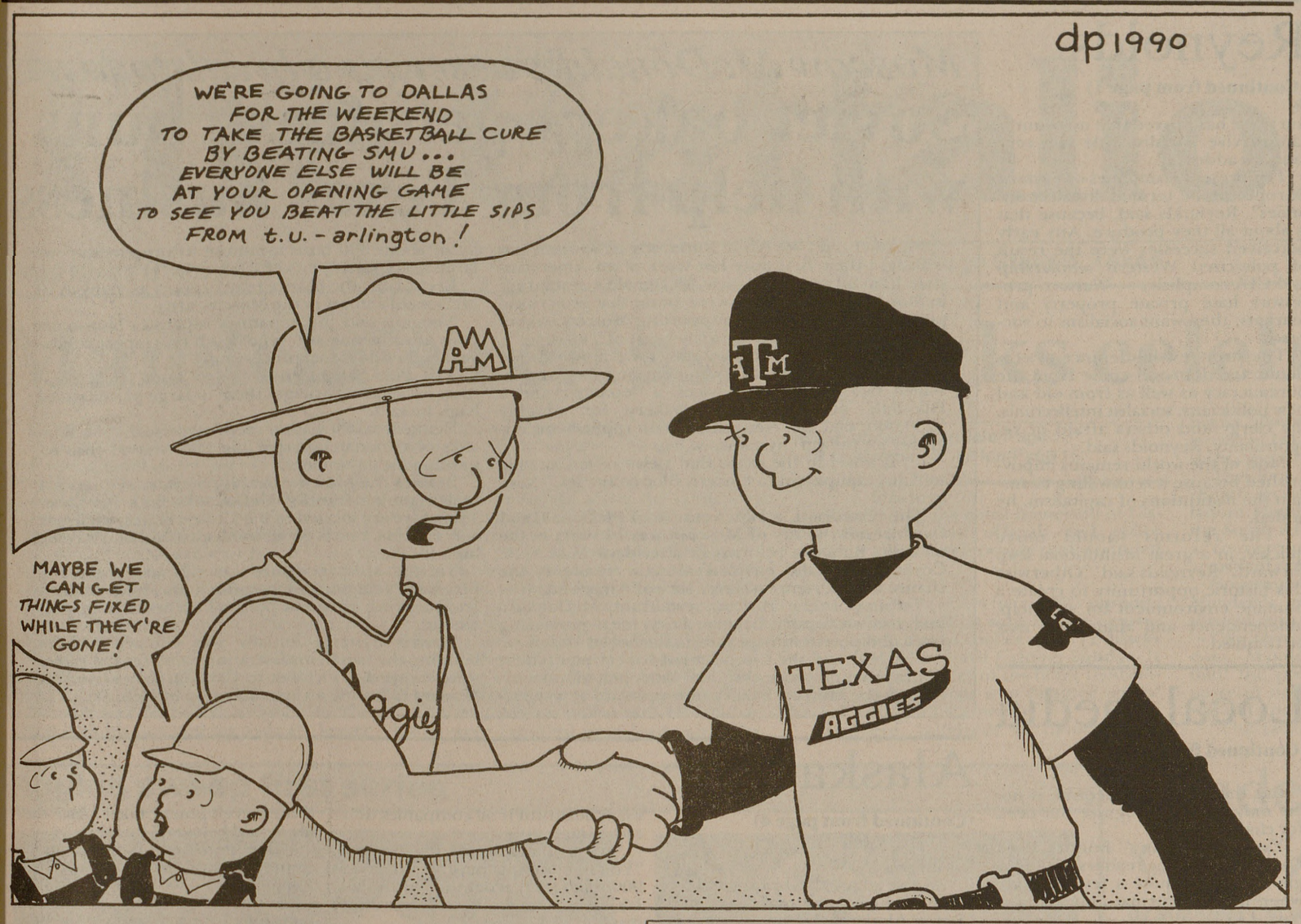

Graft tears ligaments in Swiss ski trip

NEUSS, West Germany (AP) — Steffi Graf, the world's top-ranked tennis player, tore ligaments in her playing arm during a skiing accident in Switzerland and may not be able to play again until at least April, a newspaper reported today.

Graf was skiing with her father at St. Moritz on Wednesday when she fell and injured her right wrist, according to the Bild newspaper.

She left the ski resort with a plaster cast on her lower right arm, although medical workers there said it was precautionary and the extent of her injury would not be known until the swelling diminished.

The newspaper said the ligaments were torn and would need weeks to heal.

Horst Schmitt, a spokesman for Graf, said details of her injuries would not be available until she had been examined by a specialist.

