

Aggies fall to injuries in ITCA tourney

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Well, it could have been worse. The Texas A&M women's tennis team encountered some rough weather at the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association tennis tournament in Austin Thursday. Only one player remains alive in the singles competition and three more have fallen to injuries, including top player Kim Labuschagne.

Women's Tennis

A&M's Cindy Crawford drew a bye in the first round and then defeated Maria Vinterstad of the University of Texas at Tyler 6-2, 6-2. Crawford will face SMU's Rene Simpson today in the quarterfinal round. Simpson advanced by beating Laura Liang of A&M 6-1, 6-4.

The eighth-seeded Labuschagne, who was already fighting a pulled groin muscle, injured her other groin muscle and lost her match to Tulane's Cynthia Bibb 6-7, 1-6.

A&M's Gaye Lynne Gensler also fell prey to injuries as she twisted her knee with the score tied 3-3 in the first set of her match with Alice Vodicka of Rice. The injury forced Gensler to default the match.

Rounding out the injury report, Kellie Dorman of A&M suffered a sprained stomach muscle before her match with the University of Texas' Lanae Renschler. Dorman also had a nagging back injury to contend with

as she lost to Renschler, 1-6, 1-6.

In other action, A&M's Missy Kibler won by default over Emily Cates of Rice but lost to Jana Clepac of Trinity in the second round, 0-6, 3-6.

Injuries also plagued the Aggies in doubles action. Dorman's ailments forced her and Kibler to default their match to Jean-Marie Sterling and Lisa Pamantuan of SMU, and Gensler and Labuschagne defaulted to Jennifer Zannelli and Holly Pugsly of North Texas State University.

In the remaining doubles match, Crawford and Liang lost to Vodicka and Lori Cronk of Rice.

A&M Coach Bobby Kleinecke took the long day in stride.

"If the injuries hadn't happened to so many of the team, it would be depressing," he said.

Kleinecke said the team had to pull together and overcome the disappointing start.

"We have to shake it off," he said. "The girls need to keep their heads up and say, 'We're going to get after them in the spring.'"

"This is something that happens to every team eventually, but unfortunately it hit us all at once."

Kleinecke praised Labuschagne's determination to play despite her injuries.

"I've got to give Kim credit," he said. "To come in and play like she did and finish the match is really extraordinary."

A&M women golfers to tangle with best

The Texas A&M women's golf team has a tough weekend ahead as it will compete in the Stanford Intercollegiate Golf Tournament.

In the 19-team field are the top three teams in the country: the University of Southern California, Arizona State University and the University of New Mexico.

Competing for the Aggies at Stanford will be senior Fiona Connor, junior Hollie Frizzell, sophomores Mariana Oyanguen and Adriana Penuela, and freshman Caroline Basarab.

The tournament begins today and will end Sunday.

Men's golfers head to Austin

The Texas A&M men's golf team will compete in the Harvey Penick Intercollegiate Golf Tournament held Monday and Tuesday in Austin.

The 15-team field includes many nationally ranked powers, including No. 1 Oklahoma State, No. 3 Oklahoma, the seventh-ranked University of Texas, and No. 9 Houston.

Niel Hickerson, Randy Wylie,

Gary Gilchrist, Andy Cooper, Scott Lee and Randy Lee will compete for A&M in the tournament.

In the Aggies' last action, the team finished tied for third with Ohio State, the host team of the Buckeye Invitational held Oct. 10-12. Hickerson was the top finisher for A&M with a score of 233 for ninth place. Wylie finished tied for 10th with a score of 234.

A&M heads to El Paso for Sun Bowl tourney

The Texas A&M men's tennis team is in El Paso this weekend to participate in the Sun Bowl Invitational Tournament, which begins today and ends Sunday.

Men's Tennis

The team is coming off a good performance at the SWC Indoors last weekend, with the team of Brent Haygarth and Dean Johnson capturing the No. 1 doubles crown and Dean Goldfine and Lars Rosene grabbing the No. 3 doubles championship.

The Aggies also picked up three singles championships as Chris Stanich won at No. 4, Jeff Livshitz won at No. 6 and Rosene won at No. 7.

The Sun Bowl tournament is a single-elimination competition, and other teams participating are Northeast Louisiana, Arizona State and the University of Utah.

A&M Coach David Kent said he is looking forward to the tournament.

"We've been playing very, very well this fall," he said. "This tournament will give us a chance to play some really different teams."

Kent said workouts during the week have been good and the team should be completely healthy with the return of top player Marcel Vos, who missed the SWC Indoors because of a groin injury.

"Getting him back will be a real shot in the arm for us," Kent said.

Haygarth and Johnson enter the tournament as A&M's No. 1 doubles team, with Vos and Goldfine as the No. 2 duo. Freshman Jeff Livshitz and sophomore James Frank will be the No. 3 team.

Kent said he expects Utah to be the toughest test for the Aggies.

