

## Athletes are human, too

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In our society, we often lead ourselves to believe that athletes are "super-human," because they can run a 40-yard dash in a hair over four seconds, deposit a baseball 500 feet into the cheapest seats of a ballpark, or bring down an entire basketball goal with a thunderous slam dunk.

They may be "super-human" on the field of play, but the humbling truth is that star athletes are just as susceptible to experiencing tragedy as the average person.

Every once in a while, such a tragedy occurs, and forces us to realize that fact. Last Thursday night, a promising young basketball star fell asleep at the wheel of a friend's 1988 Chrysler LeBaron. At approximately 2:55 a.m., while traveling north bound on I-35 near Bruceville-Eddy, the car swerved into the center median and slammed into a bridge support.

What happened following the initial impact was not pretty. The car caught fire and the "super-human" in the driver's seat was unable to escape.

Jerode Banks was the 1993-94 Southwest Conference Newcomer of the Year, and the "franchise" player that Baylor University had hoped to build an up-and-coming basketball program around.

At 6 feet five inches, 195 pounds, Banks had an ideal basketball body. At Temple High School, he developed a star's resume. In addition to shining in several sanctioned all-star games, Banks was twice District 13-5A MVP and the Central Texas Player of the Year for the 1992-93 season.

Although he was able to throw down a monster dunk or draw a roar from the crowd with a wicked blocked shot, Banks' "super-human" skills were not enough save his life.

We've seen such tragedy before. In the 1990's, football stars Jerome

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## Lady Ags anticipate success

Corbelli hopes for second trip to NCAA tournament

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Last year, head coach Laurie Corbelli took the Lady Aggie Volleyball team to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1986. Now, in her sophomore season, she's looking to take another group of Aggies back to post season.

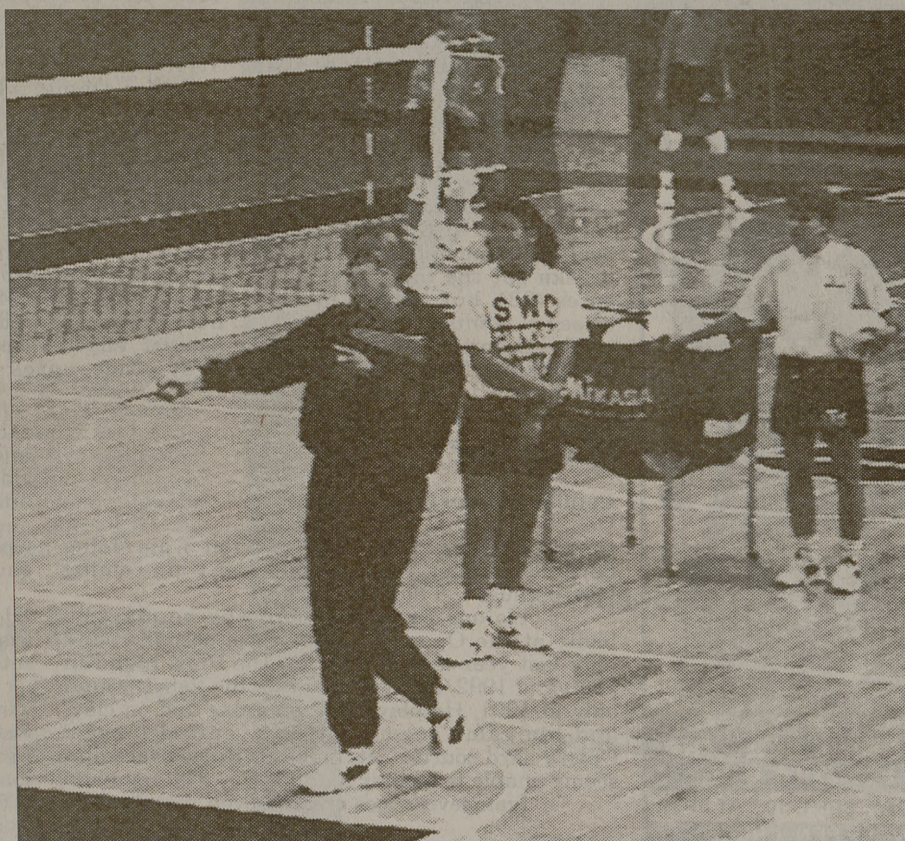
Corbelli has to do this despite the loss of four starters and on key reserve from last year's team. All-SWC performers Sheila Morgan, Kim Mitchell, and Amy Kisling, along with Genny Wood and Karen Richards accounted for 70 percent of the team's kills and 73 percent of the team's total blocks.

