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Alkio looks to pros after loss in NCAAs

By Ken Sury
Sports Editor

For Texas A&M senior Kimmo Alkio, his college tennis days are over, and the glamour of the pros awaits.

At least that's the plan for Alkio, the Southwest Conference singles champion, who lost in the opening round of the NCAA Men's Tennis Championships in Athens, Ga., last week.

Duke's Jeff Hersh defeated Alkio 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 after Alkio won a preliminary match over University of Nevada-Las Vegas' Scott Warner 6-7 (7-9), 6-3, 6-2. The loss eliminated Alkio from the 64-player competition.

"He was a good player," Alkio said of Hersh. "And I can't say that I played poorly."

"That last set was close all the time and I had my chances."

"I was prepared to play the two matches a day (the tourney format if he continued winning). I knew I had

a great chance to do well. I practiced hard for it, so it's really a tough loss.

"It's also hard because there were four Southwest Conference players in the quarterfinals (SMU's Richey Reneberg and Stefan Kruger, Arkansas' Joey Blake and Texas' Royce Deppe). I had beaten some of those guys before, so my chance was there."

But while the quick oust from the NCAA Championships was a disappointment, the native of Helsinki, Finland still has a couple goals to fulfill.

First Alkio will finish his studies in August and earn a bachelor's degree in Business Management. Then he intends to turn professional.

Alkio finished his collegiate career ranked 30th in the nation on the No. 24 Aggies, and posted his biggest wins at the end of this season. He twice beat SMU's John Ross, who was ranked fourth in the country their first meeting, and 14th when Alkio beat him in the SWC Tennis Tournament.

Manufacture ban on machine guns raises sales rate

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Weapons dealers have had trouble keeping enough machine guns on hand to satisfy a national buying spree sparked by a federal ban on their manufacture for public sale.

Roger Small, president of Automatic Weaponry of Nashville, said, "People who were undecided about buying a gun and were sitting on the fence are buying now before the price gets too high and there are no guns left."

President Reagan signed the gun law May 19, and as of that date no machine guns could be manufactured for sale to the public. The law also eases restrictions on gun owners and dealers, but other provisions do not take effect until Nov. 15.

In anticipation of the law, manufacturers stockpiled as many machine guns as possible to deal with a temporary surge in buying. In addition, prices rose since the legislation passed the U.S. House a month ago, industry officials said.

For instance, a Thompson submachine gun that used to retail for about \$1,095 now sells for \$1,695; a MAC-10, the model used frequently on Miami Vice, has gone from \$755 to \$1,195, dealers said.

Doug Nichols, vice president of Auto Ordnances Inc. of West Hurley, N.Y., which manufactures Thompson semi-automatic machine guns, said his company emptied the shelves after the bill passed the House.

"We've sold about 600 guns since April 10. We usually sell about that many in a year," Nichols said. The demand influenced the company to make an unplanned production run of 1,000 more Thompsons, he said, and almost all of them have been sold.

In Washington, meanwhile, applications to register the weapons with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has increased dramatically.

Wayne Moran, chief of ATF's national firearms branch which issues licenses, said his office received from 15 to 100 applications a day before the House passed the gun control bill.

"Now we're getting tens of thousands a day," he said. "We can hardly even open the mail we're getting so many applications."

Moran said his office had instituted field programs to verify all the applications.

"We anticipate a drastic increase in numbers of registered weapons," he said.

Prospective buyers must have the approval of the local law enforcement leader, the police chief for example, submit fingerprints, have their photograph taken and allow the FBI to check their record to obtain a machine gun license, which costs \$200.

Since April 4, ATF has registered 5,315 new guns but "those figure don't really mean anything because on a very rough guess, we have 40,000 to 80,000 applications left to process and we're still getting more every day," Deron Dobbs, an ATF supervisory coordinator, said Thursday.

"For a while people thought the bill would ban silencers, and we registered almost a thousand of them in the last month," Dobbs said. "We're flooded with all kinds of applications right now."

As of May 20, ATF reported 16,521 silencers and 127,215 machine guns registered in the United States, Dobbs said.

Soviets

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development," Redman said of the Soviet decision.

If the Soviet Union carries through with its plan, "it will make the largest single resolution of representation list cases since the United States government began

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Prairie View A&M, TEES officials noted.

• Approved the establishment of the Geodynamics Research Institute at A&M to investigate the processes that formed the ocean basins and continents and are responsible for origins and accumulation of petroleum and mineral resources which could be of assistance to the oil and gas industry.

• Awarded seven contracts totaling \$3.6 million for projects at A&M, Prairie View, Tarleton, the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research Station at Pecos and the H.B. Zachry Training Center at San Antonio. The largest contracts went to Robert E. McKee Inc. of Houston for \$2,342,800 for additional development of the Prairie View campus and two awards totaling \$359,969 to Solar Foam Insulation Inc. of Texas

City for re-roofing projects at Tarleton.

• Appropriated more than a million for 12 other projects including \$2.1 million for equipment engineering building a \$406,950 for capital equipment for the Texas Institute; \$368,000 for laboratory equipment; and \$180,000 for the Texas Engineering Service for specialized equipment along with \$1.7 million for design of new facilities.

• Appropriated \$16 million for the rehabilitation of the freeze-damaged citrus orchards the Texas A&M University zelle Farm near Weslaco.

Submarines

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SALT structure which has been undermined by Soviet non-compliance, and especially in a flawed SALT II treaty which was never ratified, would have expired if it had been ra-

submitting such lists to the USSR almost 30 years ago," he said.

"It is a positive step that will contribute to an improved atmosphere in our relations, and will facilitate efforts to build on the progress begun at the Geneva summit last year," the spokesman said. "It is our hope this significant step signals that the Soviet Union shares our desire to move

ahead" in improving relations on several fronts.

At their summit in Geneva last November, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to cooperate to resolve humanitarian cases.

Redman said the latest decision "gives real meaning to the joint statement."

Investigator Rick Massett the shooting deaths of Douglas Roberts Sr., 68, Douglas Roberts Jr., 40, Gene Roberts, 60, occurred Tuesday morning.

Justice of the Peace Bangs pronounced the dead at 10:21 a.m., about an hour after they were discovered, daughter of the elder Roberts said.

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