

Houston calls to Panthers

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HOUSTON — Quarterback Hebert passed for 447 yards, a new United States Football League record, and four touchdowns to lead the undefeated Michigan Panthers to a 34-14 win over the Houston Gamblers Monday night.

Wide receivers Derek Holloway and Anthony Carter caught passes for 133 and 111 yards respectively to pace the attack.

The total of 52 points represents a team record for the Panthers who have now won 11 straight games.

The Gamblers, 3-2, struck quickly, driving 70 yards in five plays to take a 7-0 lead with quarterback Jim Kelly hitting wide receiver Scott McGehee in the end zone on a 9-yard pass.

The Panthers countered with a 14-play, 75-yard drive, that took 10:15, in which halfback John Williams ran one yard for the score.

On their next possession Hebert moved the Gamblers 75 yards in five plays that concluded with a nine-yard pass to running back Richard Johnson for the touchdown.

The Panthers countered with a second-quarter points to take a 17-14 halftime lead with kicker Novo Bojovic booting a 29-yard field goal and Hebert directing a 75-yard drive that ended with an 11-yard pass to Anthony Carter for the score.

Capitalizing on three Gambler turnovers, Hebert hit Holloway with a 72-yard touchdown bomb and connected with halfback Linnie Patrick for a 40-yard touchdown. Patrick also ran 11 yards for another score.

Reserve quarterback Todd Wilson of the Gamblers hit wide receiver Greg Moser with a 65-yard touchdown pass with 6:01 to play.

Kelly finished the game with 289 passing yards on 18-of-23 attempts.

The 86 points for the two teams is a new USFL record for most points scored in one game.

Stallions roll over Bandits

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TAMPA, Fla. — Cliff Stoudt ran for a touchdown Monday night and completed passes that set up another TD and a field goal, powering the Birmingham Stallions to a 27-9 USFL victory over the Tampa Bay Bandits.

Stoudt ran 2 yards for a second-quarter touchdown and set up a 22-yard field goal by Danny Miller in the second quarter and a 1-yard TD run by Leon Perry in the third period.

The Stallions added a safety when rookie Wayne Peace was tackled in his own endzone while attempting his first pass as pro. Joe Cribbs added a fourth quarter touchdown on a 28-yard run.

The Stallions raised their record to 4-1, one game behind New Orleans. Tampa fell to 3-2.

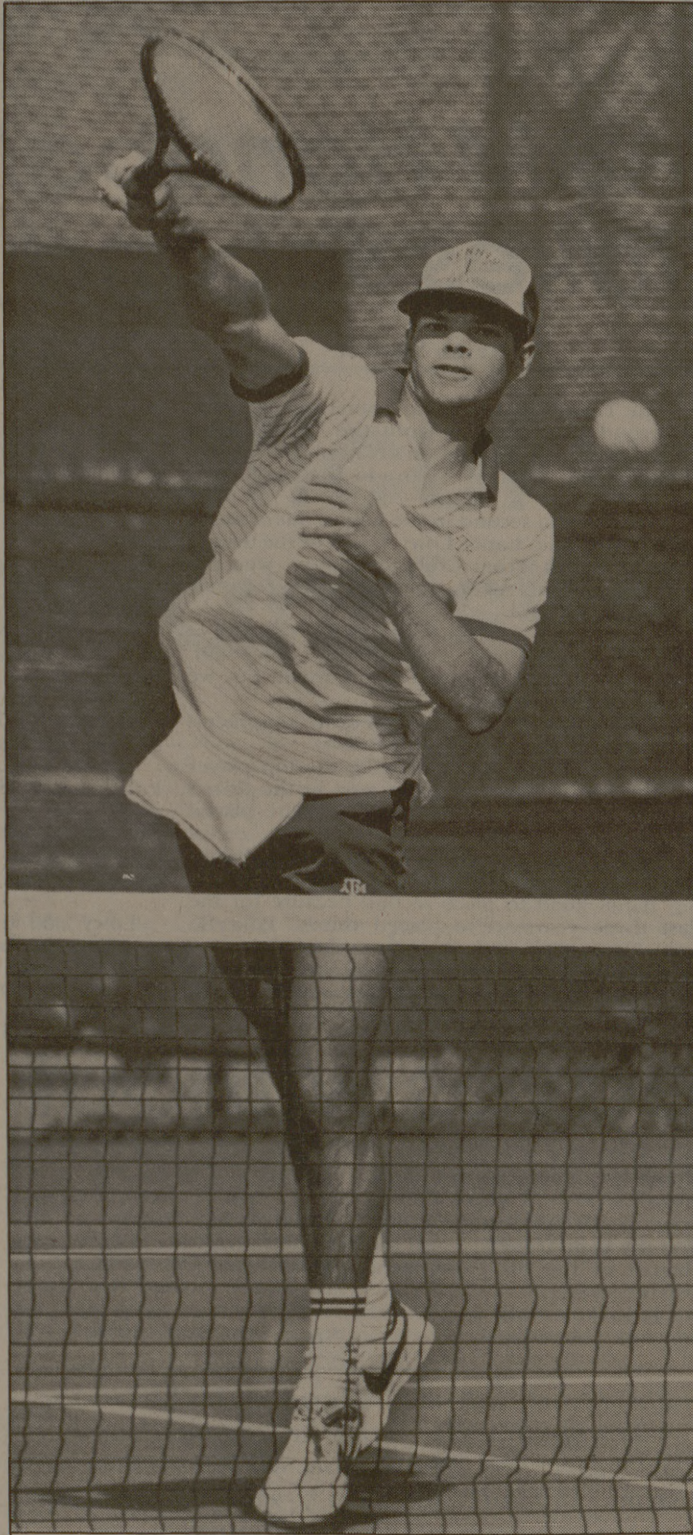


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Aggie freshman Mark Smith returns a volley during practice. 17th-ranked A&M is relying heavily on freshman talent this season.

