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A&M's Staley upsets No. 7 player for title

Unseeded Lynn Staley of Texas A&M upset No. 7 Debbie Edelman of Indiana to capture the women's singles title at the Longhorn All-American Tennis Classic Sunday.

Staley, ranked 48th in the country in preseason Volvo Tennis rankings, won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4 over Edelman. Edelman, ranked 22 by Volvo, had earlier eliminated top seed Andrea Farley of Florida.

"I was pleased with my play," Staley said. "I played tough at the right time. I've been playing well in practice and I had a lot of confidence coming into this tournament."

Staley overcame a 3-0 deficit in the first set before winning six of the next seven games to take the opening set.

Women's tennis coach Bobby Kleinecke said he was proud of Staley's performance.

Mavs realize development, hard work keys to successful season

DALLAS (AP) — As the Dallas Mavericks began their training camp this week, coach Richie Adubato knows the team faces some hard work.

New guard Lafayette "Fat" Lever and forwards Rodney McCray and Alex English have to be incorporated into the team.

The Mavericks also must improve an offense that was 22nd in the league last year. And they must work on developing low-post scorers to take up the slack for departed free agent Sam Perkins.

But Adubato is determined to play to his team's strength: the defense that allowed a club-low 102.2 points a game, fourth fewest in the league.

Adubato met with much resistance four years ago, as an assistant coach under Dick Motta, when he tried to emphasize defense. He didn't have the clout then to change the Mavericks' offense-oriented thinking.

But this week, as he starts his first training camp as the Mavericks' head coach, Adubato's view has taken precedence.

"My philosophy from day one has been that you are always in the game as long as you play defense," Adubato told the Dallas Times Herald.

"It was a problem at first because this team was offensive-minded. But I think people here now understand the value of defense," he said. "I think the Detroit Pistons are the perfect example that defense wins championships. That's where we will continue to place our emphasis."

The Mavericks ended last season five months ago when they were swept in three games by eventual Western Conference champion Portland in a first-round playoff series.

That put a damper on a regular season in which the Mavs played nearly .600 ball (42-29) under Adubato, who took over when John MacLeod was fired 11 games into the season.

Sensing the current nucleus of players only has two or three years left, the Mavs in the off-season gave up four first-round picks — three from last June's draft — and \$1.5 million in cash for three veterans who they believe put them closer to the NBA Finals.

Training camp officially starts Friday, when veteran Mavericks gather at Southern Methodist University Moody Coliseum. A three-day rookie camp began Monday.

Adubato said he immediately will drill his players on several pressing and trapping defenses, strategies he could not employ last season because of time constraints.



Dykes: Ags have a little of everything

Tech coach realizes team ready for Ags

LUBBOCK (AP) — Facing two consecutive road games against No. 19 Texas A&M and No. 21 Arkansas, Texas Tech does not have time to sulk over a 21-15 loss to Baylor and an 0-2 conference record, said Tech coach Spike Dykes.

"You don't have long to have your head down if you lose," Dykes told his weekly press conference Monday. "You better get ready to play. Our guys traditionally play at A&M good and I see no reason why we shouldn't (again)."

Tech, which dropped to 1-3 overall after losing to Baylor Saturday, has won two of the last three games against A&M, which is coming off a 17-8 loss at Louisiana State.

"We are going to have to ... play a lot better than any time we have played this season ... if we do, we will have a chance (to win)," Dykes said.

"Boy, are (the Aggies) ever a stout football team. You watch 'em play and wonder how they could ever lose because they have got a little bit of everything."

Dykes had high praise for the Aggies' depth.

"They have got great speed at the wide receivers, a super tight end, tremendous running backs, two good quarterbacks and two offensive lines you can't tell much difference in," Dykes said. "They have got more weapons than Iraq."

