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Women's tennis team falters at LSU tourney

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The Texas A&M women's tennis team took a drubbing in the opening round of the LSU Invitational Thursday in Baton Rouge, La.

Jennifer Jones is the only player who remains in the winners bracket for today's action, advancing by default. The other singles players are in the consolation rounds.

Cindy Crawford was the only Lady Aggie to win a match of the day, beating Lahna Lees of host Louisiana State 6-1, 7-6 in the No. 3 bracket. She was eliminated in a second match, losing to No. 6-seeded Jane Wood of Oklahoma State 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Coach Bobby Kleinecke said Crawford had the best effort of a very poor day for the Lady Aggies.

"This was not a prosperous day," Kleinecke said. "Our inexperience showed up. This was a tough tournament and showed we have a lot of work to do."

No. 1 player Gaye Lynne Ginsler lost to Laura Hudson of Houston 6-

3, 6-4. Cindy Churchwell lost to Monica Wanieak of OSU 6-4, 6-3 in the upper, "purple" bracket of players one through four. The Lady Aggies, traveling with only six players, put the others in the lower, "gold" bracket.

In the gold bracket, Lori Davis lost to Claudia Herrera of LSU 6-0, 6-1. Sandi Klein lost to Kilmney Waterman of Trinity 7-6, 6-1.

"The doubles (teams) just flat got beat," Kleinecke said, as all three teams fell in the opening round.

Ginsler and Jones lost to Monick Margoli and Danielle Jones of OSU 6-1, 6-3. Churchwell and Crawford lost to Paulette Roux and Biljana Mirkavic of South Carolina 6-2, 6-3. Klein and Davis lost to Lees and Marta Homedes of LSU 6-1, 6-4.

Kleinecke said, "We've got to go back to the drawing board and get back to work. The success of this team depends on how well the team learns from our mistakes."

Cross country teams fare well at meet here

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Texas-San Antonio swept the Aggie Invitational cross-country meet here Thursday, as the Texas A&M men finished third and the women came a hair from winning.

The Lady Aggies, without a sick Jennifer Zubkus and their injured top runner Julie Soukup, finished with 33 points, one more than UTSA. Beth and Becky Drees finished second and third respectively with times of 17:02.03 and 17:13.03. Jodi Duster of UTSA won with a time of 16:32.16.

Other Lady Aggies were 19th-place finisher Yvonne Rode at 18:12.00; Gloria Veceia, who finished 31st at 18:48.00; and Karol Welch, who placed 40th with a time of 18:52.00.

Steve Clark of second-place Baylor won the men's race in 24:31.04. The highest Aggie finisher was 10th-place Huey Treat at 25:10.42.

Doug Poirier finished 18th with a time of 25:50.17; Emmett Rhoden placed 20th at 25:55.48; Keith Barnhardt finished 24th with a time of 26:00.50; Joel Toland finished 33rd at 26:17.52; Tony Oresi placed 35th at 26:27.55; and Jim Hammitt finished 37th at 26:39.49.

A&M Cross-Country Coach Barry Colburn said, "I thought both teams ran well despite wet conditions. Beth and Becky ran their usual strong races, and the rest of our women continued to improve."

"(The Lady Aggies) were at a disadvantage because (Soukup and Zubkus) couldn't run, but I thought we handled the adversity well."

"We ran better than we have all year in the men's race. This should give us a boost of confidence going into the Southwest Conference meet."

The SWC meet will be Nov. 2 at Fayetteville, Ark.

Oilers' Adams undecided about team's future home

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers owner Bud Adams says he is uncertain when he will announce his team's plans either to stay in Houston or move to Jacksonville, Fla., next season.

"I'm not sure when an announcement will be made because we haven't come to the end of our negotiations," Adams said. "We're working on it."

The Oilers' lease on the Astrodome expires after the current season and a new agreement has not been reached with the Houston Sports Association.

Meanwhile, the Oilers are being wooed by Jacksonville officials who want the team to move to the Gator Bowl.

Also on Wednesday, Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay acted as intermediary during telephone negotiations between Oilers officials and the HSA, which manages the Astrodome on behalf of the county.

"I think there is still distance between the two sides, but the gap is narrowing," he said. "I feel a little bit more optimistic than I did yesterday."

Oilers General Manager Ladd Herzog said Wednesday a decision needed to be made soon.

"Based on the need for building (stadium improvements) in both Houston and Jacksonville, if we're going to get anything done for the 1988 season, it would be good to have a decision by Monday," Herzog said.

Holding-plagued Pozderac retires from NFL

IRVING (AP) — Offensive tackle Phil Pozderac, whom Dallas Cowboys fans had come to know almost as much by his number as by his name, retired from professional football on Thursday.

