

Physics, finite math and football follies just don't mix

Priorities. The name of the game to surviving the academic rigors of college life is knowing what is most important, and what we just don't give a damn about. This semester is almost six weeks young, and by this time most of us have taken our first set of tests and decided if we are going to win or lose this time around.

The problem for most sports fans is that 20-inch screen in front of our faces that transmits electronic signals to the brain, devoiding us of the desire to read Moby Dick and instead watch teams run up touchdowns on the Cowboys.

Almost every day of the week it's possible to scan through the channels of the cable box and find some type of sports programming. Whether it be the NFL Today, a Chicago Cubs baseball game, American Gladiators, or the 24-hour-a-day ESPN, there is always something there to catch our attention.

So you drag your body across the couch, curl up with an interesting textbook and highlighter in hand, and watch four quarters of a game that has no bearing on your life whatsoever.

The problem used to lie with those week-long procrastinators who used to leave everything to the weekend because they knew there was plenty of time to catch up. No matter how tedious chemistry or economics got, there was always Saturday and Sunday to finish what was started last Monday.

But the weekend is the scholar/sports fan's worst enemy. In the fall, the television is spread full of college and professional football games. Many-a-fan can be spotted in front of the TV, looking like the model for Rodan's "The Thinker".

The attraction to the tube every Saturday is unavoidable to the sports addict. These fans are the ones who subscribe to a newspaper just to read

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A&M blasts Rice in SWC opener

Lady Ag defense sets early tone with strong play

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The Texas A&M women's volleyball team began conference play with a bang Wednesday night.

The Lady Aggies dominated Rice University 15-5, 15-1, 7-15, 15-9 in the conference opener for both teams.

A&M improves its record to 7-10, 1-0 in conference, and extends a four-game winning streak. The Owls move to 7-11, 0-1 in conference, and extend their four-game losing streak.

The Lady Aggies' "never say die" defense continued keeping balls in play, giving Rice too many opportunities to make the mistakes that cost them points.

Elizabeth Edmiston, Krista Hierholzer and Sheri Hermesmeyer led the Aggie defense, digging up Rice kills throughout the night.

Six Lady Aggies recorded eight or more digs in the match.

"Mad-dog defense — that's what we call it," Hermesmeyer said.

Coach Al Givens said the Lady Aggie defense was impressive.

"I thought defensively we looked better than we had in awhile," Givens said.

"I thought Krista did a nice job for us again," he said, complimenting the senior setter's consistent play in the last four matches. Hierholzer had 17 digs and 31 assists against the Owls.

Givens said after the match that every one of the Lady Aggies wants to contribute and play their roles.

"I think what I'm impressed with the most, is everyone is interested in doing what's best for the team and they're not necessarily thinking about themselves," he said.

"I think if you're able to do that, then you have a really good thing going."

The Lady Aggies grabbed control of the match in the first game. The Owls' kills often ended up on their side of the net and cost them points. Hermesmeyer and Cum

