Brewers' administrative assistant for recruiting and player development. He testified Monday that "You Murray told him he received a targeter, credit cards and money out through Aggie supporters." Duquette said during a Sept. 16 hearing, Murray told him he received a 1980 Buick Regal, gas, a Visa credit card and \$200 per week through Aggie alumni and assistant coaches during his senior year at North Dallas. "He said he cleaned up on everybody," Duquette said. Duquette did not mention any other college by name. Murray denied receiving the items. He said he met Duquette for about 30 minutes, but he said recruiting practices were not discussed. "Basically, we went over basic," Murray said Tuesday. "There was nothing about recruiting at all." On Monday, Murray left the courtroom through a rear exit and refused comment on the lawsuit. NCAA rules strictly prohibit recruiting by alumni or

assistant coaches. The Brewers claim Murray owes them a year of baseball after signing a \$35,000 bonus contract. The Brewers said they paid Murray the bonus but he played only 10 weeks of summer rookie league baseball before quitting and resuming football play with the Aggies. Murray, a former North Dallas High School star quarterback, testified he signed a contract with the Brewers in June 1982 — four months after he signed a national letter-of-intent with Texas A&M to play football. The Brewers claim their contract prohibits Murray from playing football or any other sports that might increase his risk of injury. "We would like to enforce our rights in the contract and one of those is that he not participate in collegiate football," said Roly Purrington, an attorney for the Brewers. The Brewers were granted a temporary restraining order April 13 that forced Murray to quit working out with the Aggies' varsity football team during spring drills. Murray, a probable third-string quarterback behind juniors John Mazur and John Elkins, did not play in the Aggies' varsity-alumni spring game. Aggie Coach Jackie Sherrill, who along with Murray and the school is a named defendant in the Brewers' lawsuit, was not in the courtroom. He also has declined to comment on the case. Last summer, the 6-2, 187-pound Murray played for the Brewers' Rookie League team in Pikeville, Ky., and batted .161. In 31 games at Peoria, Ariz., in the Brewers' winter instructional league, he batted .178.



A&M's Pattie Holthaus makes a throw to first base in the Aggies' 1-0 over Kansas Saturday. staff photo by Peter Rocha

South Carolina first NCAA opponent for Ags

The Texas A&M women's softball team will face South Carolina May 25 in the first round of the NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Neb. The Aggies, ranked second in the nation with a record of 36-10, defeated Kansas in two straight games at Penberthy Intramural Complex last

weekend to capture their regional mini-series. South Carolina, 27-5, is ranked fifth. The UCLA Lady Bruins, the No. 1-ranked team, defeated Rhode Island to earn a berth in the double elimination final tournament. Cal State-Fullerton, Missouri, University of Pacific,

Louisiana Tech and Indiana are the five other teams in the College World Series. The Aggies swept the Lady Jayhawks 5-0 Friday and 1-0 Saturday to advance to the finals. Senior pitcher Lori Stoll no-hit Kansas in Friday's contest, striking out nine and walking two.

On Saturday, Josie Carter's solo home run in the top of the sixth inning was all the Aggies needed to win. Carter slammed a 2-2 pitch over the centerfield fence, giving pitcher Shan McDonald the win. If the Aggies win against South Carolina, they will play

the winner of the Fullerton-Indiana game. If they lose, they play the loser of that game. Both the winner's bracket and loser's bracket games are scheduled for May 27. The Aggies are scheduled to leave for Omaha Monday.

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