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Showers force rescheduling of Ag tennis match

By NADJA SABAWALA
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When it rains, it pours. The Texas A&M men's tennis team was forced to reschedule a dual match Tuesday against Wake Forest because of thunder showers.

The Aggies were ahead 4-2 and the Demon Deacons left for Austin to face Texas Wednesday afternoon and to return for a rematch today.

But again, it poured. Wake's match in Austin was rained out and they decided to stay there to play the Longhorns this afternoon, leaving A&M without a competitor.

At the time play was suspended, A&M's No. 1 doubles team of juniors Matt Zisette and Steve Kennedy led Wake's Mike Dilworth and Lawrence Kiey, 2-0.

Sophomore Doug Brown and senior Shaun O'Donovan won their first set against Brian Powell and Justin Chapman, 6-1, but the teams tied in the second, 2-2.

The Aggies No. 3 doubles team of sophomore Blake Barsalou and junior Mike Castillo led the Deacon's Brian Martin and Erik Samuels, 6-3, 3-3.

In singles' action, O'Donovan, A&M's No. 1 singles player, was defeated by Wake's Gilles Ameline, 6-1, 6-2. Ameline, a senior from Saint-Louis, France, is ranked 10th in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association.

O'Donovan's season record falls to 9-3 with the loss.

The Aggies remain 9-2 in dual match play, and begin SWC play Saturday.

Spurs' Cummings relives fears with death of Loyola's Gathers

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Spurs' forward Terry Cummings says Hank Gathers' death deeply affected him and sparked memories of his own battle with the heart condition that afflicted the Loyola Marymount basketball star.

But Cummings, an ordained Pentecostal minister, said he places his faith in God and won't be altering his playing routine in light of Gathers' sudden death.

"I take the medication. I don't think about it. That's a part of my life. I dealt with it," he said of his arrhythmia, a heartbeat irregularity diagnosed in 1982.

Cummings declined to talk about Gathers' death until after San Antonio's game Monday night against the Houston Rockets.

"I had to prepare myself a little more but that was because of the media," he said. "I had to isolate myself

so I could feel comfortable." Cummings, 28, said he was watching ESPN Sunday night when he learned about Gathers.

"I sat there and cried. I saw Terry in Hank," Cummings said. After a slam dunk, Gathers collapsed during Loyola Marymount's game against Portland in Los Angeles. The 23-year-old senior later died at a hospital.

Gathers also fainted earlier in the season during a game and had taken medication for arrhythmia. Results of an autopsy on Gathers will be released next week, officials said.

Cummings said he empathized with Gathers as he watched the "episode" that led to his death.

"When I watched Hank, I saw him collapse and then try to shake it off. But you're so disoriented, you can't get your balance back. Seeing him not be able to get back to his feet was

disturbing," he said. Cummings said when he first started taking the medication to control his arrhythmia he experienced problems.

"Initially it knocked my equilibrium off," he said. "I was walking around high, but nobody knew I've kept it where it works real well for me."

Teammate David Robinson said Cummings took Gathers' death personally.

"It hit Terry," said Robinson, who talked with Cummings about it Monday.

Cummings scored 28 points in the Spurs' game against Houston. He said Monday night's loss is one he'll forget about quickly — his mind was filled with more important concerns.

Mavericks' Perkins bitter, considers trade

DALLAS (AP) — Mavericks forward Sam Perkins, saying he still harbors bitter feelings toward team management over last summer's heated contract negotiations, has identified four other teams he would consider signing with when he becomes an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season.

Perkins said he has not forgotten — or forgiven — how he was treated before grudgingly agreeing to a one-year contract before the season began. Perkins had been seeking a five-year deal, but the Mavs would offer no more than three.

"There definitely are some hard feelings about them not signing me before the season," Perkins told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "There definitely is some static, and I felt more hurt last summer than ever before."

"They talked about my value to the team until it was time for them to put up the money. All of those things

come to mind, and that will have a lot to do with my final decision. There are a lot of little things that were unsaid that people don't know about. And I have to take all of that to heart."

Roy Tarpley's continued problems, Adrian Dantley's decision to waive his guaranteed contract to become a free agent after the season and his subsequent broken leg and the promotion of Richie Adubato to head coach have combined to put Perkins' value in a new light for the Mavericks. He is responding with his best season, increasing his potential value on the free-agent market.

"I have some favorites like the Lakers, Chicago, and maybe New York and Charlotte," Perkins said. "But I just want to see what happens, and I don't want to limit my options. I'm going to play it by ear."

"It would be fun to play with Jordan again, or Worthy."

Game

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on a three-point play and then stole the ball back and made a layup going on a five point run. A&M was able to sink a bucket with seconds left to give UH a halftime lead of 34-31.

In the start of the second half A&M was able to tie the score at 41-41 with 15:25 left in the game thanks to a layup by junior forward Diane DeCree.