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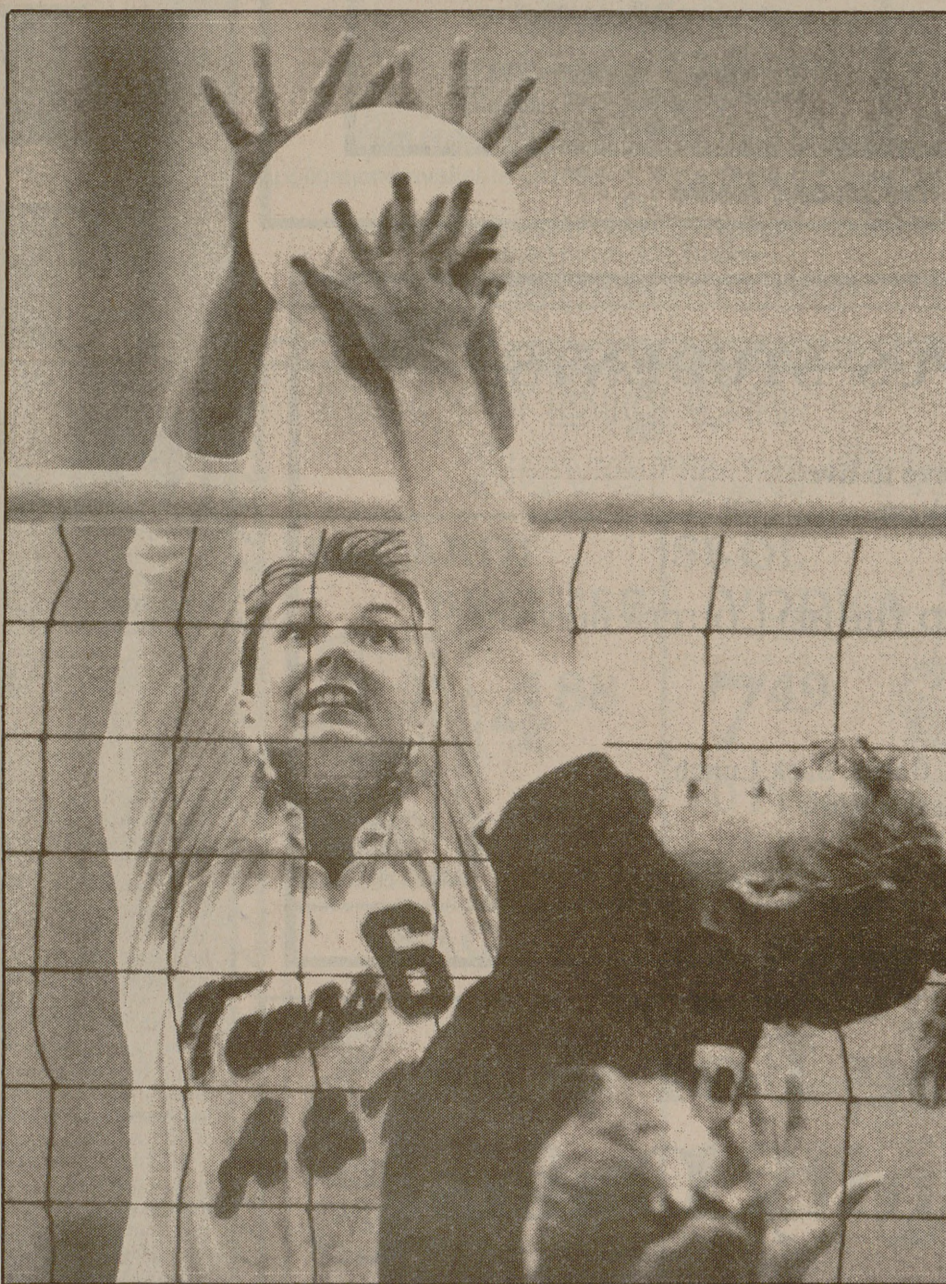


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Lady Aggies' Amy Cumings (6) blocks a Rice shot in Wednesday's win.

Red Sox win AL East behind win over Chisox

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox won the American League East championship for the third time in five years Wednesday night, defeating the Chicago White Sox 3-1 on the final night of the regular season behind the pitching of Mike Boddicker and Jeff Reardon.

Boston's victory eliminated Toronto, which began play one game out.

Boddicker (17-8) scattered five hits in seven innings and Reardon gave up two hits in two innings for his 21st save. Boddicker struck out four and walked three. Boddicker's 17 victories are the most since he won a career-high 20 games for Baltimore in 1984, all since June 28.

Rookie Alex Fernandez (5-5) pitched a six-hitter, but Boston combined three of them and a throwing error by the young right-hander for all their runs in the second inning.

Mike Greenwell started the inning with a double. Dwight Evans drove in Greenwell with a single.

Evans took second on the throw to the plate and scored as Tom Brunansky tripled.

Brunansky held third as Tony Pena grounded out to short. Then he was trapped in a rundown as Fernandez pitched out and Luis Rivera was unable to bunt on a suicide squeeze attempt.

In the rundown, Fernandez threw wildly as Brunansky returned to third. As the ball rolled down the left-field line, Brunansky got up and sprinted home with Boston's third run.

Fielder dreams come true with homers 50, 51

NEW YORK (AP) — Cecil Fielder became the first American Leaguer to hit 50 home runs since Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle did it 29 years ago, connecting Wednesday night in the fourth inning and later adding No. 51 in the final game of the season.

The Detroit first baseman is the 11th player to hit 50 homers and the first since George Foster of the Cincinnati Reds in 1977. The feat has been accom

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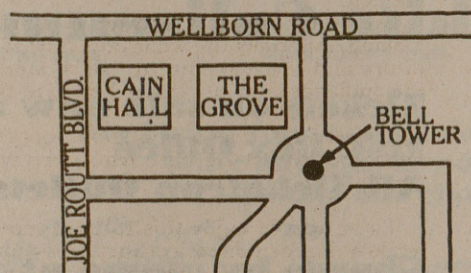
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