

Aggie netters post strong showing

Coach David Kent singles out play of sophomore Doug Brown

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Texas A&M's Doug Brown was called the star of the tournament by Coach Kavid Kent, as the sophomore won his singles flight and finished second in doubles as the men's tennis team competed at the Navy National All-Conference Tournament in Annapolis, Md. over the weekend.

Seven other schools participated in the tournament: Navy, West Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Notre Dame, Wake Forest and Duke.

The tournament was set up in eight flights where each school put their No. 1 singles player and No. 1 doubles team in the first flight, their No. 2 singles player and No. 2 doubles team in the second flight, etc.

There were no team results because the tournament was set up for individual flights. A&M results were:

Singles
Flight No. 1: Matt Zisette (lost to J. Ameline, West Va., 7-6, 2-6, 2-2)

(lost to G. Grant, Duke, 6-2, 6-3)

(defeated C. Thompson, Navy, 6-2, 6-2)

(Zisette finished seventh in Flight No. 1)

Flight No. 2: Gustavo Espinosa (lost to P. Westoo, West Va., 6-3, 6-1)

(lost to W. Dolhare, N. Dame, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2)

(defeated P. Walker, Navy, 6-3, 6-2)

(Espinosa finished seventh in Flight No. 2)

Flight No. 3: Shawn O'Donovan (lost to C. Moringiello, Navy, 6-2, 7-6)

(lost to P. Tregauer, Tenn., 6-1, 7-5)

(defeated M. Dilworth, Wake Forest, 6-1, 6-1)

(O'Donovan finished seventh in Flight No. 3)

Flight No. 4: Doug Brown (defeated M. Brimmer, Tenn., 6-4, 6-1)

(defeated J. Chapman, Wake Forest, 6-0, 6-0)

(defeated B. Kelly, West Va., 6-4, 4-6, 6-0)

(Brown won Flight No. 4)

Flight No. 5: Blake Barsalou (lost to A. Zoocher, N. Dame, 6-2, 6-4)

(defeated K. Burford, Arkansas, 6-3, 6-2)

(lost to L. Beck, Duke, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2)

(Barsalou finished sixth in Flight No. 5)

Flight No. 6: Mike Castillo (lost to M. Cahral, Tenn. 6-1, 6-1, 6-3)

(defeated E. Mojica, Navy, 6-1, 6-0)

(lost to K. Holsclaw, West Va., 6-2, 7-6)

(Castillo finished sixth in Flight No. 6)

Flight No. 7: Scott Phillips (defeated P. Olin, Navy, 6-2, 6-2)

(defeated P. Odland, N. Dame, 6-4, 6-2)

(lost to G. Borkum, Arkansas, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1)

(Phillips finished second in Flight No. 7)

Flight No. 8: Carlos DeAngulo (defeated S. Rooney, Wake Forest, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6)

(lost to A. Williams, Arkansas, 6-3, 6-0)

(defeated C. Shelburne, Duke, by default)

(DeAngulo finished third in Flight No. 8)

Doubles
Flight No. 1: Zisette/Espinosa (lost to Nance/Rubell, Duke, 6-4, 6-3)

(lost to Foley/Kelly, West Va., 6-2, 7-6)

(defeated Ameline/Cedeno, W. Forest, default)

(Zisette/Espinosa finished seventh in Flight No. 1)

Flight No. 2: O'Donovan/Brown (defeated Westoo/Mercer, West Va., 7-5, 6-4)

(defeated Im/Mieny, Arkansas, 6-3, 7-6)

(lost to Grant/Quest, Duke, 6-2, 6-1)

(O'Donovan/Brown finished second in Flight No. 2)

Flight No. 3: Castillo/Barsalou (defeated Powell/Kay, Wake Forest, 6-1, 6-4)

(defeated Burford/Anton, Ark., 6-3, 5-7, 6-1)

(lost to Mancini/Schmidt, W. Va., 6-2, 7-6)

(Castillo/Barsalou finished second in Flight No. 3)

Flight No. 4: DeAngulo/Phillips (lost to Odland/Schmidt, N. Dame, 6-3, 6-2)

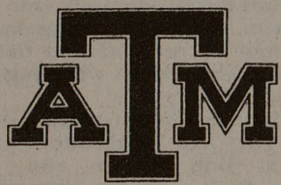
(defeated DePalmer/Rozak, Tenn., 6-3, 6-3)

(lost to Holsclaw/Dailer, W. Va., default)

(DeAngulo/Phillips finished sixth in Flight No. 4)

"Doug Brown was just amazing," Kent said. "It was a good tournament to start with because you were guaranteed quality matches in singles and doubles even if you lost. That's what we're looking forward to this early in the season."

The Aggies' next action is at home this weekend in the A&M Four-Way. The tournament starts Friday at 8:30 p.m. Other schools participating are Texas Christian, Rice and Southwest Louisiana.



Jim Kelly passes Bills past frustrated Oilers in offense-laden game

HOUSTON (AP) — The Buffalo Bills won't have to worry about their 1989 highlight films. Jim Kelly provided them with enough for an entire reel on Sunday.

