

Musburger under fire

Sports announcer let go by CBS after contract negotiations stall

DENVER (AP) — Brent Musburger, the primary voice of CBS Sports during the 1980s, was fired by the network Sunday in a move that shocked officials at CBS and other networks.

Because the move was announced on April Fool's Day and one day before the NCAA basketball championship — which Musburger is scheduled to broadcast — many television officials at first dismissed it as a joke.

A worker at CBS Sports' studios in New York called The Associated Press insisting the announcement was not true, even while CBS Sports president Neal H. Pilson was discussing the move at the Final Four in Denver.

"It is not a joke," Pilson said. "It's a difficult decision. It's never easy to deal with individuals with whom you have personal or business relationships."

Ted Shaker, executive producer of CBS Sports, said the network believed Musburger's work load was "too much," but the broadcaster resisted attempts by CBS to have him cut down.

"It was a very, very difficult decision for us," Shaker said. "Brent Musburger has been a colleague and friend and teacher of mine for 12 years. He made a very valuable contribution to CBS Sports."

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Buck said. "We talked about doing this game on April 14, this game the second week. There was no mention of Brent not doing baseball."

Greg Gumbel, scheduled to host CBS's baseball pregame show, taped a segment with Musburger on Sunday that is scheduled to be show on the "CBS Morning News" on Monday. Gumbel said Musburger didn't show any signs that a move was imminent.

"I wish we could just watch the Final Four and let it go at that without these side stories," said Loren Matthews, senior vice president for programming of ESPN.

Musburger, whose 5½-year contract expires in July, will broadcast Monday night's championship game between UNLV and Duke as his final event for CBS.

"I was surprised, but it was a great run and I have a million memories, and I leave behind a lot of good friends," Musburger said in a statement read by Jimmy Tubbs, his

personal assistant. "At this time, I'm going to take an extended vacation, and I'll be working again someday, somewhere."

Musburger, who has been with CBS Sports since 1975, was scheduled to become the main voice for CBS' baseball coverage, which begins April 14. He also was in line to be the host for the network's coverage of the 1992 and 1994 Winter Olympics.

Pilson said that negotiations for a new contract had been going on for several months between the network and Todd Musburger, who represents his brother.

"It wasn't right out of the blue," Tubbs said. "He knew for a couple of days that things were not going well in contract negotiations. Negotiations had been going on and they just broke off."

The first hint of the move came when CBS spokeswoman Susan Kerr read a terse two-paragraph

statement.

"CBS Sports announced today that it had declined to renew Brent Musburger's employment agreement, which expires within the next few months," the statement said. "Brent's final event for CBS Sports will be the NCAA men's championship game on Monday, April 2, 1990."

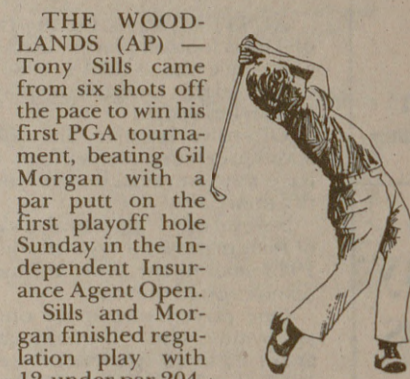
Musburger is in his sixth season as lead play-by-play man for the NCAA basketball tournament and has been host of "The NFL Today" since 1975. He has anchored the Masters golf tournament, the NBA finals, the Pan American Games and late-night coverage of the U.S. Open tennis tournament.

"We simply felt we wanted to give more opportunities to some of the younger people people who currently work for us," said Pilson, who said CBS sports executive producer Ted Shaker agreed with the decision.

"There's never a good time to have to announce a decision like this. We were asked by Brent's representative to make a decision, and that's what we did."

Musburger has been reported to earn between \$1.6 million and \$2 million per year from CBS. Pilson said he would not describe the negotiations as "a squabble over money," but would not talk about the matters of dispute in the talks.

