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So Far, So Good

A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson watches Fred Gegan take batting practice before Sunday's game with Northeast Louisiana. Johnson picked up his first two career wins when the

Ags beat the Indians 10-1 and 12-11. A&M plays a double-header with Oklahoma City today at 1 p.m. at Olsen Field. Tomorrow, the two teams play a single game at 3 p.m.

It's unanimous: St. John's No. 1

Associated Press

St. John's and Georgetown — who have a confrontation this week — remained Nos. 1 and 2 in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday, and for the first time this season the Redmen are a unanimous choice.

St. John's, which holds the nation's longest current winning streak at 19 games, received all 64 first-place votes from the nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. The Redmen, 24-1 and undefeated in 14 Big East Conference games, face Georgetown, 25-2 and 12-2, which was named second on every ballot, Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden. St. John's took the No. 1 ranking from the Hoyas last month when the Redmen won the first meeting in Capital Centre, 66-65.

There are two newcomers and one returnee to the Top Twenty this week. Arizona, 20-7 and tied for the Pac-10 Conference lead with USC, and Loyola of Illinois, which already has clinched the Midwestern City Conference regular-season title with a 20-5 mark, are 19th and 20th in this poll. North Carolina State, 18-7 and currently tied for the Atlantic Coast Conference lead, returns as the No. 16 team after missing seven weeks in the Top Twenty.

Michigan, which beat Michigan State to improve to 21-3, and Memphis State, 22-2 after winning three games last week, remained third and fourth, respectively, with 1,127 and 1,105 points.

Duke and Oklahoma switched places from last week, as the Blue Devils, 20-5, garnered 934 points after rallying from a loss to North Carolina State with a 67-62 victory over Georgia Tech. Oklahoma, 22-5, fell to sixth with 901 points as the Sooners lost to Kansas 82-76.

Louisiana Tech, 24-2, made the jump from 10th to seventh as they clinched the Southland Conference regular-season title. North Carolina made an even larger leap as the Tar Heels, 21-6, climbed from 13th to eighth with convincing victories over Atlantic Coast Conference rivals Wake Forest and Clemson.

Nevada-Las Vegas, 22-3, and currently on top in the Pacific Coast

AP Top 20

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, recast through Sunday, Feb. 24 and last week's ranking:

1. St. John's (64) 24-1 1280 #1
2. Georgetown 25-2 1216 #2
3. Michigan 21-3 1127 #3
4. Memphis St. 22-2 1105 #4
5. Duke 20-5 934 #6
6. Oklahoma 22-5 901 #5
7. Louisiana Tech 24-2 771 #10
8. North Carolina 21-6 704 #13
9. Nev.-Las Vegas 22-3 678 #11
10. Georgia Tech 19-6 666 #8
11. Kansas 22-6 647 #15
12. Syracuse 19-6 645 #7
13. SMU 21-6 587 #9
14. Georgia 19-6 443 #18
15. Tulsa 20-5 414 #12
16. N. Carolina St. 18-7 245
17. Va. C.wealth 21-5 219 #17
18. Illinois 21-8 155 #16
19. Arizona 20-7 124
20. Loyola, Ill. 20-5 98

Athletic Association, improved from 11th to ninth, while Georgia Tech, 19-6, rounded out this week's Top Ten after falling from eighth last week.

Kansas, 22-6, leads the Second Ten followed by Syracuse, Southern Methodist, Georgia, Tulsa, North Carolina State, Virginia Commonwealth, Illinois, Arizona and Loyola of Illinois.

Iowa, 19-8, dropped from the list of ranked teams after suffering conference losses to the last two teams in the Big Ten. Oregon State, 19-6, lost to Arizona, the team that passed them in the Pac-10 standings, while Boston College, 18-8, dropped from the Top Twenty after falling to St. John's, 71-69, and Pittsburgh, 58-55, in their two Big East Conference games last week.

A&M men's tennis 'Goliath' challenges WTSU

By JIM HINEY
Reporter

Ala David and Goliath, the Texas A&M men's tennis team will take on West Texas State University Thursday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

Goliath's coach, A&M's David Kent, is confident the Bible scenario won't repeat itself against what he calls the Missouri Valley Conference's second best team — WTSU, alias David.

For Kent's Aggies, currently ranked No. 9 in the national colle-

giate poll, Thursday's dual-meet carries a special significance.

WTSU is not only Kent's alma mater, but the college he coached at for nine years before coming to A&M in 1979.

Kent led the Buffaloes to a record of 200-62 and six MVC titles during his stint at WTSU from 1970-78. Kent knows how dangerous a small college can be.

"When I was at West Texas (State), we snuck up on the Texans and the Texas A&Ms," Kent said. However, Kent said he doesn't

think the Buffaloes will surprise the Aggies this year, largely because of A&M players like Kimmo Alkio and 1983 consensus All-American, Grant Connell.

Kent says Alkio has been playing well all season and Connell has the potential to be turn any match into a one-man show.

Connell, a native of Canada, is currently ranked as the No. 19 singles player in the nation. After victories last week against the No. 8 and No. 10 players, in matches against Trinity and Northeast Louisiana,

Kent said Connell should move up in the rankings.

But for Thursday's match against WTSU, Kent said the whole team needs to play well, not just Connell.

"We just have to have six guys play good," Kent said. "They (WTSU) played us pretty good last year."

The match will begin at 1:30 p.m. and Kent said that partisan crowd would give the Aggies an even bigger advantage.

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