"They have an excellent team and we'll have to be at the top of our game against them," he said.

Mets' Johnson, Knight want pay raises

NEW YORK (AP) — Reality replaced euphoria on the New York Mets Thursday, as Manager Davey Johnson asked for a raise and third baseman Ray Knight urged the club to give him a better deal and not break up a World Series champion.

Johnson has two years remaining on his contract, but is seeking more money, according to published reports, because his agreement guarantees he will be paid as much as any New York Yankees manager.

Lou Piniella, the Yankees' manager, recently received a new contract which gives him \$600,000 over two years. Johnson's contract, which runs through 1988, pays him an average of \$225,000 a year.

Johnson was in Japan to manage a team on an exhibition tour, but Knight was in New York to receive

his second Most Valuable Player Award of the recently completed World Series. He said he went into contract negotiations with the Mets feeling he does not figure in their plans.

"The organization has never done anything to make me feel wanted," Knight said, who is seeking a two-year contract or more money on a one-year deal the club offered him.

He said the outcome of his negotiations will have a significant bearing on the club's makeup.

"If I sign, then you make available certain people to trade. If I don't sign, it's a whole different ball game."

He said Mets' management does not seem to realize the importance of keeping together a winning unit. "The cohesiveness and blend of a

ball club is so very, very important," Knight said.

He said he was still hopeful of coming to an agreement with General Manager Frank Cashen, but will file for free agency today to "protect myself."

"I want to play for two more years," said Knight, who will be 34 in December.

Knight was interviewed after receiving an MVP trophy and 1987 Volvo 740 Turbo from Sport Magazine. He was selected as the winner by a panel of seven players with the participation of the players' union.

He also won the Series MVP Award approved by the baseball commissioner's office and decided by a vote of the media who covered the Series.

Knight hit .298 with 76 runs bat-

ted in during 1986 after winning the third base job with a hot streak early in the season.

Johnson's contract was described as "an internal matter" by Mets spokesman Dennis D'Agostino and the club had no comment. Cashen was not available.

Newsday quoted Johnson as saying, "The intent (of a clause in his contract) is that they (the Mets) have to renegotiate my contract when Piniella gets a raise. ... I had that put in so I wouldn't be embarrassed, in terms of money, in New York."

"We won this year, and I had something to do with it," said Johnson, who has won 296 games in three years as manager of the Mets and guided them to the seven-game victory over the Red Sox in the World Series. "I'd like to be rewarded."

Mets to be tried for assault charges Jan. 26

HOUSTON (AP) — New York Mets pitcher Ron Darling and second baseman Tim Teufel will go to trial Jan. 26 on charges of assaulting two off-duty police officers at a Houston nightclub in July, a judge ruled Thursday.

State District Judge Joe Kegans set the January trial date and an alternate Feb. 2 date in case any scheduling conflicts arise, prosecutor Mike Anderson said.

"I'm looking for a conviction for what they did," Anderson said. "Hopefully (jurors) are not going to let somebody off just because they won the World Series."

The Mets beat the Boston Red Sox earlier in the week to win the World Series.

Dick DeGuerin, the players' attorney, said a dismissal of charges —

and perhaps even an apology from the police officers involved in the scuffle — would be more in order.

"They're not guilty," DeGuerin said. "I'm confident Harris County jurors will be fair."

Darling, 25, and Teufel, 28, were arrested July 19 outside Cooter's nightclub in Houston along with Mets pitchers Bob Ojeda, 28, and Rick Aguilera, 24.

Police officer D.L. Bristley, who was working off-duty as a security guard at Cooter's, said Teufel tried to leave the club premises with an alcoholic beverage, a violation of state law.

Bristley said a fight broke out when he tried to prevent Teufel from leaving with the drink. He accused Teufel of hitting him with his

elbow and kicking him in the groin, and prosecutors say Darling grabbed R.G. Gresham — another police officer working security — by the throat during the scuffle.

The two players pleaded innocent to a charge of aggravated assault on a police officer — a third-degree felony that carries a maximum 10-year prison term and \$5,000 in fines.

Ojeda and Aguilera were charged with hindering arrest, a misdemeanor. DeGuerin said a hearing for Ojeda and Aguilera has been rescheduled for Jan. 26 to coincide with the hearing for Teufel and Darling.

Anderson, an assistant Harris County District Attorney, said DeGuerin called him during the play-off series between the Mets and

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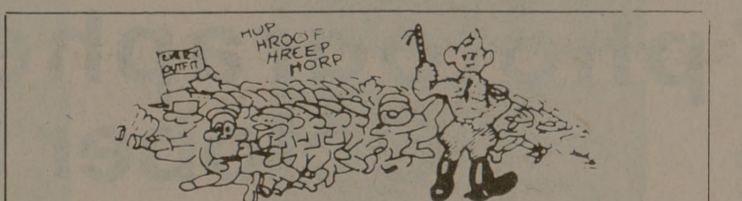
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