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Lady Ag netters fall to BYU

By Michelle Bergeron
The Battalion

The 23rd-ranked Texas A&M women's tennis team fell to No. 21 Brigham Young University 6-3 Monday.

Due to wet courts at the Omar Smith Tennis Center, the teams played the singles matches at the Royal Oaks Racket Club, and returned to Omar Smith for doubles after the courts dried.

Ninth-ranked Lynn Staley improved her overall standing to 16-4 with a straight sets win in the No. 1 singles match, 6-3, 6-4. Although Staley overpowered her opponent, she had to fight back from a 0-3 deficit to win the second set.

"I felt confident today," Staley said, "but I was worried about the different court speeds because our newly resurfaced courts are so much slower than these (Royal Oaks) courts. I just tried to stay down on the ball and be aggressive."



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"I hit a slump in the second set. I think I was waiting on her to make mistakes and give up easy points and she wasn't."

Although she won comfortably, Staley said she needed coaching to do so.

"Coach (Bobby Kleinecke) saw that I was stressing," she said, "so he came out and helped me get my focus again, and I went from there."

Still, Kleinecke had nothing but praise for Staley.

"Lynn has the talent to play with anybody," Kleinecke said. "Lynn's getting better and better with each match."

"That was a good player she beat out there today."

Senior Tami Agassi pulled off a hard-fought win playing second seed, but those were the only two wins in singles play that the Lady Aggies could muster.

"I played a good match and I was really happy about it," Agassi said. "It's the toughest one I've played so far this year."

Kleinecke said he felt the girls competed extremely well and that all the matches were really close.

Staley defeated Evica Koljanin 6-3, 6-4.

Agassi overcame Sarah Mugnaini 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

BYU's Jennifer Holmes defeated No. 3 Lady Aggie Cindy Churchwell 6-3, 7-5.

Janine Burton-Durham played a tough match for the Aggies, but eventually fell to Lesley Barbour 6-3, 4-6, 4-6.

Lady Aggie fifth seed Jenny Graf was overpowered by BYU's Fredrica Lentini 4-6, 2-6.

Anna Schlumpf, No. 6 for the Ags fought hard but fell to Monika Koblikova 5-7, 5-7.

The Lady Aggies went into doubles play trailing 4-2, but only the team of Staley/Burton-Durham picked up a win.

"Doubles-wise we're a little weaker than what we need to be," Kleinecke said. "We needed a match like this to show us where we stand in doubles."

Staley/Burton-Durham struggled with the team of Koblikova/Koljanin but came out on top 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

The team of Churchwell/Graf fell to Barbour/Lentini 2-6, 1-6.

BYU's Holmes/Robinson defeated the team of Agassi/Schlumpf 3-6, 4-6.

Kleinecke praised BYU.

"They were an excellent team, solid all the way down the lineup," Kleinecke said. "I was very proud of the way all our girls hung in there. It's really the first tough match that they've played."

Jazz clobber Spurs 104-81

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — San Antonio coach Larry Brown didn't have any problem figuring out just what went wrong in Monday's lopsided loss to Utah.

"When you play against John Stockton, you are playing against the best," Brown said.

Stockton had 18 points and 18 assists as the Jazz rolled past the Spurs 104-81, moving into a tie with San Antonio for the Midwest Division lead.

While praising Stockton, however, Brown refused to blame his back-court crew.

"I don't think you can fault Avery (Johnson) or Clifford (Lett)," he said of the pair who shared point guard duties with veteran Paul Pressey in the absence of injured starter Rod Strickland.

"San Antonio is one of the class teams in the league," said Karl Malone, who led Utah with 26 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. "You shouldn't have a hard time getting up to play a team of the Spurs' caliber."

Thurl Bailey had 17 points for Utah, which had six players scoring in double figures.

David Robinson led the Spurs with 26 points. The only other San Antonio player to score in double digits was Sean Elliott with 12 points.

"I thought our guys came out and played as well as they have all year long," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "Everybody was involved in our defense and everybody was alive and that was a really big part of the ballgame."

