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Mysteries of hockey might remain eternal

Hey Dave, how about them Blues?"

You would be surprised how many times I am asked this question on a daily basis. I'm also asked, "Dave, have you seen the gatekeeper of Kyphon?" But that's another matter.



DAVID WINDER Sports Writer

The Blues that I am referring to is a hockey team from St. Louis, and hockey is something I know nothing about. My next door neighbor Matt knows, this but it never stops him from asking the question, "Hey Dave, how about them Blues?"

Just because I watch ESPN's SportCenter every night he just assumes that I watch the National Hockey League highlights. Sometimes he actually thinks that I watch some of the games. He still doesn't get it.

1. I only watch the basketball and baseball highlights
 2. When hockey comes on I change the channel unless I know they are going to show a big fight.
 3. The only hockey players I know are Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux and Eric Lindros.
 4. I believe that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.
- I gathered all my hockey knowledge from the movie "Slap Shot", which my brother once rented when I was in the sixth grade (I wanted

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Track teams ready for postseason

By WILLIAM HARRISON

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Kalleen Madden clears a hurdle in a meet earlier this season. Madden and the rest of the Texas A&M track and field

contingent is preparing for the Southwest Conference Championships in Austin next week.

Just as the semester is winding down at Texas A&M, the hunt for postseason victories in track and field is heating up.

Texas A&M track and field coach Ted Nelson said that his team started off sluggish, but has rebounded to become one of the best teams he's ever seen.

Nelson was named Southwest Conference Men's Coach of the Year in 1992 and has spent 27 years of his coaching career at A&M.

"Probably overall, it's the best team we've ever had," Nelson said.

"A month and a half ago we weren't doing very well," he said. "All of a sudden, the people decided they wanted to have a good track team, and that's what they've been the last month and a half."

Nelson said heading into the conference championships in Austin on May 19-21, his team looked good against the rest of the competition, including the favored University of Texas team - especially after A&M beat them head-to-head in a dual meet last weekend.

"Texas is at their home site and that gives them a big advantage, but our youngsters showed that we can compete with them here on Saturday," Nelson said.

"We beat them both on the men's and women's side, out-gutting them in a lot of races, and that's what a coach likes to see."

"We not only were a better track team than they were, we had a lot more heart than they did."

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Rodriguez, Rangers squeak by Toronto; Astros falter against St. Louis

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Rangers 3, Blue Jays 2

ARLINGTON — Ivan Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez hit run-scoring singles in

the eighth inning Tuesday night and the Texas Rangers rallied past the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2.

Juan Guzman, coming off the first shutout of his career, took a 2-1 lead into the eighth.

Julio Franco led off with a double and

Gonzalez tied it with a single off Duane Ward (0-1). With two outs, Rodriguez singled to center.

Brian Bohanon (1-0) got the last out in the eighth and was the winner. Tom Henke pitched a perfect ninth against his former team for his fifth save.

The Rangers, who had scored 22 runs on 29 hits in their last two games, were shut down early by Guzman.

Toronto took a 2-0 lead in the third against Charlie Leibbrandt.

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