"Replacing them is somewhat challenging," Corbelli said. "But I look at the talent we have returning and the new girls, and I won't be surprised if we have the same kind of year. I'm anticipating a lot of success."

All-SWC second team setter Suzy Wentle along with outside hitters Dana Santleben and Jennifer Bronner are the only returning players who received significant playing time last year.

"It's critical that they become leaders on the court," Corbelli said. "Suzy has been our leader even though we didn't captain last year. She is a leader on the court by virtue of her position."

Junior Joni Keister and sophomore Paige White are battling for the middle



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Head coach Laurie Corbelli directs a drill during Tuesday's practice.

blocker position. Freshman Jennifer Wells, who Volleyball Monthly ranked as one of the top 50 high school seniors

last year, will also challenge for time.

Junior Andrea Williams is the fa-

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## Wente holds court in G. Rollie White

By Tom Day  
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crowd and you want to do your best, so you just get after it."

Last season, Wente led the league in assists with an A&M record of 12.3 per game. She led the team with 31 service aces and her 2.98 dig average was the sixth best in the conference.

Wente's strong play earned her all-Southwest Conference second team honors and the team's most valuable player award. More importantly, she helped

guide the team to a 27-8 record and its first NCAA tournament berth since 1986.

As a freshman, Wente led the team in assists averaging 7.4, started 20 matches and was named 1992 SWC Newcomer of the Year. Wente is well respected by her teammates and coaches for her steady influence and great communication skills on the court.

"She controls the tempo of the game on our side very

well," said assistant coach John Corbelli. "She very rarely gets rattled, and she's just going into her junior year, so that's a real treat."

Four starters have graduated from last year's team, forcing Wente into a leadership role this season, a role she gladly accepts.

"I've always liked to be the cheerleader and help everybody out," Wente said. "I view everybody as the

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## Zoecke defeats Ivanisevic in U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Sore hip one week, sprained brain the next, Goran Ivanisevic was gone from the U.S. Open a few hours after the first rain, muttering something about trying his luck on the women's tour.

If he plays the way he did Monday, no one will notice.

Ivanisevic, ranked No. 2, stood meekly behind the baseline during most of his 6-2, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 loss in the first round to Markus Zoecke, a one-trick-pony of a player.

Zoecke serves hard, and that's about it. At 6-foot-5, his head is always hunched over his thick chest, as if he's trying not to show how tall he really is. He looks awkward, top heavy, his legs surprisingly slender, and he walks with little mincing steps.

Ivanisevic could have taken advantage of Zoecke's slowness, his erratic groundstrokes, his weak second serve. Instead, Ivanisevic displayed a mixture of indifference and confusion. He strolled away from one of Zoecke's 16 aces before the ball even crossed the net. He stared plaintively in the last game when one forehand by Zoecke clipped the net cord and skipped into the corner for a winner, and when one of his own sat up for Zoecke to put away on match point.

There was only one short span during the fourth set when Ivanisevic played anywhere close to his potential. He dealt out 11 of his 21 aces in that set. He had none in the first set.

"I don't know," Ivanisevic said a dozen times afterward, shaking his head as he sought to explain what happened. "I mean, I didn't play tennis today. I don't know what I do there. Not only today. Every year when I come (to

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