The Jazz broke away late in the first quarter and built a 55-39 lead at the half.

The Spurs scored the first basket of the second half, but that was as close as they could get.

Karl Malone scored 11 points in the first quarter, in which Utah and San Antonio took turns producing scoring runs.

The Jazz went on a 14-2 run to lead 14-6, and San Antonio briefly regained the lead with an 11-2 spurt. Utah went ahead for good by ending the quarter with a 10-2 run for a 26-19 lead.

San Antonio pulled within 26-25 early in the second period, but Stockton's nine points and five assists powered a 26-6 burst and Utah led by 16 at the half.

The Jazz stretched the advantage to 69-46 with 4:15 gone in the third quarter, and the advantage was 77-61 going into the final period.

With 4:43 to play, Utah built its biggest lead at 94-69, and the Jazz substituted freely.

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quarterback before considering him considering him elsewhere.

Throw him in with the lions and let him show his stuff.

He may end up as a pro quarterback if given the right opportunity.

Preston should be right there if anything happens to Bucky Richardson. And I think the coaching staff has to make the right decision this time if Bucky gets hurt.

Keep an open mind, give Preston a fair chance in camp, and I believe that the Cotton Bowl will be ours for years to come.

Hoyas hang on at No. 25

By The Associated Press

Georgetown, once the beast of the Big East, has fallen on hard times lately. Consecutive conference losses last week to Connecticut and Seton Hall sent the Hoyas into a free fall in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday, down seven notches from No. 18 to No. 25.

Seton Hall used victories over Georgetown and Pittsburgh last week to squeeze into No. 24, the only new team in the poll this week. The Pirates replaced Texas, which split two games last week and slipped out of the rankings.

Defending national champion UNLV remained unbeaten with two more victories last week, running the Rebels' record to 22-0 and keeping them the unanimous choice for No. 1 with a clean sweep of the 63 votes.

Ohio State's double overtime victory over Indiana may have made for great basketball theater but it had little impact on their places in the poll. The Buckeyes (22-1) remained No. 2 with 1,501 points, and the Hoosiers (22-3) are still No. 4 with 1,347. Squeezed between those two is Arkansas (25-2), which recovered from its loss to UNLV to punish Texas Tech by 18 points and Texas Christian by 33 last week.

After the unchanged first four, the poll experienced a severe shakeup with just one team, No. 22 Pittsburgh, unchanged from last week.

Syracuse (22-3), which went over 100 points in victories over Providence and Boston College last week, improved from No. 7 to No. 5, and North Carolina (19-4) also moved up two places to No. 6 after beating Wake Forest and Maryland. But a loss to Wake Forest cost Duke (22-5) two places, down from No. 5 to No. 7.

Kansas (19-4) climbed three notches from No. 11 to No. 8 after beating Missouri and Kansas State, while Arizona (20-5) tumbled from No. 6 to No. 9 after losing to unranked Georgia Tech. Utah (24-2) jumped four places to No. 10 following wins last week against Wyoming and Brigham Young.

The Second Ten is Southern Mississippi, Kentucky, East Tennessee State, Nebraska, New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, UCLA, St. John's, LSU and Virginia.

Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press 1990-91 college basketball poll. First-place votes are in parentheses, last week's position and records through Feb. 17 are listed:

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| 1. UNLV (63) 1 | 22-0 |
| 2. Ohio State 2 | 22-1 |
| 3. Arkansas 3 | 25-2 |
| 4. Indiana 4 | 22-3 |
| 5. Syracuse 7 | 22-3 |
| 6. North Carolina 8 | 19-4 |
| 7. Duke 5 | 22-5 |
| 8. Kansas 11 | 19-4 |
| 9. Arizona 6 | 20-5 |
| 10. Utah 14 | 24-2 |
| 11. Southern Mississippi 9 | 19-3 |
| 12. Kentucky 18 | 19-5 |
| 13. E. Tennessee St. 10 | 23-3 |
| 14. Nebraska 17 | 21-4 |
| 15. New Mexico St. 12 | 19-3 |
| 16. Oklahoma St. 21 | 18-5 |
| 17. UCLA 15 | 18-7 |
| 18. St. Johns 13 | 17-6 |
| 19. LSU 20 | 17-7 |
| 20. Virginia 19 | 19-7 |
| 21. Mississippi 31 | 17-6 |
| 22. Pittsburgh 22 | 18-8 |
| 23. Princeton 25 | 18-2 |
| 24. Seton Hall | 16-7 |
| 25. Georgetown 18 | 13-6 |