Pozderac, who at 6-foot-9 and 282 pounds was the National Football League's tallest player, fell into disfavor with Cowboys fans last season because of the frequent announcement from game officials: "Holding, Offense, No. 75."

"I just decided it was time to go into private business," Pozderac said Thursday.

Head coach Tom Landry said rookie Kevin Gogan, who is from Washington, will take Pozderac's spot in the starting lineup.

Pozderac, 27, was in his sixth season in the league. The Cowboys drafted him in the fifth round of the 1982 draft after Pozderac was named the most valuable player of the 1981 Notre Dame season. He was a high school basketball and football star at Garfield Heights, Ohio.

"Poz was probably the best-known offensive lineman in the country for all the wrong reasons," Cowboys offensive line coach Jim Erkenbeck said. "I admired him for not giving up when everybody and his brother were taking shots at him."

Pozderac started 10 games in 1986 and was awarded the game ball after the Cowboys' 31-28 upset over the New York Giants in the nation-

ally televised Monday Night Football season opener.

However, he was plagued by holding calls the second half of the season and was the goat in the second meeting of the Cowboys and Giants.

In a game that was won by the Giants, 17-14, Pozderac was called for holding twice in the waning moments, including once on a Tony Dorsett run to the 10 that would have set up at least a probable tying field goal.

The Cowboys, who had a 6-2 record going into the game, were to win only one more game the rest of the season and missed the playoffs.

Pozderac was an on-and-off starter the rest of the season, with coaches leaving him on the bench on

occasions to spare him from the crowd's wrath. He continued to be the target of officials' flags until season's end.

"I think he really overcame that from last year," Landry said Thursday. "He worked very hard in training camp, made the starting lineup and played well the first two games."

Landry said Pozderac came into his office Thursday morning to tell him of his decision.

"He just said he felt it was time to retire from pro football. He had some business opportunities. And that was about it. . . . Sure, I was surprised. You always are, any time a guy has paid the price he's paid since last spring, and then to quit in the middle of the season."

Difficulty picking games goes on after strike

From the Associated Press
To know what the strike did to form in the National Football League, the answer is a simple question: When was the last time an 0-5 team was a 10-point favorite?

That's what the New York Giants are against the St. Louis Cardinals this Sunday as the NFL gets back to a semblance of normality. When you think about it, that is normality — why shouldn't the Giants at home be favored by 10 over the Cards?

That's typical of the unknown factors in the first real games in four weeks.

Will, for example, teams that had a lot of regulars cross the picket line

play better the first week because they're in better shape? Or will they play worse because they're split while their opponents are unified?

There's also the demoralization factor.

Will the Giants throw in the towel because their awful strike team cost them all but the slimmest chance to repeat this year? What is the mental state of the Vikings, 2-0 before the strike, 0-3 during it, including home losses to Tampa Bay and Green Bay? What about Kansas City, another 0-3 strike team?

Or is Washington which looked only fair before the strike, as good as

the 4-1 record its replacements gave it?

In other words, picking winners after the strike may be just as hard as during it.

Seattle (plus 3) at Raiders
SEAHAWKS, 24-13.
New York Jets (plus 6) at Washington

REDSKINS, 30-21.
Dallas (pick 'em) at Philadelphia
EAGLES, 27-10.
San Francisco (minus 3) at New Orleans

SAINTS, 23-20.
St. Louis (plus 10) at New York Giants

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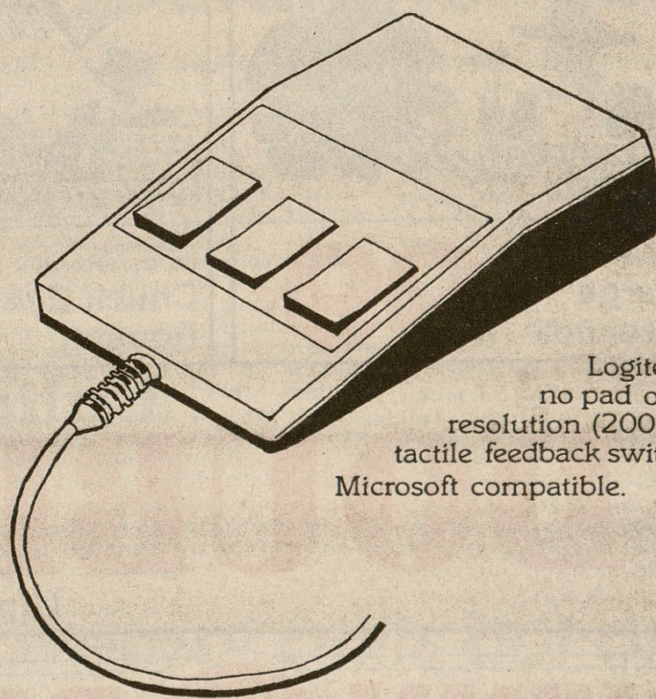
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