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State-of-the-art complex enhances A&M's track record

Woman drops battery charges against Pippen

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WAUKEGAN, III. (AP) - Domestic battery charges against Chicago Bulls star Scottie Pippen were dropped Monday after his former fiance failed to appear for the trial.

The state was not in position to proceed without her testimony, so the case was dismissed," said Claudia Kasten, an assistant state's attorney in Lake County. Pippen, 29, was charged May 19

with two misdemeanor counts of domestic battery after his then-fiancee. Yvette DeLeone, told police that Pippen had grabbed her arm and shoved her against a vehicle during a quarrel at Pippen's suburban Chicago home.

The couple since have ended their relationship and DeLeone has left Illinois, Ms. Kasten said.

"She would not tell us where she was," Ms. Kasten said. "She told us through a telephone conversation that she didn't want to go forward with the case

The trial was to have begun Monday morning

Stars sign Kennedy to one-year contract

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars signed left wing Mike Kennedy to a one-year contract Monday.

Kennedy, 23, tied for 12th among rookie scorers last season with 18 points. He was seventh among last season's first-year players in assists with 12

'We were impressed with Mike's hard work and commitment last year," said Bob Gainey, the team's coach and general manager. "In only his first sea-son, he was able to make a contribution to our team while proving he belongs in the NHL.

Rangers recall Buechele

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Long-time Rangers third baseman Steve Buechele was scheduled to make his return to the ballclub for Monday's home game against the Baltimore Orioles, the team announced.

To make room, fellow third base-man Luis Ortiz has been optioned to the team's Triple A farm club in Ok-

lahoma City. Buechele, 33, was signed by the Rangers last Wednesday and had played three games for the 89ers. He hit 4-for-13 in that span, doing all of his damage Sunday by going 4-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs. He had been released by the

Chicago Cubs July 6 after batting .189 in limited action.

He spent most of June sidelined by a strained side before he was simultaneously activated and cut by the team.

He was mired in a 3-for-34 slump. Buechele was a Ranger in 1985-, hitting .241 with 94 home runs and 338 RBIs in 880 games. He ranks sixth in franchise history in games played and 10th in home runs.

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meets in SWC history. The following story is the fifth in a series of articles on Texas A&M's athletic facilities.

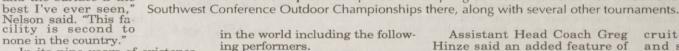
By Nick Georgandis THE BATTALION

Compared to antiques like G. Rollie White Coliseum and Kyle Field, the Anderson Track Complex is the kid brother in A&M's athletic facilities family. But considering the collection of track superstars who have graced the complex, one would think it had existed for decades

The complex opened in the spring of 1986 and cost approximately \$1.8 million to build. The complex is named for former Aggie track coach Col. Frank G. "Andy" Anderson. Anderson coached track and field at A&M from 1922-35, and from 1947-57. In his 25 years as A&M's head

coach, the Aggies won nine Southwest Conference team championships, 114 individual conference titles and never finished lower than third in any SWC meet.

The facility that bears his name was built with spectators in mind as all throwing events are situated on the infield of the track. This allows fans to see all



In its nine years of existence, the Anderson Complex has been the site of some of the finest performances by the top track stars

of the events without leaving their seats in

Despite being a

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several times, most recently in 1991 when

lights were added to

allow night competi-

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under the grandstand are being developed.

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in the world including the following performers. • In 1988, A&M's Randy Barnes set the Anderson record in the shot put with a throw of

71-4 3/4. It was the third longest throw in A&M history, and was a prelude to Barnes winning the silver medal in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

• Current 100-meter world record holder Leroy Burrell came to A&M as a member of the University of Houston's track team in 1991. He set records in the 100- and 200-meter dashes with wind-aided speeds of 9.94 and 19.61 seconds, respectively. Burrell's time in the 200-m was the fastest ever run under any conditions

• In 1988, Baylor's Michael Johnson set the 200-meter dash mark without aid from the wind with a time of 20.09 seconds. Johnson went on to be ranked No.1 in the world in both the 200 and 400 dashes in 1991

• When Aggie fans hear the name Eric Metcalf, they tend to think more of kickoff returns and touchdown runs than track and field records. But in 1988, the former Longhorn and current Atlanta Falcon leapt 26-10 1/2 feet, the Anderson Complex record in the long jump.

