

Sports

Johnson downs Goldfine, grabs Sun Bowl singles title

Aggies duel in rained-out championships

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It was Aggie against Aggie in the final round of the Sun Bowl Invitational Tennis Tournament as members of the men's tennis team squared off in both the singles and doubles finals Wednesday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

In the singles championship, Dean Johnson easily beat Dean Goldfine 6-1, 6-1, and the team of Goldfine and Marcel Vos won an exciting match over Johnson and Brent Haygarth 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 to take the doubles crown.

The final round of the tournament was rained out Sunday in El Paso and moved here because only members of the A&M team re-

mained in the hunt for both championships.

The final round concluded an impressive showing for the Aggies, and Coach David Kent praised the play of his players, particularly Johnson.

"Dean was on top of his game and he deserved to win," Kent said. "He's been coming on really strong this fall."

Johnson easily dispatched Goldfine, who played sluggishly throughout the match.

"I know Dean (Goldfine) wasn't too happy with his play," Kent said, "but he'll come back strong for the next tournament."

The doubles final was a fiercely contested match, as both teams seemed frustrated with their play. At

one point in the second set, Goldfine plunged over a fence and fell to the ground while chasing a ball. The match was halted for a short time to determine if he could continue, which he did.

"It's hard to play your own teammates," Kent said. "There's a lot of pressure on you because you have to live with them for the rest of the year."

Kent said he was overjoyed to have two first-rate doubles teams.

"It's good to be in a predicament to have two good teams like this," he said. "I couldn't be more pleased."

The team will be involved in tournament action again when it travels to Austin to participate in the Westwood Invitational Nov. 14-16.

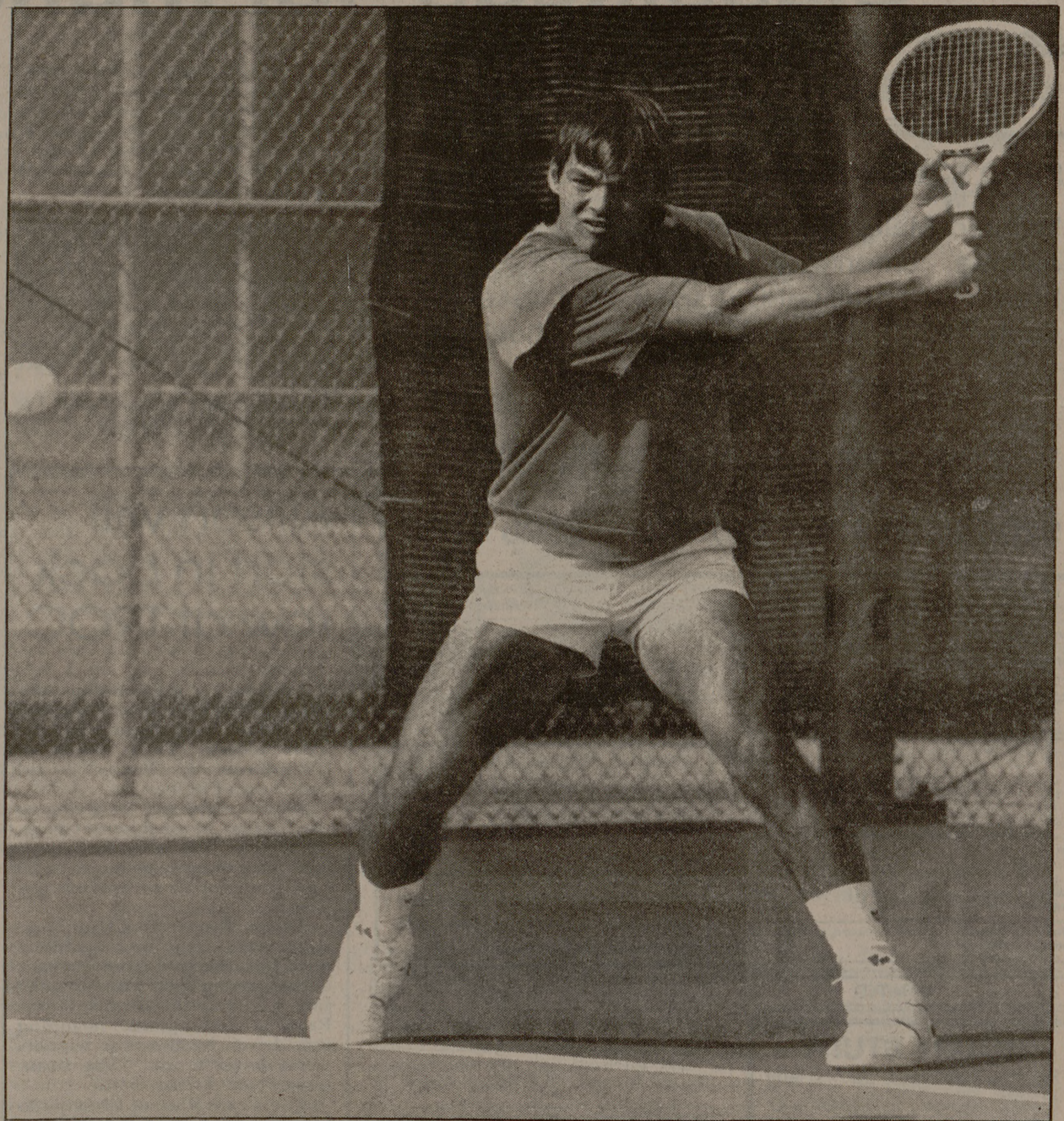


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Texas A&M tennis player Dean Johnson prepares for a backhand shot in his match against fellow Aggie Dean Goldfine. Johnson won the match 6-1, 6-1 to capture the singles title in the Sun Bowl Invitational played at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

Ag volleyball team nails win over Owls

The Texas A&M volleyball team got back on the winning track Wednesday night with a 6-15, 15-12, 15-9, 16-14 victory over the Rice Owls at Houston.

The Aggies finished the match with a .179 hitting percentage compared to Rice's .230. A&M had a team total of 73 kills and 37 errors.

Senior outside hitter Stacey Gildner led the Aggies with 24 kills on the offensive side and 25 digs on the defensive end. Sophomore outside hitter Cheri Steensma had 20 kills, while senior middle blocker Margaret Spence had 21 digs.

A&M Coach Al Givens said he

was pleased with his team's showing after a disappointing performance against the University of Texas-Arlington Monday night.

"We showed a lot of character coming back like we did," Givens said. "We knew our athletes would come around. And when the pressure was on the line, they did."

"Our seniors, Stacey Gildner, Margaret Spence, Stacey Smith, Chris Zogata and Laura Hoppe, showed what they were really made of tonight."

The Aggies return to action against 16th-ranked Pepperdine at G. Rollie White Coliseum Friday at 7:30 p.m.

A&M to host tennis clinic

International tennis professional Vic Braden will hold a two-day tennis clinic at Texas A&M University on Nov. 14-15.

The clinic, sponsored by the Department of Health and Physical Education, will begin Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in 267 G. Rollie White with a three-hour instructional session.


An on-court workshop will be held Nov. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Omar Smith Tennis Center.

The three-hour session, for all tennis enthusiasts, is \$20 per person. The total cost for both the session and the workshop will be \$40 per person.

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