

Baseball loses with Vincent's resignation

Baseball commissioner Fay Vincent succumbed to pressure Monday and resigned from his post in what could prove to be the beginning of the end for baseball as we know it.

If you are like I am, you enjoy watching your games for free, and you don't like the destructive downward spiral that the sport has taken in the last decade.



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Drugs, money, a diminishing quality in play and the specter of pay-per-view have either raised their ugly heads or soon will.

Add to these problems two new National League teams and the available talent is further diluted.

Only in the convoluted world of baseball can a man be asked to resign because he is performing his job according to his bosses requirements.

Vincent lost his job because he exercised the traditional commissioner's "best interests of baseball" powers to force league realignment, he forced owners to stick to the existing collective bargaining agreement and oppose the sale of teams to "superstation" conglomerates.

All of these problems call for action and leadership from the top of the organization, but the owners were uncomfortable investing that much power in anyone who might not share their views.

Vincent was a fan's commissioner, someone who cared about the way baseball decisions affected the lives of

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Lance Teichelmann stares in pursuit of LSU running back Robert Davis in the Aggies' 31-22 victory over the Tigers Saturday.

Aggies cope with nagging injuries

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As the 1992 college football season began, every sportswriter in the free world picked Texas A&M to win the Southwest Conference championship. The only thing that could hold the Aggies back, most said, would be injuries.

Two games into the season, the Aggies are 2-0, but now head into their home opener against Tulsa this weekend minus three starters.

After losing strong safety Steve Kenney and flanker Brian Mitchell in the season opener against Stanford, A&M head coach R.C. Slocum saw All-SWC guard John Ellisor go down against Louisiana State with a medial collateral ligament tear in his knee.

Prior to the season, Slocum had expressed some concern with the depth of his team, particularly in the offensive line. After Ellisor went down for what could be up to six weeks, Slocum's concern has become more warranted.

"That (losing Ellisor) really affects us," Slocum said. "A lot of people have this perception that we are an extremely talented team that has all the players we want stockpiled, and waiting in line to play. That's a misconception."

"We've got good players, and a few

great players, but I know of no team in the country that has players stockpiled and has all the depth they need."

Sophomore John Richard had the task of replacing Ellisor against LSU, and Slocum said with Richard, he was being forced to play inexperienced players.

"We were scratching around trying to find guys to put in there," Slocum said. "John Richard's been hurt, but he was pressed into service just so we could have some guys to play on the offensive line."

One of the toughest things about losing Ellisor for the Aggies will be preparing for Tulsa's defense, which is a 4-3 set-up that A&M has not seen this year. Quarterback Jeff Granger said, however, Ellisor would have had the same disadvantage Richard has in preparing for Tulsa's defensive formation.

"John Richard is a good ball player and a good athlete," Granger said. "It's tough losing Ellisor, but it's a new defense to him, too, so either one of them would have to start all over in preparing for this new defense."

Granger also said losing Ellisor meant more than just losing a starting lineman.

"The experience factor of losing John Ellisor will be tough for our team," Granger said.

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Lady Aggies continue homestand with Southwest Texas

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The Texas A&M women's volleyball team will be looking to avenge last season's bitter defeat to the Southwest Texas State Bobcats at 6 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

In last year's championship match at the Bobcat Classic, the Lady Aggies were leading 9-3 in the fifth and deciding game when the Bobcats began a furious rally to

take the match, 15-11.

"We didn't win when we definitely should have," said junior setter and co-captain Genny Wood. "We just weren't playing like A&M volleyball players should."

Senior outside attacker and co-captain Elizabeth Edmiston agreed with Wood's assessment.

"They were a real scrappy team," Edmiston said. "You couldn't ever count them out."

A&M head coach Al Givens said that

his team will have to play solidly in all phases of the game to be victorious.

"I think that we are going to have to serve well and side out," Givens said. "Our blocking which has probably been the best overall team blocking in three or four years will have to continue, and we're going to need our outsides (attackers) to hit for a high percentage."

A&M leads the all-time series between the two, 9-3. Givens said that their meetings have always provided their share of excitement.

"There is a healthy rivalry between A&M and Southwest Texas," Givens said. "We dropped a five-game match to them last year, and we remember it well."

The Lady Aggies (4-1) are playing in their second home game of the season after winning Monday's match against Eastern Washington, 15-12, 15-2, 16-14, in front of 825 fans.

Over the weekend, the Lady Aggies

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