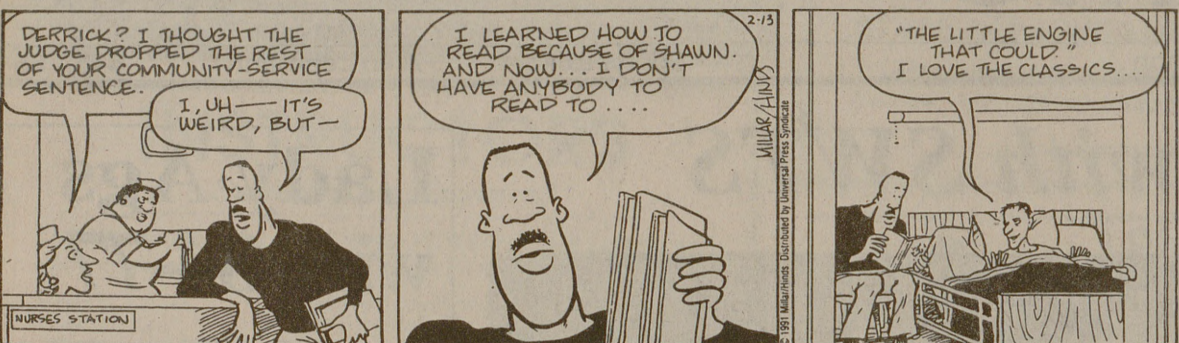


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Lady Aggie netters defy wind, slam outgunned North Texas

By Michelle Bergeron
The Battalion

The Texas A&M Lady Aggie tennis team routed North Texas State 8-0 at the Omar Smith Tennis Center Tuesday.

Despite a beautiful afternoon, the wind was somewhat bothersome to the Lady Aggies.

"The wind was a little frustrating," Tami Agassi said. "But overall I played pretty well."

Head Coach Bobby Kleinecke agreed, "I think the wind affected us a bit, but I feel like we are just gradually getting into it (the matches) a little better."

Lynn Staley, first seed for the Lady Aggies, showed that neither the wind nor her opponent was

any match for her. She ran over Julie Riley 6-2, 6-0.

Playing second position for the Ags, Agassi struggled a little and then blew out Eagle player April Appel, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Janine Burton-Durham, third seed, fought off North Texas' Maris Van Drooge, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Lady Aggie Jenny Graf, playing fourth, defeated Eagle Dena Hohn 6-1, 6-3.

Joanne Maki, fifth seed, beat North Texas' Stacie Thomas, 6-3, 6-1.

The doubles matches went equally well for the Lady Aggies, although Kleinecke said he feels that his team has not spent as much time working on doubles as they need.

"The next couple of days we're going to try to isolate some doubles problems," he said.

The doubles team of Staley/Burton-Durham ousted the team of Riley/Van Drooge 6-2, 6-3.

Churchwell/Graf had a slow start and then rolled over Appel/Hohn 6-4, 6-2.

The team of Agassi/Schlumpf

dominated Koldewyn/Thomas 6-2, 6-3.

Churchwell said she felt that the team played well as a whole.

"I was happy the way the girls lost the first sets and then came back and won the matches," Kleinecke said.

"Lynn was back to top form today, and Cindy has played both of her singles matches great," he said.

Churchwell said she agreed. "Singles, I played really well and I played good shots," she said. "My backhand was a little shaky, but my forehand was doing well."

Staley said she was also feeling confident about her game.

"I felt like I played a lot better today than I did last Tuesday against Southwest," she said. "If I improve each match like I did from that one, I'll do fine."

"I was hitting solid balls and hitting them hard, and they were going in."

A&M faces a busy week, hosting Northwest Louisiana Friday and Louisiana State Saturday.

Ag cagers host SMU

By Alan Lehmann
The Battalion

The Texas A&M men's basketball team will take on Southern Methodist tonight with revenge on the Aggie agenda.

A&M and SMU will meet at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Ponies pounded the Aggies 65-50 Jan. 12 in Dallas, as A&M shot a season-low 26.2 percent from the field.

Aggie forward Shedrick Anderson said that A&M could have done better that night.

"I think it was the worst game we've played all year," Anderson said. "We were just out of sync. We were terrible."

Since then, both teams have shown improvement. The Ponies have improved to 5-6 in Southwest Conference play and are coming off of a heart-breaking 76-73 loss to Texas Saturday. The Aggies (6-16 overall, 1-10 in SWC) have only won one game, but have shown steady improvement.

A&M guard Brooks Thompson has been one of the most improved players in the conference over the last three games, averaging 23 points and 6.3 assists per game.

Thompson, who has hit an incredible 75 percent of his shots during that stretch, said that the Aggies are maturing.

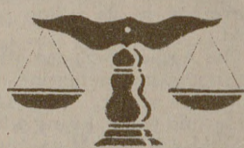
"Our offense is basically coming to us now," Thompson said. "We're realizing what we have to do to compete against the teams we've played the last three games."

As a team, A&M is shooting 63 percent from the field in their last three outings while holding opponents to 45.3 percent. The Aggies field goal percentage, 51.3 through 11 SWC games, is tops in the conference.

Halftime entertainment will be provided by the Bud Light Daredevils, a team of acrobatic slam dunk specialists. The Daredevils, who have been featured on ESPN, have been performing since 1979.

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Astros lose field to GOP

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Astros committed the Astro dome for the 1992 Republican Convention without approval of the National League and intend to leave the stadium for one month, baseball officials said Tuesday.

Astros chairman John McMullen, who is attempting to sell the team, said the Astros are considering playing part of their 1992 home schedule at the Superdome in New Orleans, which lost out to Houston in bidding to host the Republicans.

