

Hey folks, there's still a baseball season going on

Hear ye! Hear ye! The "boys of summer" are still swingin'.



Douglas Pils

With Jerry Glanville and Heisman trophy candidates shouting and running across football gridirons, it seems as if "America's pastime" is being pushed to the backburner.

Let's not forget that there are still little round spheroids flying out of ballparks and double plays being turned. Football's here, but it's not the only game in town.

Baseball's headed into crunch-time and the mad dash to the division playoffs is here. Three divisions are still up for grabs and there are many interesting sidenotes as the season winds down.

The two-time defending American League champion Oakland A's, who are on target to win 103 games, have all but sown up the Western division title. Not ones to rest on their laurels and wait for the rest of baseball to catch up, the A's recently added to their arsenal.

They scooped up a clutch hitting Harold Baines from Texas and outfielder Willie McGee from the St. Louis Cardinals.

Baines, who hit a home run against his former mates soon after the trade, was obtained because of his past success against the Boston Red Sox, who may face the A's in the playoffs.

He is a .352 lifetime hitter against Bosox aces Roger Clemens and Mike Boddicker. The two pitchers are a combined 34-14 with 326 strikeouts this year.

Over in the American League's Eastern division, the Red Sox are trying to hold off the Toronto Blue Jays. The

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Lady Aggies gel to fell Bobcats

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The Lady Aggies may have found what they were looking for — team chemistry.

The Texas A&M women's volleyball team took three of four games from Southwest Texas State University Tuesday night, winning the match 15-3, 17-19, 15-10, 15-5.

Coach Al Givens, who had been searching for players to step forward and lead the team, was satisfied with what he saw.

"We've identified a group that's going to work together pretty well," Givens said, using a total of eight players the entire match.

"We're trying to get a group that's going to gel and mend together, so I wanted to stay with a group without making a lot of wholesale changes," he said.

Krista Heirholzer, Amy Cumings and Amy Kisling, three starters, all agreed the team had found the chemistry and consistency it was looking for.

"A 180-degree turnaround from Saturday (a loss to Idaho) — you could feel it," Heirholzer said.

Elizabeth Edmiston, Diane Robertson, and Genny Wood finish out a starting lineup that Givens will stick with heading into Nebraska this weekend to play the top-ranked Cornhuskers.

SWT (3-4) jumped on the board first, grabbing a 2-0 lead in the first game. But the Lady Aggies (2-3) went on a 15-1 run and ended the game with an Edmiston kill.

After the opening game it looked like the Lady Aggies were going to get to bed early were it not for a stingy Bobcat defense and an overconfident Aggie offense in the second game. A&M held a 7-1 advantage by using numerous taps and slaps into the holes of the SWT defense.

But the Bobcats started crawling back into the game, highlighted by the hard serves of senior Stephanie Lawrence. Before the Aggies knew it the score was tied at 12. Both teams traded game points and long balls before Lawrence softly killed an A&M shot in the middle of the Aggie defense for the win, 17-19.

Cumings paced the Lady Aggie attack in the third and fourth games. Her successful blocks and kills gave the team the offensive firepower it needed.

At one point Heirholzer set up Cumings for a round-house slam that gave the Lady Aggies a 10-5 lead in the third game, igniting the team and the crowd of 583.

SWT cut the A&M lead to one point but the Lady Aggies reeled off four straight points on Robertson's serves, finishing the