Sills make comeback en route to first PGA tour victory of career



THE WOODLANDS (AP) — Tony Sills came from six shots off the pace to win his first PGA tournament, beating Gil Morgan with a par putt on the first playoff hole Sunday in the Independent Insurance Agent Open.

Sills and Morgan returned to the par-4, 428-yard 10th hole and both made the green in two shots.

Morgan's first putt went five feet past the hole and he missed the re-

turn shot for a bogey. Sills' first putt for a birdie missed by two feet but sank the par putt.

There were as many as six players tied for the lead at 11 under par one point in the final nine holes before David Peoples, Morgan, Sills and Seve Ballesteros upped the lead to 12 under.

Peoples, trying to win his first event, dropped out of contention with bogeys on Nos. 11 and 12.

Ballesteros went 12 under at No. 16 but he bogeyed No. 17 and missed a 20-foot birdie putt by inches on the final hole that would have allowed him to join the leaders.

Ballesteros finished with a three under par 68 and Peoples finished with a final round 72, both for 207 totals, one shot behind the leaders.

That left Morgan, second at the Nissan Los Angeles Open this year and Sills to battle for the title.

Tarpley powers Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Roy Tarpley had 24 points and 25 rebounds and led a second-quarter charge that carried the Dallas Mavericks past the Milwaukee Bucks, 86-72 Sunday night.

Tarpley had seven field goals — three on tip-ins — and eight rebounds in the second period as the Mavericks turned a 22-18 deficit into a 48-35 halftime lead, the fewest points they have allowed in a first half this season.

Dallas went on to win for the ninth time in 11 games and extend the Bucks' losing streak to three — all of them without leading scorer Ricky Pierce, who injured his right hand last Wednesday.

The Bucks also were missing Alvin Robertson, who served a one-game suspension for a flagrant-foul ejection at San Antonio Saturday. Pierce and Robertson together average 37.7 points and 15 rebounds per game.

With both out, the Bucks were held to their lowest scoring output of the season, surpassing their previous low of 79 in a loss to Detroit on Nov.

19. The Bucks' club-record low is 65 scored at Chicago in 1975.

Fred Roberts led the Bucks with 13 points.

Milwaukee outrebounded Dallas 17-10 in the first quarter to lead by four points.

At that point, Dallas coach Richie Adubato subbed Bill Wennington and rookie Randy White for starters James Donaldson and Herb Williams. Wennington responded with four rebounds and eight points in the second period.

Back-to-back follow shots by Tarpley lifted put Dallas ahead 28-25. After a steal by Anthony Jones, Tarpley hit a 19-footer, and his up-and-fastbreak dunk late in the quarter gave the Mavericks a 42-33 advantage.

Milwaukee made only one field goal — a 3-pointer by Brad Loham — in the first nine minutes of the period and shot 3-for-11 in the quarter.

Tarpley had 14 rebounds in the first half alone, seven offensive and seven defensive.

Aggie tennis team beats Georgia Tech, routs Texas Tech to better SWC mark

By VINCE SNYDER Of The Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M men's tennis team defeated two tech schools this past weekend, despite the absence of A&M coach David Kent on Friday.

Kent spent last week on jury duty and turned over the reins to assistant coach Tim Drain for Friday's match against Georgia Tech at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

A&M experienced no noticeable change as they beat GT 6-3.

Kent was back for Saturday's game against Southwest Conference opponent Texas Tech, and the win-

ning ways continued for A&M with an 8-1 victory.

Four Aggies were winners in the singles match play against Georgia Tech, while two A&M players were defeated. A&M's Steve Kennedy and Scott Phillips won their matches in two sets, while Shaun O' Donovan and Gustavo Espinosa had to go three sets for their wins.

Three doubles matches were played with A&M taking two out of the three. O'Donovan/Brown went two sets to claim their prize, while Zisette/Kennedy went three sets for the victory.

"Once again our depth showed

up," Assistant Coach Drain said. "And we had good play from the five and six positions."

With the return of Coach Kent, the Aggies jumped out to a 6-0 run over Texas Tech sweeping all the singles matches. In the three doubles matches A&M once again held their ground by capturing two of the three matches.

