

Violence undermines sport, fans

It began in April during a changeover at a German Open tennis match between Monica Seles and Magdalena Maleeva.



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As Seles sat in her chair, Gunter Parche, an unemployed lathe operator from Germany, slipped onto the court and stabbed her between the shoulder blades, narrowly missing her spinal column.

Nine months after the attack, Monica Seles has yet to return to competitive tennis.

On Jan. 6, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan had just finished practicing in preparation for the upcoming U.S. figure skating championships when she was struck across the right knee by an unidentified assailant.

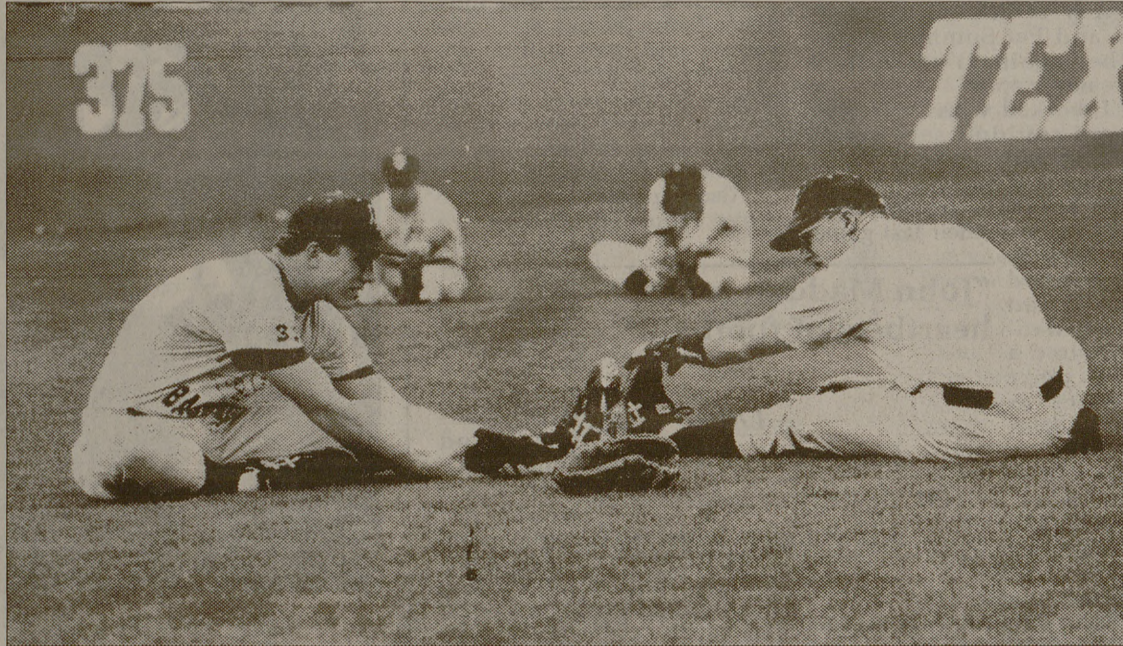
Charges later were brought against the body guard and the ex-husband of rival skater Tonya Harding.

Kerrigan's injury forced her to miss the championships, but she was granted a spot on the Olympic team nonetheless.

She has resumed practice

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And now, the preseason stretch...



William Harrison/The Battalion

Senior outfielder Billy Harlan (left) and junior shortstop Robert Harris stretch during A&M baseball's first day of practice on Monday at Olsen Baseball field.

The Aggies are ranked No. 8 in Baseball America's preseason poll. A&M will begin its regular season against Pan-America University on Feb. 11.

'We have to play with a toughness inside'

A&M men's team to regroup

By Nick Georgandis

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M men's basketball team looks to get back on the winning track tonight at 7:30 as they play host to Texas Christian University at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies (9-5, 3-0 in the Southwest Conference) are coming off a disappointing home loss against Siena on Saturday night.

Men's head basketball coach Tony Barone said that if the Aggies do not put the last game behind them, it will spell trouble for them down the road.

"That game could have a devastating effect if we don't forget

about it," Barone said. "We have to bounce back, or it will be a tough couple of games at home."

Aggie senior forward Brett Murry agreed with Barone that the next week will be crucial to maintaining the team's early successes.

