

# SPORTS

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## Aggie athletes get day off

### Tennis match, baseball doubleheader rained out

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Heavy rains washed out a baseball doubleheader between Texas A&M and Dallas Baptist and a men's tennis match pitting Southern Methodist and A&M Tuesday afternoon.

The tennis match was re-scheduled for April 17 while the baseball twinbill has not been definitely reset.

Head Coach Mark Johnson's top-ranked Aggie baseball team will resume their season — weather permitting — tonight at 7:30 with a game against the Nebraska Cornhuskers at Olsen Field.

The Aggies are enjoying a 29-1 start and lead both national polls for

the fourth consecutive week. This week marks the fifth straight week A&M has led the ESPN/Collegiate Baseball rankings.

A&M is coming off a weekend shellacking of Texas Tech in which the Aggies outscored the Red Raiders 53-7 in moving to 3-0 in Southwest Conference play. A&M hit .453 against Tech as nine different Ag-

#### Aggie Update

- **Tonight:** A&M hosts Nebraska for a single game at 7:30 p.m. at Olsen Field.
- **Record:** 29-1.
- **Ranking:** First.

gies hit home runs. A&M had 13 homers for the weekend with Mike Easley and Terry Taylor clubbing three apiece.

A&M pitchers limited Tech to just seven runs in the series while posting an excellent earned run average of 1.80 against the Red Raiders.

A&M resumes SWC play this weekend with a three-game set against Baylor at Olsen Field.

The Aggie tennis team was hoping to bounce back from a disappointing loss to Texas Saturday in which freshman Doug Brown won both his matches to improve his season record to 11-5.

Coach David Kent's team will continue SWC action Saturday with a match at Rice in Houston.

## Judge disqualifies Stars and Stripes

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge Tuesday disqualified the San Diego Yacht Club as the winner in last year's America's Cup challenge and awarded the international sailing trophy to the defeated New Zealand club.

State Supreme Court Justice Carmen Ciparick said San Diego "violated the spirit" of the race by using a 60-foot catamaran to defend against the Mercury Bay Boating Club's single-hulled yacht, which is about 90 feet at the water line.

San Diego's catamaran is the "Stars and Stripes," a multi-hulled boat that is lighter, faster and more maneuverable than the "New Zealand."

Skipped by Dennis Conner, the San Diego crew sailed to easy victory over the Mercury Bay club in waters off San Diego last September.

Calling the contest a "gross mismatch," the judge ordered the 138-year-old silver cup turned over to the New Zealanders.

The leader of the New Zealand syndicate, Michael Fay, expressed no such surprise.

"It had to come sooner or later," he said from Wellington, New Zealand. "We were always strong in our

belief in what the Cup meant and I think the Cup has come through."

Fay said the America's Cup itself was the real winner and the ruling would be good for the integrity of the event.

In her 14-page decision, the judge said: "The court is mindful that forfeiture is a drastic remedy in the instance of a competition such as the America's Cup, with its large economic significance and prestige."

"Nonetheless, the parties neither seek or suggest any alternative relief upon the disqualification of a competitor, nor is any alternative relief feasible under the circumstances."

The judge said the 101-year-old Deed of Gift which governs the race does not specify the size a boat must be or the number of hulls it must have.

But, she said, "the conclusion is inescapable" that George Schuyler, who established the race, "contemplated the defending vessel to relate in some way to the specifications of the challenger."

Therefore, Ciparick said, "it is clear that a catamaran may not defend an America's Cup competition against a monohull."

## Kingdome gets new facilities for Final Four

SEATTLE (AP) — The Michigan Wolverines will have a homecourt advantage for the NCAA's Final Four in the Kingdome, starting Saturday.

The floor, 6,720 square feet of hardwood maple, was made in Dollar Bay, Mich., by Horner Floor Co.

"We painted the lane blue, because Michigan's going to win," Bill Gappy, company director of portable sales, said.

Actually, the court colors, graphics and other details are all determined by the NCAA for an event that will draw more than 40,000 fans, officials and media to the Kingdome for semifinal games Saturday and another 40,000 for the championship Monday night.

The domed stadium, which turned 13 years old Monday, was getting ready for the big event.

In addition to the never-before-played-on floor, the Kingdome crowd will be able to watch a brand-new, \$450,000 scoreboard that uses a light matrix allowing the operator to display not only game statistics but also moving graphics, such as a cannon shooting a ball through a basketball net.

## Frey's personnel goofs assure Cubs will have typical season

Major League Baseball begins its season April 3 and the boys of summer will start their annual race for the World Series.

However, for fans of some teams the season will be another long, frustrating 162-game torture. The Chicago Cubs are one team that looks to keep its fans suffering.

In 1984, the long-suffering Cub fans saw their team come within one game of the World Series, and paradise, for the first time since 1945. No team has gone longer without a trip to the Series than the Cubs.

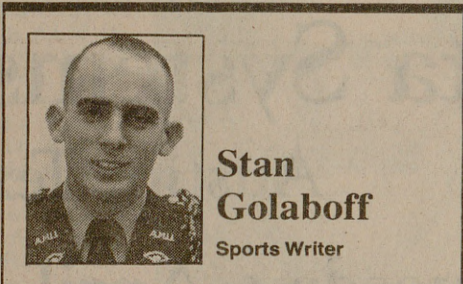
Since 1984, the Cubs have gone backwards and general manager Jim Frey seems more intent on destroying his club than building it into a contender.

Last year Frey traded All-Star reliever Lee Smith to Boston for Calvin Schiraldi and Al Nipper. Frey evidently didn't think the Cubs needed an ace stopper in the bullpen. Smith saved 29 games for the Red Sox and the Sox won the American League East. The Cubs pitching staff saved 29 games and finished fifth in the National League East.

This winter, Frey went shopping for a stopper at the winter baseball meeting, and came away with a lemon. Frey traded outfielder Rafael Palmeiro (and others) for Texas Ranger relief pitcher Mitch Williams.

Palmeiro finished second in the league in batting last year. This fact alone makes up for the fact that not one of his 53 RBIs was a game winner. Then again, it is hard to get game-winning RBIs batting first.

Williams does have a few good points, like 61 strikeouts in 68 innings and only 48 hits. However, he did walk 47 batters. He has trouble controlling his fastball and catcher Damon Berryhill should have lots of fun trying to keep track of it.



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Frey also traded away veteran catcher Jody Davis in the middle of last season because he thinks Berryhill is the catcher the Cubs need.

With Davis gone, the Cubs only real power will be Andre Dawson and it is not certain how much longer his 35 year-old legs will hold out. After Dawson, the Cubs have a group of young hitters, led by Ryne Sandberg, who may one day be as awesome as the Mets starting lineup, but it will take a few years before that happens.

The Cubs pitching staff, while not the worst in the league, is young. After Rick Sutcliffe, the Cubs have no one with more than three years of experience in their starting rotation. In fact, Sutcliffe has more career wins than the rest of the starting staff combined.

If spring training (the Cubs are 6-17, the worst record in baseball) is an indication as to the Cubs fortunes for 1989, the "lovable losers" will continue to keep their fans in agony.

However, as a loyal Cubs fan, I can safely say that no matter how they do on the field, the Cubs will always have the support of their fans.

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