Money limits club's abilities

Aggie wrestlers pinned

By THERESA CORNELL
Reporter

For the Texas A&M state championship wrestling team, it's practice as usual and high hopes for the future, even though lack of money kept it from participating in the national meet.

The Aggies won the state team title in San Marcos last month and brought home four individual championships as well. The state-ranked team members were eligible to compete in the national tournament in New York, but had to stay home.

Coach Joe DeBella says his team members could not participate in the national meet or in Varsity Level II, a program that gives wrestlers a chance to compete in the NCAA, because not enough funds are designated for club sports.

"We are having to pass up these tremendous opportunities for minor sports because there is not enough money," he said.

DeBella says the team has produced six state champions in two years. And in three years of competition in state meets, the team has returned with a third, fourth and now first place ranking with the highest number of winners.

State champions from the San Marcos meet are sophomore middleweight Robbie Ward, who was also named outstanding wrestler; junior middleweight Drew Franklin; sophomore lightweight Dan Irving; and senior lightweight Tom Mariman.

Four third place titles were captured by four sophomores, heavyweight Pat Cox, middleweight Mark Boehm, middle-heavyweight Clayton Miller, and lightweight Jeffery Schieck. Sophomore heavyweight Huey Lynn earned a fourth place title.

"This school has tremendous potential for wrestling and we've been very appreciative for the support of the athletic department," DeBella said. "I hope wrestling will become a part of the varsity athletic program again."

Wrestling, a varsity sport two years ago, is now a club sport and part of the intramural program.

But DeBella said he is pleased with the advent of Varsity Level II sports and added that he hopes some of the revenue generated by major sports — primarily football — will be filtered down through some of the smaller sports.

"Don't get me wrong, I'm a great supporter of football," he said, "but I would also like to have a varsity sport in which guys of all sizes can compete."

Despite the set-backs of no funds, no national meet and no Varsity Level II, practice continues six days a week for the 30-member team. DeBella says the men follow a weight training program that includes one hour of high intensity wrestling per day. Weight lifting, in addition to the daily wrestling, is also part of the training program.

Olympic prospects excite Knight

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NEW YORK — Dynamic Indiana Coach Bobby Knight envisions one of the greatest booster groups in United States basketball history when he conducts Olympic cage trials.

Knight, who coached the United States Pan American gold medal team in 1979, will lead this country in an Olympic gold quest at Los Angeles this summer against an international invasion that may suit up some of the best foreign players of the decade.

As a college basketball coach, Knight has more than 300 victories. As Hoosier cage mentor, he has fashioned an enviable 247-84 record since Indiana hired him as head coach in 1972.

With all this experience Knight expects to produce an Olympic team he believes will exhibit all the fervor of the 1980 hockey team that captured the gold medal and captivated

the American people at Lake Placid.

"This is everybody's basketball team," Knight said Monday when he was named winner of the Kodak-National Invitation Tournament Man of the Year award.

"I want the NBA, NCAA, NAIA and other organizations to think of this as 'our team' and support it. We have an excellent opportunity to bring basketball to a height the world has never seen. This is a sport invented in this country and we're going for a gold medal in an Olympics hosted by this country."

"I think to be an American and represent the U.S. this Summer is a tremendous experience for all of us. I want to see everybody gather in Los Angeles and root for us."

Knight said the Olympic team, when it is formed after trials, will play a 6-8 game series against an team of NBA All Stars. He said a July 9 game in Indianapolis' Hoosier Dome is

expected to draw a capacity crowd of 70,000.

"We're going to follow the 1979 Pan American guideline for the Olympic team," Knight said, "which consisted of three guards, two centers and seven forwards. We want guards who can pick up defensively at three-quarter court. The forwards have to pressure the passers and the post players have got to be better defensively than offensively."

"Everybody has to be able to shoot baskets and rebound. They must be able to interchange positions. In 1979, Kevin McHale (now with the Boston Celtics) was picked as a forward, but played center."

Knight said a committee consisting of regional chairmen John Thompson of Georgetown, Dean Smith of North Carolina, Tom Apke of Colorado (all coaches) and Frank Arnold of Brigham Young, will

name 48-64 players who will be invited to the April 16-22 trials in Bloomington, Ind. The team will be cut to 28-30 players and after a pair of double-headers involving four teams on April 21-22, a 16-man squad will be selected.

"We'll work with these 16 for a specified time and finally reduce the number to 12 for the Olympics," Knight said.

Asked about his philosophy as an Olympic coach, Knight said, "It's never to lose. As a college coach you lose a game and it doesn't hurt, unless it's to Virginia on a Saturday and you get knocked out of the Final Four."

Yugoslavia, the 1980 Moscow gold medalist, silver medalist Italy and the host United States are the only countries gaining automatic entries for the basketball competition in the 1984 Olympics.

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