Kelly threw five touchdown passes, including a 28-yard game winner to Andre Reed in overtime, for an exhausting, 47-41 victory over the Houston Oilers.

Kelly threw touchdown passes of 6, 63 and 78 yards, giving the Bills a 34-24 fourth-quarter lead, but the Oilers kept coming back, finally forcing an overtime on Tony Zendejas' 52-yard field goal with three seconds left in regulation.

After Zendejas missed two chances to give the Oilers a victory in the overtime, Kelly whipped the Bills to the Oilers 28 and completed the game winning toss to Reed with 6:18 left in the overtime. Reed also caught the 78-yarder.

"The Buffalo Bills have arrived," Kelly said. "When you can score that many points when you have to, you've really done your job."

The Bills (2-1) struggled in their first two games of the season, but Kelly completed 17 of 29 passes for 363 yards against Houston.

"I thought everybody in general gave a good effort," Oilers fullback Alonzo Highsmith said. "It just wasn't good enough to win. We're a helluva team no matter what anybody else thinks."

"We're not going to go around pointing fingers at people. We just ran out of time."

Oilers cornerback Steve Brown returned an interception 41 yards to set up Lorenzo White's 1-yard touchdown run with 4:30 to play for a 38-34 lead.

But it wasn't enough. "I told this team at halftime we'd come back but we went out there and more bad things started to happen," Oilers coach Jerry Glanville said.

"You stay around long enough in this league and you'll get stuck in the eye."

The Bills took a 20-10 halftime lead on a 76-yard touchdown run by Mark Kelso with a blocked punt as time ran out in the half.

Steve Norwood kicked field goals of 43 and 26 yards and Thomas caught a 6-yard touchdown pass for the Bills in the first half.

Moon ran 1 yard for a touchdown and Zendejas kicked a 26-yard field goal in the first half, setting the stage for the offensive second half.

Don Beebe, a rookie from Chadron State, made his first pro reception a memorable one, catching a 63-yard touchdown from Kelly.

Rookie Bubba McDowell, who had a school record nine blocked punts at Miami, blocked John Kidd's punt and Dishman scooped it up and ran into the end zone with 27 seconds left in the third quarter.

That narrowed Buffalo's lead to 27-24 but on the second play of the following drive, Kelly hit Reed down the sidelines on a 78-yard touchdown run with 10 seconds gone in the fourth quarter.

Moon, harrassed by the Buffalo defense throughout the game, came back with a 26-yard touchdown pass to Givins that ended spectacularly with Givins somersaulting into the end zone with 9:32 left in the game.

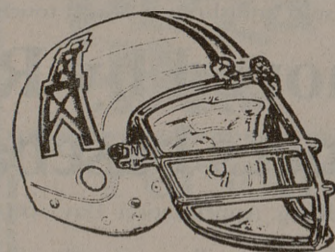
The Bills intercepted Moon twice in the first half en route to their half-time lead.

The Oilers had lined up for a 47-yard field goal attempt with eight seconds left in half but linebacker Darryl Talley partially blocked the kick and Kelso grabbed the ball and took off for the right sidelines.

Oiler holder Greg Montgomery had the final angle on Talley but he was pushed aside by safety Leonard Smith, leaving Kelso clear for the goalline.

Kelso earlier intercepted a pass by Moon and returned it 43 yards to the Houston 31 to set up a 26-yard field goal by Scott Norwood with 3:47 elapsed in the second quarter.

The Bills also capitalized on a 22-yard interception return by Smith, who picked off a Moon pass and returned it to Houston's 23.



"This is my best game as a pro," Kelly said. "Our team talk this week was that we do not give up. Today our receivers and offensive line did a heck of a job."

Warren Moon, who hit 28 of 42 passes for 338 yards, guided the Oilers into position after Houston won the toss starting overtime.

Zendejas then lined up for a 43-yard attempt, but linebacker Ray Bentley, who missed a key tackle earlier in the same drive, blocked the field goal.

An offside penalty gave Zendejas another chance from 37 yards, but his kick was wide to the left, giving Kelly the chance he needed.

Buffalo running back Thurman Thomas, who caught two of Kelly's touchdowns, said he thought the Oilers would give after Zendejas' failures.

"Zendejas is known for missing kicks under pressure, he made the 52 yarder and then he missed a relative chip shot," Thomas said. "He's well known for doing that. We work real hard in practice at blocking kicks and applying pressure."

Moon was intercepted twice in the first half and overthrew several passes in the first half.

"We put pressure on him and he got jittery in the second half," Bills defensive end Bruce Smith said.

The Oilers dropped to 1-2 and lost to the Bills in Houston for the first time since 1966.

1989 Cowboys a far cry from 'Doomsday'

Washington's runners capitalize on Dallas' defense in 30-7 win

IRVING (AP) — The Washington Redskins proved on Sunday that the Dallas Cowboys are so bad defensively you can beat them with your second- and third-string running backs.

With Gerald Riggs, the NFL's leading rusher, sitting out the second half with a bruised chest, Earnest Byner and Jamie Morris ground down the Cowboys in a 30-7 victory.