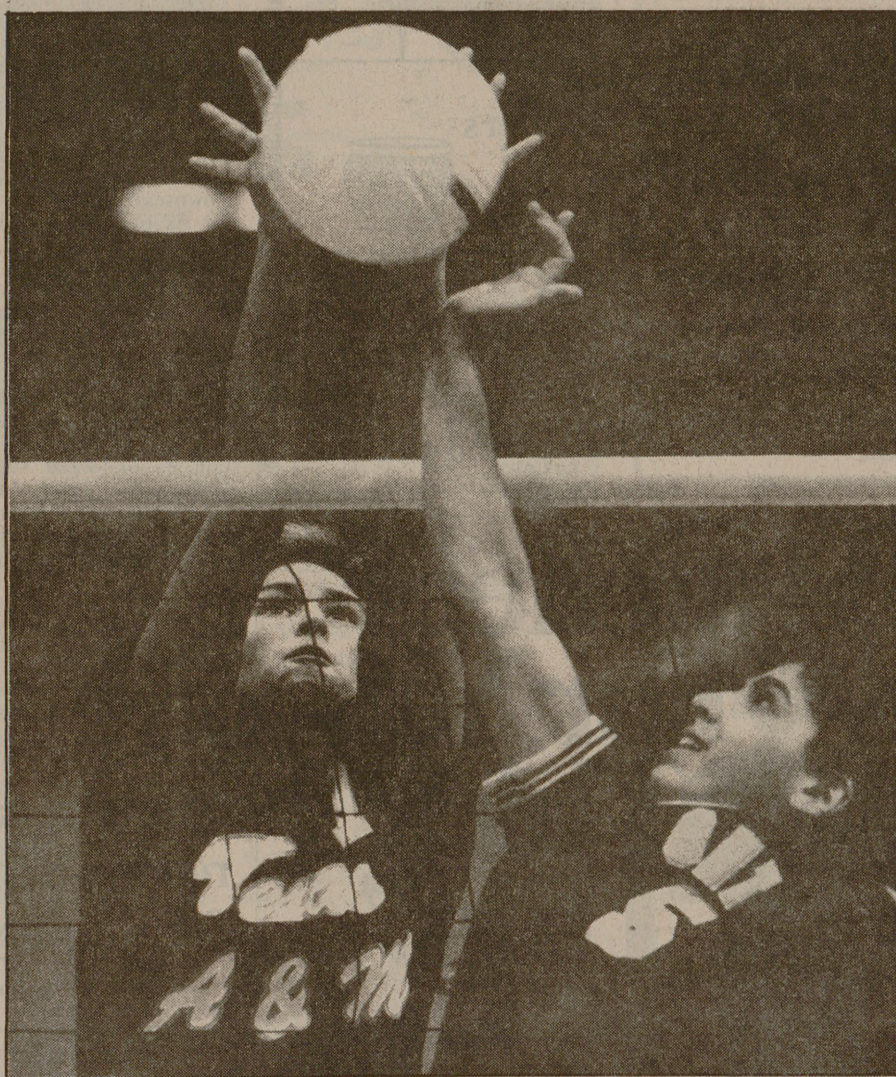


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Lady Aggie Amy Kisling (left) blocks a Bobcat shot in Tuesday's win.

game with a Kisling and Edmiston block.

A&M shot to an early lead in the fourth game and made the score 10-1 when Woods, primarily the A&M setter, moved across court to kill a ball into an open corner of the Bobcat's court. Kisling grinned after she tapped a ball from behind her head over the net and just inside the SWT out-of-bounds line for the 13th point.

"As a team we were very fluid," Givens said.

Cumings recorded 19 kills in 36 attempts during the night, and credited the rest of the team with her success.

"The passes were there," Cumings said. "We were passing exceptionally well today."

Kisling started her first match with 10 kills in 21 attempts.

Raiders stay in City of Angels

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Raiders, after flirting with offers from at least three other cities, signed a long-term contract on Tuesday to continue to play at the Memorial Coliseum.



The 20-year deal between the Raiders and Spectacor, the company that privately manages the Coliseum, was signed Tuesday morning after negotiations that went into Monday night.

In conjunction, the Coliseum Commission dropped its \$58 million breach of contract suit against the Raiders. Superior Court Judge William Huss accepted the dismissal of the lawsuit Tuesday afternoon.

The Coliseum will be renovated with private funds reportedly totaling \$145 million. Spectacor wouldn't release financial specifics, saying that the agreement was private. Among additions will be the skyboxes that the Raiders claimed they were promised when they moved from Oakland in 1982.

The new contract goes into effect once the renovations are complete. Construction probably wouldn't begin until after the 1991 season, officials said. Spectacor still must acquire approval from various government agencies.

During renovation, the Raiders and the University of Southern California, which has played football at the Coliseum since it was built in 1923, will play their home games at other local stadiums for at least one season.

"What's important is that we made a decision to stay in Los Angeles," Raiders owner Al Davis said at a news conference at the Coliseum. "I was very satisfied with the arrangement in Los Angeles, and that was the direction I chose to take."

The Raiders had been unhappy with the deteriorating Coliseum since 1987. While they negotiated for improvements there, they also negotiated recently with Oakland, where the team played through the 1982 season.

The team earlier appeared headed to suburban Irwindale or Sacramento, and an offer from Fontana, in San Bernardino County, was made in August.

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