"We have to regroup, but it's tough to put a game like that be-

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Slocum expects another top class

AD says sanctions will not hurt recruiting

By Drew Diener

THE BATTALION

Texas A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum and athletic director Wally Groff said they anticipate that the Aggies will land another fine recruiting class this year despite recent NCAA sanctions.

The NCAA penalized A&M for last year's job scandal. Provisions prohibit the Aggies from appearing on television and in a bowl game next season.

"I don't think it (the NCAA probation) will have a profound effect on our recruiting situation," Groff said. "It didn't take any scholarships or visits away."

The A&M football team has more than 20 scholarships to give out this year.

Slocum said he will once again try to recruit primarily in-state players at almost every position. Last season's roster included only two players from out-of-state.

"We've got people (potential student-athletes) right here under our nose," Slocum said. "We're in a big state that has excellent high school football."

Slocum said he tries to sell the University to a potential student-athlete based on its academic reputation and other positive aspects about the school.

"The things over the last two years that have attracted over 16,000 freshmen applicants are still here," Slocum said. "Those should be the things that are given top priority if you're a high school recruit making a decision."

Angleton quarterback Mark Farris heads up the list of five high school players that have already orally committed to A&M.

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound Farris is considered to be one of the best dropback passers in the nation.

Prior to committing to A&M, Farris had considered national powers: Syracuse University, the University of California at Los Angeles, and the University of Georgia, according to newspaper reports.

The crop of potential Aggies also includes Galveston Ball linebacker Phillip Meyers, South Garland offensive lineman Jake Horn, Victoria Stroman receiver Justin Lucas and Alief Elsie defensive lineman David Vasquez.

Farris, Meyers, and Horn are ranked among the state's top 100 recruits by the Dallas Morning News.

None of the five players could be reached for comment.

NCAA rules prohibit Coach Slocum or anyone involved with A&M athletics to comment publicly on the players until they officially sign with the school.

National signing day is Feb. 2.

During the past five years A&M has been ranked in the top five recruiting classes in the country by The Sporting News.



R.C. Slocum

ARTS & CRAFTS

Matting & Framing

Wed. Feb 16, 23, March 2
6:30-8:30pm
Thurs. March 24, 31, April 7
6:30-8:30pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Calligraphy

Wed. March 23 - May 4
7-9pm
\$28/student \$33/nonstudent

Stained Glass

Thurs. Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3
6-9pm
Wed. March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Etched Glass

Tues. March 22
6-9pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent

Leaded Glass

Mon. March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Jewelry Casting

Sat. & Sun. March 26 & March 27
10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm each day
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Garment Painting

Mon. Feb 7
6-9pm
Wed. March 23
6-9pm
\$10/student \$15/nonstudent

Heirloom Smocking

Thurs. March 28, April 4, 11, 18
6-9pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

Flower Arranging

Tues. March 22, 29, April 5
6-9pm
\$17/student \$22/nonstudent

Potpourri

Tues. April 12
6-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

PAINT & DRAW

Painting I

Thurs. Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Painting II

Thurs. March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Adv. Painting

Mon. Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Watercolor

Wed. March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Drawing I

Tues. Feb 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8
6-8pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Drawing II

Tues. March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19
6-8pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Drawing for Kids

Wed. Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2
6-8pm
\$30 Class fee

LANGUAGES

Chinese

M/W, Feb 21 - April 6
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

French

T/Th, Feb 22 - April 7
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

German

T/Th, Feb 8 - March 10
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Italian

M/W, Feb 21 - April 6
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Japanese

M/W, Feb 14 - March 30
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Russian

M/W, Feb 21 - April 6
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Spanish I

M/W, Feb 21 - April 6
6:30-8pm
T/Th, Feb 1 - March 10
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Spanish II

T/Th, March 22 - April 28
8-9:30pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Sign Language I

T/Th, Feb 8 - March 10
6-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Sign Language II

T/Th, March 22 - April 21
6-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Sign Language for Children

Wed. Feb 9 - April 20
5:30-6:30pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

ESL I

M/W, Jan 31 - March 9
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

ESL II

M/W, March 21 - April 27
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

POTTERY

Beginning Pottery

Mon. Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 21, 28
5:30-7:30pm
Tues. Feb 1, 8, 15, 2, March 1, 8
7:45-9:45pm
Wed. Feb 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 23
7:45-9:45pm

