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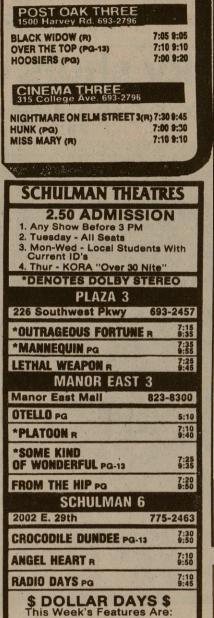
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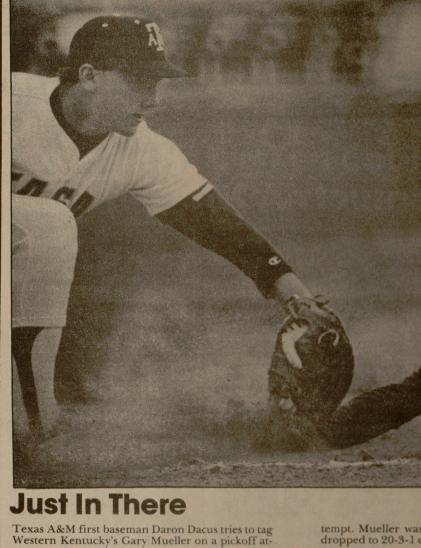


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tempt. Mueller was called safe on the play. At dropped to 20-3-1 on the year after a 4-1 loss.

Ag netters drop match to Tarheels

The Texas A&M men's tennis team lost 5-2 to North Carolina Tuesday afternoon at the Omar Smith Tennis Center

The loss dropped the Aggies to 11-3 on the year. "North Carolina has a good

team," A&M Coach David Kent said. "They just outplayed us."

A&M had to play without No. 3 singles player Marcel Vos, who is out with the flu. Vos also teams with Dean Caldina washes. with Dean Goldfine to make up the No. 1 doubles team.

The Aggies dropped each of the top three singles matches in straight sets. But Kent was pleased with No. 4 Brent Hagarth's 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Mark Demattis.

"Brent broke out of his slump and played some real good tennis," Kent said. "That should help us in our upcoming matches."

The other Aggie win came from No. 5 Steve Kennedy, who defeated Don Johnson, 6-2, 3-6,

A&M will take on No. 6 SMU 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center. SMU's Richie Reneberg is the No. 1 sin-

gles player in the nation.

"We hope to bounce back against SMU," Kent said. "With Marcel back, we'll have a shot at

Ex-president: Resignation forced by SMU

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former Southern Methodist University president says he lost his job more than a decade ago because he refused to go along with improper payments to student athletes.

'The boosters and (SMU) board (of governors) indicated to me that they did not feel like they could run a competitive program if the president was looking over their shoulder trying to keep them clean," said Paul Hardin, who resigned as SMU president in 1974.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Tuesday that Hardin was forced to leave the school because some members of the Board of Governors felt the football program could not be competitive with a school president who watched it too

college in New Jersey.

Recounting his efforts to stop the bonus payments, Hardin said: "First, an infraction was reported by the parent of a player. I called Dave Smith, who was the athletic director at the time, and he admitted it was

going on.
"I cut his contract from three years to one year, placed him on probation and reported the violation to the Southwest Conference. One month later, I was asked to resign.'

Hardin said the violations involved players on specialty teams who were getting "a few bucks for tackles, recovering fumbles and

Yeoman's future at UH rest on outcome of resolution

HOUSTON (AP) - The chair- in which he said he occasional man of Houston's athletic advisory committee said he wants a resolution passed severing all of former head football coach Bill Yeoman's ties to the university. Documents released Monday

quote a school booster saying Yeo-man received about \$11,000 cash so he could make traditional payments of \$250 to \$500 to players, a violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules.

The resolution will be presented at a committee meeting today, chairman Bruce Oppenheimer said. Monday's revelations from Bay-

town businessman Frank Terry con-

players money for humaning reasons, but never more than \$10. The documents were com

during an in-house investigation a Houston law firm hired to into allegations that Yeoman ared. assistant coaches gave more "In co players.