The injury prompted her family to inform tennis officials in Boca Raton and Key Biscayne, Fla., that Graf would not be taking part in tournaments in those cities in March.

It was not immediately known if she would be able to make the Grand Slam events in Paris, beginning May 28, or Wimbledon, which starts on June 25.

Richardson blasts UT for complaining

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson said Thursday that University of Texas officials are wasting their time by continuing to complain about the Razorbacks' overtime victory over the Longhorns on Sunday.

Texas has sent a letter to the Southwest Conference protesting the game because Richardson wasn't given a technical foul for leaving the court with 14 seconds left in regulation time. Assistant Athletic Director Craig Helwig said the letter was sent Wednesday.

"One or two days is fine, but now they've played a game and we've played a game and it's on to the rest of the league race," Richardson said at a news conference in response to a question. "When does the statute of limitations run out. They've kept this in the paper for days."

Richardson walked off after Lee Mayberry was assessed an intentional foul. Arkansas, which trailed 84-83 at the time, tied the game at 86 on Mayberry's long jumper with four seconds left and won 103-96 in overtime, with Richardson back on the bench.

Texas Coach Tom Penders complained after the game that Richardson should have been assessed a technical foul, giving the Longhorns two free throws and possession of the ball. Texas wants to have the final 14 seconds replayed, or at least receive public acknowledgment from the SWC that the referees made a misinterpretation.

Paul Galvan, the SWC supervisor of officials, said the case is closed, and league Commissioner Fred Jacoby wouldn't comment.

"I'm not sure Tom even has anything to do with this," Richardson said. "I've received a lot of fan mail from Austin. I must be very popular there.

"If this creates more interest among league fans, fine. I'm, sure the next time we're in Austin, they'll have a bunch of Nolan lookalikes. The rivalry will become more intense among fans ... hopefully, it will spread to some of the other teams and that makes for a better conference."

Allen

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Those people will be looking for Allen to pull more weight this year than last year.

"I think I've improved as a pitcher from last year," he said. "I've got a little more of an arsenal to throw at them this year."

Allen said he is itching to try out that arsenal.

"I want to beat Texas," he said. "That's one goal that I've got since I didn't do well against them last year."

Allen gave up five runs in a little more than three innings in A&M's 18-14 win over Texas last year. He also will be waiting for Houston to arrive in College Station on April 27.

"(Houston) roughed me up pretty good," he said."This year I'm going to try and make it a little different."

Lady Ags

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after winning on our home floor and suffered a loss on their home court," Hickey said. "We've got to go in with our heads up and play with as much concentration as we did against TCU in order to be successful."

A&M holds a 15-7 advantage over SMU in the series, having won the last three times they have met.

Last year, the Lady Aggies struggled to an 88-87 overtime victory over the Mustangs in Dallas.

A&M then posted a commanding 83-66 win a month later in College Station.

The Lady Aggies hit a season-high 58 percent from the field last month, as they more then doubled SMU's score, 93-45, in G. Rollie White.

Lori Dillard has been the Lady Aggies' hottest player in A&M's last four games. After going scoreless in back-to-back games against Arkansas and Rice, Dillard has reached double figures in three of her last four games.

The senior gaurd has scored a total of 53 points for a 13.3 average per game.

The only other A&M players averaging in double figures for those four games are Yvonne Hill (11.8 ppg) and LaTanya Irving (11.0 ppg).

Following Saturday's game against SMU, the Lady Aggies will have six days off before returning home on Feb. 16 to take on the Lady Longhorns. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Mavs tear Timbers

DALLAS (AP) — Rolando Blackman scored 21 points and the Dallas Mavericks pulled away in the second half and beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 90-77 Thursday night for their ninth victory in 11 games.

Minnesota, 2-20 on the road, led the entire first quarter and was ahead midway through the third period. But Sam Perkins, Roy Tarpley and Brad Davis rallied the Mavericks.

Tarpley, starting because of Adrian Dantley's broken leg, scored 12 of his 16 points in the last 16 minutes. Perkins got seven of his 16 in the third period. Dallas held the Timberwolves to only 14 points in the last seven minutes of the third period and first 10 of the fourth.

Tony Campbell and Tod Murphy led Minnesota with 17 points apiece.

Dallas led 41-40 at halftime despite matching its lowest-scoring half of the season. Minnesota sank its first four shots of the third quarter, part of an 8-for-8 streak overall, for a 50-43 lead. But Dallas, going to a press and fast-breaking off turnovers, made a 19-2 run for a 66-56 lead at the end of three quarters.

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