Thurs. Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar 3, 10
7:45-9:45pm
Tues. Mar 22, 29, Apr 5, 12, 19, 26
5:30-7:30pm
Tues. Mar 22, 29, Apr 5, 12, 19, 26
7:45-9:45pm

Thurs. Mar 24, 31, Apr 7, 14, 21, 28
7:45-9:45pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Pottery II

M/W, April 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20
5:30-7:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Hand Built Pottery

Thurs. Mar 24, 31, Apr 7, 14, 21, 28
5:30-7:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

WOODWORKING

Woodworking I

Tues. Feb 1, 8, 15, 22
6-8pm
Sun. Feb 6, 13, 20, 27
6-8pm

Woodworking II

Mon. March 21, 28, April 4, 11
6-8pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Adv. Woodworking

Sun. April 10, 17, 24, May 1
6-8pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Indian Bow Making

Tues. March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

DANCE

Beg C & W Dance

Wed. Feb 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9
6-7:15pm
Wed. Feb 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9
7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Adv C & W Dance

Wed. April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4
6-7:15pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Jitterbug

Mon. Feb 28, March 7, 21, 28, Apr 4
6-7:15pm
Wed. April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4
7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Ballroom Dance

Tues. March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19
6-7:15pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

Bellydance

Mon. Jan 31 - March 7
7-9pm
Mon. March 21 - April 25
7-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Scottish Country Dance

Tues. March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19
7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

PHOTOGRAPHY

Video Camera Methods and Techniques

Thurs. March 24, 31, April 7, 14
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Photography

Thurs. Feb 3, 10, 17, 24
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

B&W Darkroom

Tues. Feb 8, 15, 22, March 1
6-9pm
Thurs. April 7, 14, 21
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Studio Portraiture

Sat. April 9
9am-12 & 1-4pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Color Printing

Sun. April 10
9am-12 & 1-4pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

MUSIC

Beginning Guitar

Mon. Feb 7 - April 4
7-8:30pm
Tues. Feb 8 - April 5
7-8:30pm
Wed. Feb 2 - March 30
7-8:30pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Intermediate Guitar

Tues. Feb 8 - April 5
8:30-10pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Drum Training

Wed. March 23 - April 27
6-7:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Voice Training

Sun. Feb 6, 13, 20, 27
6-8:30pm
Sun. April 10, 17, 24, May 1
6-8:30pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

SPECIAL INTEREST

Landscaping

Wed. March 23 - April 27
6:30-8:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Backyard Gardening

Dates and times to be announced
Call 845-1631 for information

Pilot Ground School

T/Th, Feb 1 - March 8
7-9:30pm
\$50/student \$55/nonstudent

Diamond Buying

Wed. April 6, 13, 20
6:30-7:30pm
\$10/student \$15/nonstudent

Cake Decorating

Sat. Feb 5, 12, 19
10am-12noon
Sat. April 16, 23, 30
10am-12noon
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Backyard Wildlife

Tues. March 22 - April 26
7:30-8:30pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Flyfishing

Tues. March 29, April 5, 12, 19
7-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Bike Maintenance

Tues. Feb 8, 15, 22, March 1
7:30-9:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Intro To Falconry

Thurs. March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21
6-7pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

Electronics

Wed. March 30, April 6, 13, 20
6:30-9:30pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

Billiards

Sat. Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5
11am - 1pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Social Phenomenon of Spiritualism

Thurs. March 24 - April 28
7:30-9:30pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

SELF HELP

Public Speaking

Mon. Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7
6-8pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent

Emotional Wellness and Self Esteem

Tues. Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8
7-9pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

Yoga

M/W, Jan 31 - March 9
6:30-8pm
M/W, March 21 - April 27
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Self Defense

Tues. Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8
6:45- 8:15pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

Defense Devices

Tues. March 22
6:30-9pm
\$16/student \$21/nonstudent

CPR

M/W, Jan 31, Feb 2
6-10pm
M/W, March 21, 23
6-10pm
M/W, April 25, 27
6-10pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

First Aid

M/W, Feb 7, 9, 14, 16
7-9pm
M/W, March 28, 30, April 4, 6
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