"Are we going to live in the and run the sort of programs this sort of activity is tolerated, we going to run a program "The NCAA is likely to be n

tougher than it would have h UH had cleaned house last tradict a previous report by Yeoman penheimer said.

Big Ten could make NCAA tourney its own

The Big Ten, the only major conference without a post-season tournament, has a chance this year to third-seeded Purdue, 244, make the NCAA tournament its Northeastern, 27-6, in an Est

With six teams in the field of 64 and four in the first 11 of the AP Top Twenty, the conference could turn the Final Four in New Orleans into an All-Big Ten affair.
"The poorest seed we got was

nine," Iowa Coach Tom Davis said. 'Now all we've got to do is win some

Indiana is ranked No. 3, Iowa No. 6, Purdue No. 7 and Illinois No. 11 remember when we've had in the final Top Twenty, which might bode well for a meeting in New Orleans.

But Illinois Coach Lou Henson tournament stand in for a co remembers what happened last year when the Big Ten also put six teams "From a coach in the tournament.

'Last year, the top teams were rolled over by upsets in the first round," Henson said. "I think that will happen again.

Last year's conference champion Michigan beat Akron 70-64 before being eliminated 72-60 by Iowa Indiana fell 83-79 to Cleveland

State in the opening round last year and Purdue lost 94-87 in double overtime in the first round to Final Four-bound Louisiana State.

Iowa was eliminated in the opening round 66-64 by North Carolina State and Illinois beat Fairfield 75-51 before losing to Alabama 58-56.

Michigan State, which did not make the NCAA field this year, went the farthest of any Big Ten team last year, defeating Washington 72-70 and Georgetown 80-68 before losing to Kansas 96-86. Ohio State, which is the ninth seed

Hardin was SMU president from 1972 to 1974. He is now president of Drew University, a small liberal-arts college in New Jersey.

Recounting his efforts to stop the Recounting his efforts to s 12, has a first-round game Friday at Atlanta against Kentucky, 18-10.

Michigan, the Big Ten's other ninth-seeded team with a 19-11 season record, plays Navy, 26-5, in a first-round East Regional game Thursday at Charlotte, N.C.

Indiana, the Big Ten champs at 24-4 overall, is in the NCAA tournament for the 16th time. The Hoosiers are top seeded in the Midwest and play Fairfield, 15-15, on Thursday at Indianapolis. Iowa, second seeded in the West at 27-4, plays Santa Clara, 18-13, on Friday in Tucson.

Austin Peay, 19-11, in a South Regional at Birmingham, Ala. 1 gional game at Syracuse, N.Y.

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The seedings reflect the street of the conference, Indiana (4 Bob Knight said.

"This year, everybody has s that our league is the best in country," he said. "All season had four teams - Illinois, Purdue and us - ranked in the 10. Since I've been at Indiana, lo

Knight is all for letting the NO

"From a coaching standpoi don't like one tournament leads another," Knight said. "I'm on terested in one tournament NCAA — and everything we'd pointed towards that." Purdue Coach Gene Keady

opposes a conference post-sea tournament.

"I'm an old-fashioned Keady said. "I think championship should be determed by the whole season. An 184 schedule is the only fair way that. An NCAA berth should ward for what you've done the season. It's not fair that a team as North Carolina State is NCAA tournament because hot and won three games and left someone else out.

"I would be more in favor it NCAA said the automatic bid to teams who won their con regular-season championsh conferences still want to have season tourney after that, th

Davis has said all year heis ing an open mind about a of ence tournament but said the ber of conference games wor to be reduced to fit in the son play. Suggestions have made to split the Big Ten in divisions, with teams in each d playing each other twice and teams in the other division

The conference champion would be determined by a town

Ten coaches expect teams to get NCAA bids this yea cause six teams went last ve the league was stronger in 198