Daly's deeds rewarded with Olympic post

By The Associated Press

To get to Barcelona, start in Punxsutawney, Pa. That was the route Chuck Daly took, beginning his basketball coaching career in a town best known for its resident groundhog. The trail wound through a couple of college coaching pit stops, four years as an NBA assistant at Philadelphia, a brief less-than-brilliant stop in Cleveland and a longer, much better one at Detroit.

Now Chuck Daly gets the reward for all those practices, all that stomping along sidelines, all that yelling at referees. He will coach the 1992 U.S. Olympic team, a club that could have Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan in the backcourt, Patrick Ewing in the middle, maybe Karl Malone and Charles Barkley on the wings.

"It could be fun," Daly decided. Fun? It might be coaching nirvana, like landing in the proverbial pot of jam. So, uh, coach, what system do you think you'll use?

WLAFL teams draft quarterbacks, receivers

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Brent Pease, who spent two years with the Houston Oilers and part of a season in Canada, was the first quarterback selected in the World League of American Football draft by the Birmingham Fire.

Former Notre Dame quarterback Tony Rice, perhaps the best-known player available, went on the second round, the 16th player taken overall. He was selected by Barcelona. Rice finished fourth in the 1989 Heisman Trophy voting.

The new league, which opens its season March 23, is conducting position-by-position drafts in preparation for training camps that begin Monday.

Pease got his chance with Houston as a replacement player in the 1987 strike.

Another strike replacement, Kevin Sweeney, was taken second by the Montreal Machine. Sweeney played for Dallas during the strike and later for the Cowboys and San Francisco.

Many of the players taken had similar experiences.

Selected third was Mike Perez, who played briefly for the New York Giants. He went to the

Frankfurt Galaxy.

He was followed by Mark Maye of North Carolina to the Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks; Scott Erney of Rutgers, the Barcelona Dragons; Kerwin Bell of Florida, the Orlando Thunder; Jason Garrett of Princeton, the San Antonio Riders; Ben Bennett of Duke, the Sacramento Surge; John Witkowski of Columbia, the London Monarchs, and Todd Hammel of Stephen F. Austin, the New York-New Jersey Knights.

All WLAFL teams will operate similar no-huddle offenses.

"In the National Football League, the quarterback is responsible for 60-percent of the offensive production," World League president Mike Lynn said.

"We expect the quarterbacks in our style of play to account for 70 or even 75 percent of the offense, so today holds even more significance for our clubs than you might expect."

Pease, 26, passed for 3,056 yards and 30 touchdowns in 10 games as a senior at Montana in 1986. He was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in 1987 before going to the Oilers.

Birmingham coach Chan Gailey said he remembered Pease's play with Houston and it was a factor in drafting him.

"I was on the Denver staff when he quarterbacked Houston and they beat us in a preseason game," Gailey said. "I remembered that."

"Brent has worked with wide-open offenses before, especially with Houston, and that's the way we'll be. He came highly recommended by coaches who have worked with him."

"The league has given me the opportunity to establish myself as a football player again," Pease said. "It's very exciting for me, as it is for all of these players."

Forty quarterbacks were selected in four rounds of drafting Monday, followed by eight rounds of wide receivers and three rounds of tight ends. The draft continues with defensive linemen Wednesday and linebackers Friday, concluding with defensive backs on Sunday.

Raleigh-Durham chose the first wide receiver of the draft, Clarence Seay, a 5-foot-9, 166-pounder from Texas-El Paso, who also returns kicks.

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