National League Rule 2.1 requires all stadiums to give precedence to baseball. Philadelphia Phillies president Bill Giles said approval was not sought from NL ownership and a baseball official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said permission for a one-month rental was not asked of the league office.

"It's never been brought up in a league meeting. It's certainly a real problem," Giles said. "I know we were trying to bid for the World Cup here in 1994. They told us we could only be gone 14 days."

The 1992 convention is scheduled for Aug. 17-20, but GOP officials have reserved the Astro dome from July 27-Aug. 23 to prepare the site, Republican National Committee spokesman Scott Sowry said. McMullen said he did not envision scheduling problems.

"We are aware of everything and we intend to work everything out to the satisfaction of everyone," he said. "We intend to be as cooperative as we have to be to get it worked out. We don't see it as a major stumbling block."

The Major League Baseball Players Association said in New York that it would not permit either a lengthy road trip or having the Astros play home games in another city.

"Absolutely we object," said Eugene Orza, the union's associate general counsel. "We want to talk with them about it, too. It's changing working conditions. They have to talk to us."

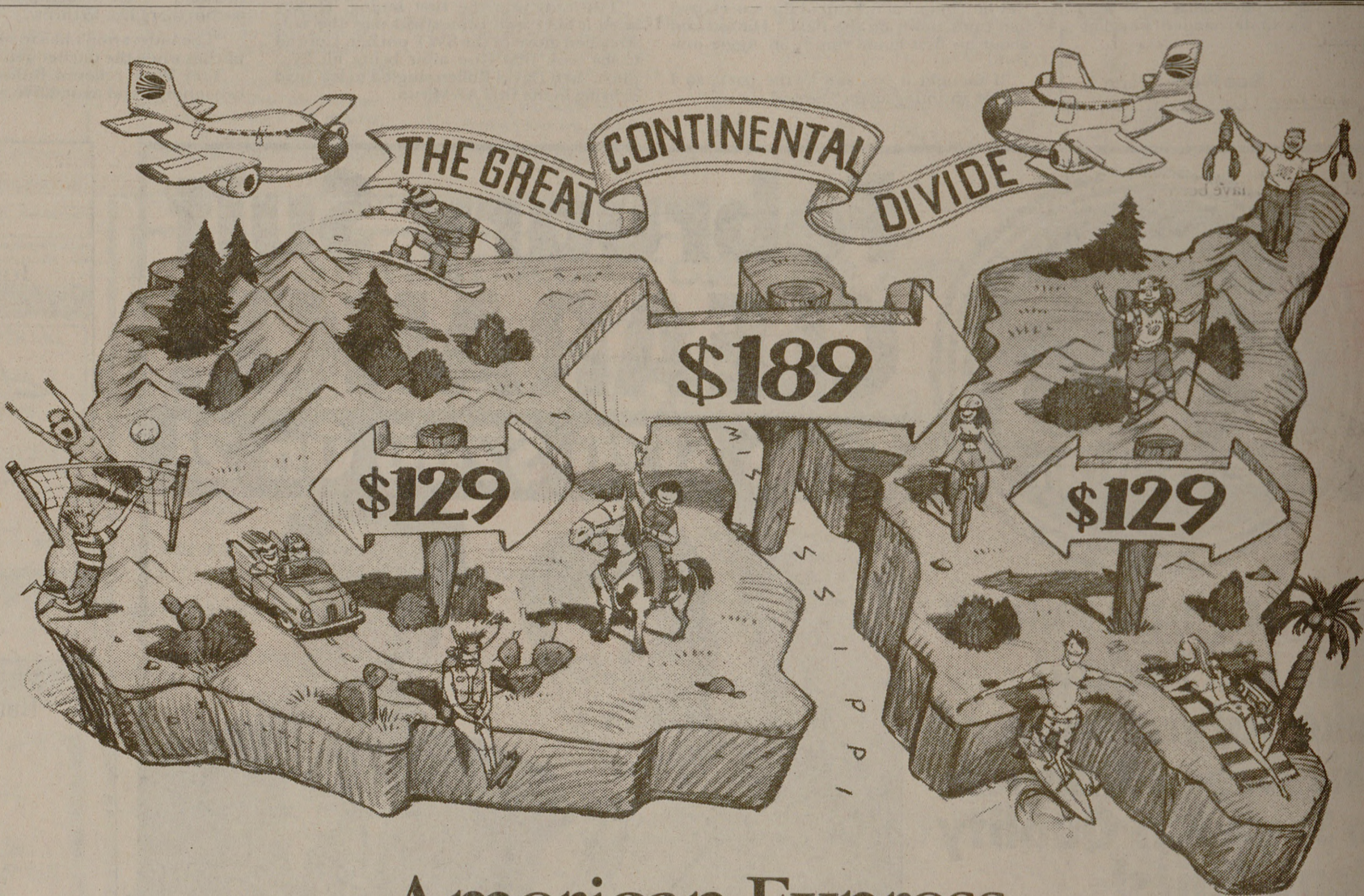
McMullen said playing home games in New Orleans was under consideration. "That's one of the possibilities," he said. "But the 1992 schedule isn't made up yet so (the) question is premature."

NL spokeswoman Katy Feeney said the league didn't have anything to say about the situation at this time. Copies of the tentative schedule must be presented to the players' association by July 1.

"The NL doesn't have any comments right now about Houston, the Republicans or the schedule," she said.

Commissioner Fay Vincent said the matter had not yet gotten to him.

"I haven't had a chance to talk to Bill White, so I haven't had a chance to catch up on that issue," Vincent said. "It's a difficult problem, but it's in the league at the moment."



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