Dykes said Tech will have to eliminate turnovers and ex-

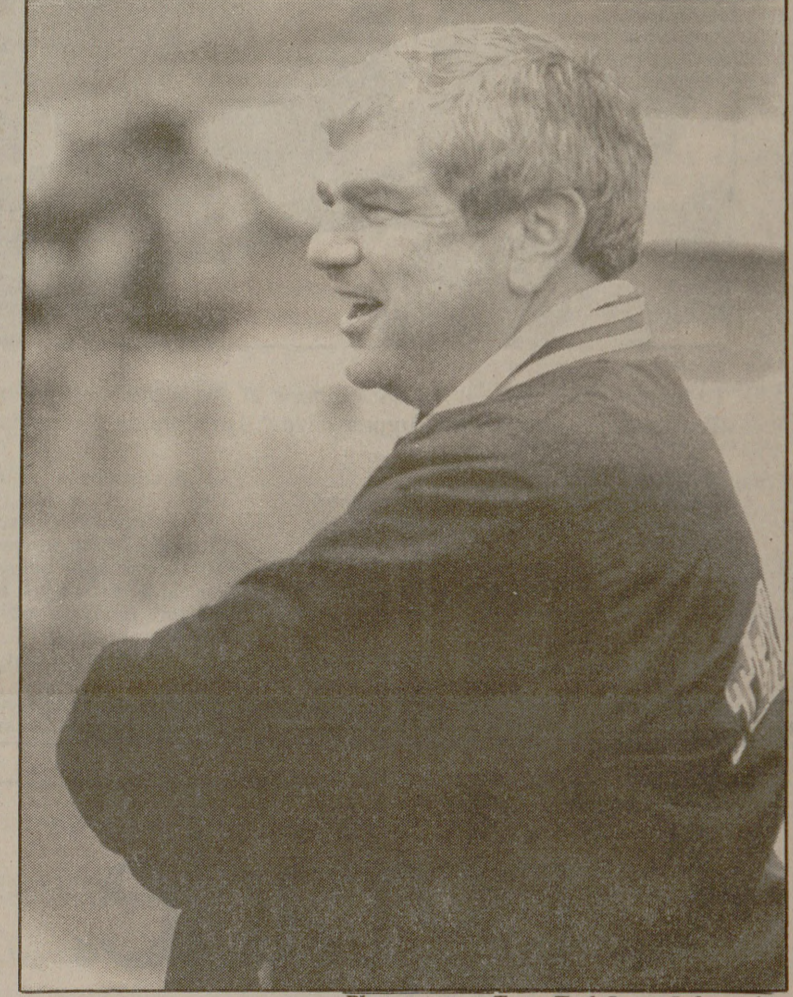


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Texas Tech head coach Spike Dykes says the 1-3 Red Raiders aren't panicking as they head into Saturday's game with No. 19 A&M because they always play the Aggies well at Kyle Field.

The Red Raiders coughed up the ball five times against Baylor. Three of the turnovers were converted into touchdowns. One of the turnovers, a blocked field goal attempt which led to a Baylor touch-

down, was the back breaker, Dykes said.

"You can't turn the ball over five times, miss two field goals and still win a football game," Dykes said. "That's enough to choke a mule."

In addition to the blocked field goal, Lin Elliott missed attempts from 31 and 44 yards. Two weeks ago, Elliott kicked a 37-yarder with time running out to give Tech a 34-32 come-from-behind victory over New Mexico.

"The thing that won for us last week lost for us this week," Dykes said. "That's frustrating."

Quarterback Jamie Gill, who missed the Baylor game with a bruised kneecap, is expected to play against A&M, Dykes said.

"If he is healthy, he will go," Dykes said. "If Jamie is not OK, we will go with Robert Hall."

Hall, a redshirt freshman who guided the Raiders to victory against New Mexico, was 25 of 47 for 328 yards and a touchdown against Baylor. Hall, who started in relief of Gill, ran for another score, but was intercepted three times.

Dykes was pleased with his defense, which recovered four Baylor turnovers, and freshman wide receiver Lloyd Hill, who grabbed eight passes for 102 yards.

The Raiders escaped injury against Baylor. Backup quarterback Jason Rattan, who suffered a knee sprain two weeks ago, is the only player expected to miss the A&M game, Dykes said.

Dykes also learned that redshirt freshman defensive end Brad Smith, who injured his back during preseason, will be out for the rest of the year.

Mets' elimination marks era of change

NEW YORK (AP) — The end of the season could also mean the end of an era for the New York Mets.

"There's going to be a lot of changes here," pitcher David Cone said. "But first we have to clear the air."

After their elimination from the National League East race on Sunday, several Mets made vague references to some players who wanted to win and others who didn't. Nobody wanted to point any fingers, though.

"You're not going to get me to say anything negative," said Howard Johnson, one of the team leaders. "I just know there are some guys in this room who would do anything for this team."

New York finishes the season with a meaning-

less series in Pittsburgh, and the Mets clubhouse should be an interesting place for eavesdropping. Manager Bud Harrelson likes to call it "chirping."

The Mets have been baseball's winningest team since 1984, but the farm system is drying up and Darryl Strawberry is leaning toward signing with another team. Strawberry doesn't have much to say at the moment other than "call my agent."

"I think he's gone," Johnson said. "I don't know anything, but the way he's been treated, he's had it up to here."

The Mets' failure in 1990 was truly a team effort.

"We underachieved and we were all guilty,"

Harrelson said. "Players, manager, front office, we all made mistakes."

Ron Darling and Bob Ojeda shifted between the starting rotation and the bullpen most of the season. Now, they're in limbo. In April, both said the Mets' glut of starters would become a problem and both were right.

"It's up to (GM) Frank Cashen," Darling said. "I live here, so I'd like to stay. But I have to think things can change so I'm not going to worry about it."

"We didn't lose this in September. We lost it in April and May when Davey (Johnson) was fired. We just weren't a good enough club."

The Mets lead the NL in runs scored, hits and home runs.

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