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U.S. hockey team starts off we after drubbing Austria in open

U.S. hockey team is already one as it faces Czechoslovakia Monday game up on the last one, but the night. The third-seeded Czechoslocoach who lost to the Americans Saturday night and beat them four years ago says the 1984 team was

better nevertheless. "The 1984 team was a stronger team," Austria coach Ludek Bukac said in the aftermath of the 10-6 loss in Saturday's opening game. "The players were generally better skilled. It was a faster team, and it played with great emotion.

Bukac coached the Czechoslova-kian team, which beat the United States 4-1 in 1984 at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

That loss was the second straight to start for the Americans en route to a disappointing seventh-place finish, not even in the medal round. But that failure had nothing to do

with lack of ability, Bukac said. The reason they didn't do better

was that they had a lot of pressure to win" because of the "Miracle on Ice" gold medal at Lake Placid in 1980, he said. "They weren't able to play under the pressure.

The pressure will return quickly

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — This for the current U.S. team, however, vaks were upset in their opening game by West Germany 2-1.

"I don't think the Czechs had a good day," U.S. Coach Dave Peter-son said. "They've been stung. My guess is that they'll react and come back strong against us."

The Americans have to hope their play and attitude from Saturday night carries over.

"There was no trouble getting up for the game," starting goaltender Mike Richter said of the Austrian game. "Everyone was excited as can

Getting off to a good start was especially important for the Ameri-cans, considering what happened in 1984.

"It was great to get it under our belts," Richter said. "It was my first international game at this level, and it was important to win our first

While the decision was never in doubt for the Americans once they broke open a 2-1 game with four goals in the second period, play did

Navratilova overpowers Shriver to win Virginia Slims tournament

DALLAS (AP) - Martina Navratilova, demonstrating the power game and shot-making style she'll need to unseat Steffi Graf as the world's top woman's player, roared past Pam Shriver, 6-0, 6-3 Sunday afternoon in the Virginia Slims of Dallas finals.

Navratilova, the tournament's top seed, won the Dallas championship for the eighth time in the last 10 years. She earned \$50,000 for her first title of the 1988 season.

The match was touched with con-troversy as Shriver, Navratilova's friend and doubles partner, hotly disputed a service call and expressed her frustration several times.

Navratilova needed only an hour to defeat Shriver for the 22nd straight match in their head-to-head competition. Shriver, the second seed, has lost 32 of 35 matches to Navratilova and hasn't beaten Navratilova since the 1982 U.S. Open.

Navratilova called the match her best since 1986 when she was the un-disputed No. 1 player in the world. Today I hit the ball better than I

did at any time last year," Navrati-lova said. "Steffi's still No. 1 but if I put together some matches like I had today, I can (overtake her).

A service break in the match's first game set the tone as Navratilova went on to breaks in the third and fifth games.

The third-game break angered Shriver when she was called for a double-fault at deuce. Shriver felt the ball was clearly good but replays showed the serve was near the line. Shriver got the advantage back two points later, but Navratilova

went on to the service-break. Shriver expressed her anger at

the linesman who called the ball out, and at the umpire who refused to overrule the call. She bounced a ball high into the air and kicked a cush-

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"We didn't play as well have in the third period

Tony Granato said. "V

down in our own end. We too many chances. But it close as the score indicated

The victory was typ

Americans' play this year

60-game pre-Olympic schedule. Nine players or 1984 veteran Corey Miller two goals and two assists. Scott Fusco, the other

member of the 1984 team,

goal for the Americans

"Corey's played well Granato said of his ce there wasn't any reason

that he wouldn't score.

scoring leader and a

While Peterson was sa the result, he did find his too tight" in the opening "If we were more rea

first period, we would better," Peterson said.

player

"I didn't get over m Shriver said. "I haven't

"I knew the way sh had to come up with

Leading 5-3 with Shr to stay in the match, Na back-to-back passing she other service break to win

ENTRIES CLOSE: TUE, FEB 16

FREE THROW: CONTEST DATE: Wed, Feb 17, 6-10 PM, G. Rollie White Coliseum. FINALS: Wed, Feb 24 at the halftime of the A&M vs. Houston Women's Basketball game. ENTRY FEE: Free!!! RULES: Each individual will shoot 20 free throws. the top two individuals will go to the finals Complete rules are available in the IM-Rec Sports Office.