O'Donovan/Brown went three sets while Zisette/Kennedy only needed two sets to defeat Tech's players.

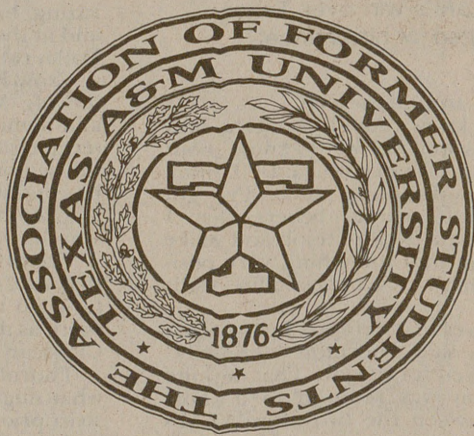
"Texas Tech is a great team to beat," Kent said. "They beat us last year so we wanted this one badly."

Chang upends Grabb, grabs Volvo tourney

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Chang's respect for Jim Grabb's powerful serve paid off Sunday with a victory in the final of the Volvo Chicago tennis tournament, his first title in nearly a year.

The second-seeded Chang fought off Grabb's blazing service throughout the one hour, 54-minute match, finally breaking the former Stanford All-American's serve in the final game of the match. He pulled off a 7-6 (7-4), 1-6, 6-4 triumph.

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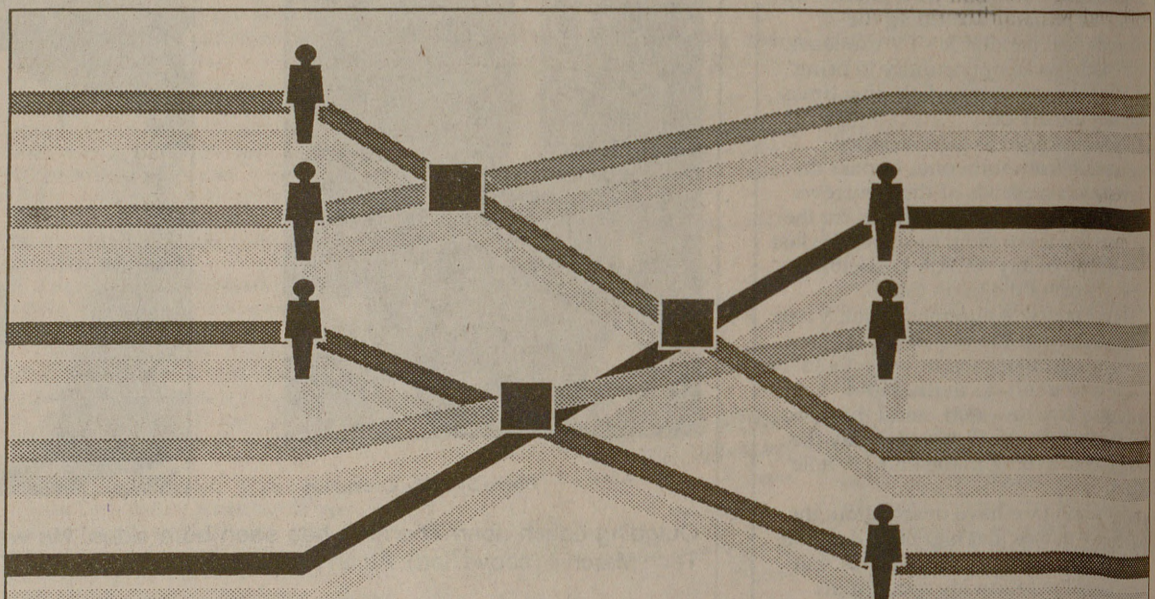


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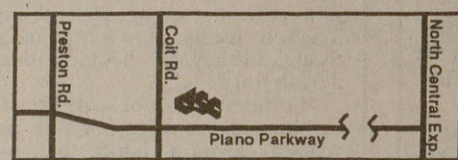


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