Byner scored on his first run as a Redskin, a 12-yarder, and Morris scored a touchdown and gained 100 yards on 26 carries to spoil Coach Jimmy Johnson's regular-season home debut.

Washington coach Joe Gibbs said he was a little worried when Riggs couldn't play.

"It was a big win for us, finally," he said. "I'm just tickled about it. We've been taking a lot of heat after losing two at home."

"We went from having the biggest back in the NFL (Riggs at 232) to Morris (188) and he does the job. It was great to get Byner going, too. We had a good 1-2 punch in there."

Morris said "I had the holes but it felt good to get a touchdown. Real good. You don't get many chances playing behind Byner and Riggs."

Byner said he figured Riggs wouldn't play any more and he said his first carry was like hitting a homer in your first at-bat with a new club.

"You want every carry to be like my first one," Byner said. "It felt good to be a bigger part of the offense. I got me a Redskins' touchdown on my first carry. That's something."

Johnson was livid after the game and gave his team a dressing down. "We're not a very good football team, as anybody who saw us play can see, and it's not a good feeling," Johnson said. "I told my players I will not accept us being a poor football team."

"I told them that anyone of them not willing to work to let me know and I'll find somebody who is willing to work."

Johnson said the Cowboys, 0-3, their worst start since 1963, will start working harder, beginning Monday. "We'll spend more time on the field and in meetings and running

more after practice," he said. "We'll do anything we have to do to turn this thing around. I want this team to remember how awful they are so they'll work to get better. The only way you move to a new level is by working."

"I can't live with this and I can't let them live with it."

Dallas rookie quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Steve Walsh each were intercepted twice.

"We just stunk up the field," said Aikman.

Johnson said Aikman would start next week, although Walsh replaced him in the second half.

"There's no controversy," Johnson said. "Walsh is still on the second team."

The Redskins' go-ahead touchdown came on Byner's first carry of the year as he dashed untouched into the end zone to give Washington a 14-7 first-period lead.

Morris put the game away with a 12-yard run in the fourth period.

Washington kept Dallas' offense bottled up, sacking Aikman four times. Walsh made his NFL debut but was intercepted by Daryl Grant

on the second pass he threw at the Dallas 36. Four plays later, Morris scored.

Linebacker Wilbur Marshall intercepted Walsh a second time with less than two minutes to play.

Washington and Dallas exchanged defensive touchdowns in the first period.

Alvin Walton returned an interception 29 yards to give Washington a 7-0 lead. Dallas retaliated when defensive end Jim Jeffcoat lumbered 77 yards with Mark Rypien's fumble. Safety Roy Horton delivered the hit that jarred the ball loose.

A 40-yard pass from Rypien to Art Monk positioned the Redskins for Chip Lohmiller's 26-yard field goal that gave Washington a 17-7 halftime lead. Lohmiller also kicked field goals of 37 and 33 yards in the second half.

Dallas had only three first downs at halftime and finished with a total of 10 first downs. It was the Cowboys' first regular-season home game without Tom Landry as coach.

Without Ickey, Bengals seek new running force

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals start to find out Monday night whether they can shuffle back to the Super Bowl without Ickey Woods.

The Bengals (1-1) will be without their most celebrated scorer and dancer when they play the Cleveland Browns (2-0) in the first Monday night game between the intrastate rivals.

The second-year fullback had reconstructive knee surgery Friday to repair a torn ligament and torn cartilage. The Bengals' offense dominated teams in the playoffs last year with a running attack that featured Woods' power moves up the middle.

Now they have to replace Woods' 1,000 yards rushing and his flair.

"The nature of our offense is that we can adjust to situations like this," Coach Sam Wyche said.

Woods became the main weapon in the Bengals' ground-oriented offense midway through the season, and rushed for 15 touchdowns and a team-high 1,066 yards. His nickname, his ponytail and his flat-footed touchdown dance made him a star.

The burden to sustain the ground game falls on veteran tailback James Brooks, reliable but unspectacular backup Stanford Jennings and rookie Eric Ball. None of the three matches Woods in girth, but Wyche plans to use Jennings and Ball as fullback replacements for now.

"Eric Ball is a fullback," Wyche said. "He's 217 or 218 pounds and fast. So we've got a fullback type.

Stanford's more of a halfback type, but he can play both positions.

"Both of them are good blockers and are good enough power-type runners when they have to be. They may not be the 235-pound guy that we were used to last year."

Ball, a second-round draft pick from UCLA, is in the same position that Woods took advantage of last year. Woods, a second-round draft pick in 1988, became the fullback when veteran Stanley Wilson got hurt.

"If you recall, Ickey made a name for himself when the starter, Stanley Wilson, went down with an injury," quarterback Boomer Esiason said. "This would be the perfect opportunity for these two guys to step forward and make the same kind of name for themselves before a national audience."

For this one game, the Bengals may not need a big fullback.

First-year Cleveland coach Bud Carson has remade the Browns' defense into an attacking unit that charges hard to disrupt the passing game. As a result, the Browns have been susceptible to long gains by quick, darting runners who can get past charging linemen.

That's Brooks.

"He's going to present a big problem to us," Carson said. "Those slashing runners are giving us problems."



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