The Lady Cougars came back and were able to reel off five more points sparked by a three-point play by Jana Crosby, including a layup which capped off the five-point run. UH would keep their five point ad-

vantage throughout the second half and manage to score three more for the final 77-69 victory.

"It was disappointing to have our season end right now," Hickey said. "But we have a very young team and we've done some good things."

The sunshine did peek through the clouds as A&M's two seniors, Lori Dillard and Lisa Herner, finished the final game of their college careers on an high note. Dillard finished with a season high 19 points with four rebounds, while Herner passed for five assists and collected two points for the night.

A&M finished the season at 16-12 and UH is now 17-10.

Lehmann

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America flocked to ballparks to see Ruth hit home runs. In 1920, the Yankees experienced a 100 percent rise in attendance.

Baseball, like other sports of the time, relied upon attendance as its sole means of support. Games didn't get broadcast regularly until the 1930s, and games weren't televised until the 1950s.

Ruth's longballs drew the fans to every stadium he played in and baseball reached new heights of prosperity in the 1920s.

When his contract expired in 1921, Ruth demanded and received a five-year contract for \$52,000 per season.

He was worth every penny of it and more. Ruth was asked if he felt bad about making more money than President Calvin Coolidge.

Ruth replied no. "I had a better year than he did."

Indeed he did, but what Ruth ultimately accomplished was a shift in power from the owners to the players. After his raise, salaries for other players also began to rise.

With the advent of radio, and later television, major league baseball became accessible to millions of fans who never ventured within a hundred miles of a major league stadium.

This expanded market, coupled with a more exciting product, generated unprecedented revenues for franchises.

Players have become better educated, and have voiced stronger demands for a bigger share of revenues. Their reasoning is sound.

After all, the players are the product. Fans pay to see the stars, not the owners.

After decades of being underpaid, the pendulum of power has swung toward the players.

But, don't cry for the owners. They started paying huge salaries. They turned the free-agent market into a circus by throwing multi-million dollar contracts at washed-up players.

Now the players are demanding even more money. Do they deserve it? Will they get it?

Maybe. And yes, they always have in the past.

Rangers sign players

ARLINGTON (AP) — Pitcher Kenny Rogers and third baseman Scott Coolbaugh agreed to terms on one-year contracts for 1990, the team announced Wednesday.

Also, the Rangers renewed the contracts of pitchers John Barfield and Kevin Brown for 1990. Terms weren't disclosed.

Meanwhile, pitcher Darrel Akerfelds and catcher Chad Kreuter, who had their contracts renewed earlier this week, also agreed to terms on one-year contracts, mean-

ing all 39 players on the Rangers' major league roster are under contract for the 1990 season.

Rogers, 25, was 3-4 with a 2.51 ERA and two saves in 73 games for the Rangers last year. Coolbaugh, 23, batted .260 with 18 home runs and 74 RBIs in 144 games at Class

AAA Oklahoma City in 1989. He hit .275 with two home runs and seven RBIs in 25 games after being called up.

Cold Bats

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bert's fastball into right field. It bounced off the glove of a diving Robinson, and Kridler ended up with a triple. He scored on a ground-

out. The Aggies threatened again in the third inning. Tim Holt hit a single over second base, but was caught stealing after Trey Witte fled out. Williams, Robinson and Rollen then walked to load the bases with two outs.

SHSU coach John Skeeters replaced the Bobkat starter with Steve Vlasek. With Broussard at the plate with a full count, the Aggies came 15 feet short of a grand slam. Broussard lifted a high pop fly to left fielder Derrick Copes that fell just short of the warning track.

A&M again had its chance to break the game open in the eighth inning. Down 4-2, the Aggies again had the bases loaded. Marshall singled, moved to second on Holt's single and advanced to third on Witte's walk. With two outs, Williams stepped to the plate. But his long drive fell short, and centerfielder Mario Cotton caught it to end the threat.

"Everytime we looked like we

were mounting a rally, Sam Houston really shut us down," A&M coach Mark Johnson said. "Travis really hit that ball hard. If that went through, we would've scored three runs."

"But that's not luck, that's baseball."

Junior Rich Robertson relieved Gilbert in the fifth inning, and shut the Bobkats down the rest of the way. SHSU managed just two hits off Robertson after he came in.

The Aggies looked like they were going to go down quietly in the ninth inning, their last chance to pull the game out. Robinson grounded out and Rollen struck out. But Broussard slammed Richard Zastouppis' pitch over the left field wall for his third home run of the year, and it brought the Aggies back to 4-3.

However, Thomas struck out on three straight pitches to end the game.

Williams said the Aggies' lackluster play could be attributed to the previous night's doubleheader, but that they should have beaten the Bobkats anyway.

"I'm sure playing the doubleheader had a little effect, but that was no excuse for coming out and starting off cold like that," Williams said.

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