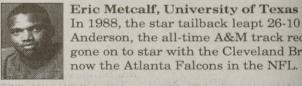
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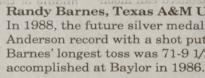
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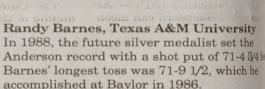
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Andre Cason, Texas A&M University In a glimpse of things to come in the world of Cason finished just behind Leroy Burrell and ahead of Michael Johnson in the 100-meter the 1990 SWC Outdoor Championships.



The Anderson Track Complex was opened in the spring of 1986. The Texas A&M Track and Field Team has how



Nevin tries to mend ways after outburst

□ The rookie is back in Triple A after failing to hit in Houston.

TUCSON, Ariz. - On the surface, it appeared a perfect

The Astros, having dealt Ken Caminiti to San Diego in the offseason, needed a third baseman. And Phil Nevin, after two years of toil at the hot spot for the Class AAA Tucson Toros, thought he had little left to prove in the minors and itched for a shot in Houston.

But the only fit has been the one Nevin threw July 5 in Colorado when, after 18 games, Astros general manager Bob Wat-

informed the No. 1 pick of the June 1992 draft he was being sent back to the minors.

The decision ended a trying three weeks for Nevin,

who hit just .118 (7 for-60) in his stint with the Astros. But if Nevin thought that stretch was bad, he's really feeling the heat after his profanity-laced tirade against Watson and Collins reached the media. The tantrum, which has been reported in nearly every publica-tion that covers base-

ball, from the Las Vegas Star but if I offended him as a huto Sports Illustrated, illustrat- man being, then that's what ed a dark side of his nature made me feel bad

son and manager Terry Collins Nevin struggles - often unsuccessfully ---- to control

"Yeah, I was angry, but it was something that was behind closed doors that I said to

Bob and Terry," said Nevin, who has been placed on the disabled list with pulled rib-cage muscles, retroactive to July 12. "We're talking about my life and my job here. I did say some things that probably weren't good, but I called Bob and apologized about it - not because I wanted to kiss up or anything,

lick Rodnicki, The BATTALIO

Baseball begins the long road bac

The world of Major League Base ball is a place where long home runs are hit, no-hitters are thrown and players and owners still can't figure out how to split \$1 billion of revenue each year.

As a record crowd of 50,902 looked on at last Tuesday's All-Star Game in Arlington, baseball staged its first cel ebration in a year. For one night, players and fans got to think about baseball as a game.

Unfortunately, baseball is not a game, it's a business. As big a success as the All-Star game was, it was not enough to mask the troubles that plague professional baseball.

There is no new labor agree-

IMMY WILLIAMS SPORTSWRITER

> ended the strike in April. For the second straight year, the possibility exists that there won't even be a World Series. Fans are prepared for this,

but players and owners are not. They know their dispute has cut deep into the hearts and minds of every true baseball

As the fans trickle back into the parks, players and owners are taking notice and exercising

devious caution. They re and barthat fans are finally starting gaining take the bait. The fans the talks starting to trickle back ar have same ones that said " been again.' But who can blame the nonexis-

I remember so many when my friends and I would sitting around with nothing do on a Wednesday That's when it would day us that the Texas Ran game started in an hour.

Scenarios such as this are what gave baseball the of America's favorite pas and summer is not com without it. Baseball lost th tle last summer, but pla and owners alike see that could be on the way to gett

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