HORSESHOE DOUBLES: PLAY BEGINS: Tues, Feb 23. SCHEDULES: Will be posted on Thu, Feb 18 after 3 PM outside the IM-Rec Sports Office. ENTRY FEE. Free. COMPETITION: Classes A, B and C will all play single elimination tournaments. EQUIPMENT: Horseshoes will be provided.

ENTRIES OPEN: MON, FEB 15 ENTRIES CLOSE: TUE, FEB 23

SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL: ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 Per Team. PLAY BEGINS: Sat, Feb 27. DIVISIONS: Corps, Fish, Men's & Women's Residence Hall, Men's & Women's Independent, Fraternity, OCA, & Corec. RULES: Rules are available in the IM-Rec Office. COMPETITION: Round Robin Play with single elimination playoffs in Classes A, B and C.

PRESEASON SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: .ENTRIES LIMITED: Entries will be limited to the first 128 teams. DIVISIONS: Men's, Women's, & Corec in classes A & B. ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per team. COMPETITION: The tournament will use all Intramural rules, policies, and procedures. TOURNA-MENT DATE: Feb 24-Feb 27.

TENNIS DOUBLES: PLAY BEGINS: Tues, Mar 1. ENTRY FEE: FREE! DI-VISIONS: Men's & Women's Residence Hall, Men's & Women's Independent,

Faculty/Staff/Grad, & Corec. COMPETITION: All Classes will play single elimination tournaments. Class A All-University Champion will receive a T-Shirt; Class-B All-University Champion will receive a certificate. RULES: Available in the IM-Rec Office.

WANTED:

SOFTBALL OFFICIALS

Anyone interested in officiating

softball should attend an orientation

meeting Feb 15, at 6 PM, in 164 Read.

For more information contact Chris

FOOTNOTES

Wallyball starts today, Feb 15.

Teams that have not picked up their

schedules may do so in the IM-Rec

Koperniak at 845-7826.

Sports Office, 159 Read.

There is still room available in son exercise classes offered by the Int Recreational Sports Department. began several weeks ago, but ind may still sign-up and receive a 20% on the price of the classes. For meeting twice a week, the cost will b the semester; for classes meeting times a week the cost will be \$32 fo

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Registration for this trip is from Feb 1-15 in the IM-Rec Sports Office, 159 R The fee is \$35 with A&M ID and \$40 without ID. This fee includes rentaloid gear and backpacks, food, maps and experienced guides. This trip is g

toward the beginner and intermediate backpacker. For more information, p

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UPCOMING TRIPS

CANOEING: Registration for this trip to the San Marcos River on Saturday, Matchis • open in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office. The fee for this day trip is \$15 to affiliates and \$20 for Non A&M affiliates. MOUNTAIN BIKING: Registration for a Mountain Biking trip to Lake Some

• State Recreation Area on Sunday, March 6 is now open in the Intramural Ref tional Sports Office, 159 Read. Cost for this adventure is \$8.00.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIESE TRIPS, CALL PATSY AT 84578

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DRIVING RANGE

The Driving Range located at the Intra ral Sports Center is now open for open tion Mon-Thu, 4 PM - Dark, Fri-Sa Prexter PM - 6 PM and Sun 3 PM - Dark Indue in The p als with student ID or TAMU Recreation ernal af ID may purchase a large bucket of and state for \$3.00 and a small bucket of balls Vedition \$1.50. Without an ID individuals may chase a large bucket of balls for \$4.008 a small bucket for \$2.00. Club renta vas the also available. For more informal Public contact the IM-Rec Sports Office, Read, or call 845-7826.

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BASKETBALL SEASON CONTIN-UES. PLAYOFFS WILL BE



