

SPORTS BRIEFS

Astros' Bell to miss two weeks after surgery

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros outfielder Derek Bell will undergo surgery Tuesday to remove a blood clot from his left thigh and will miss another 10 days to two weeks.

Bell, the Astros' leading hitter most of the season, has been sidelined since Aug. 29 with the injury, which he suffered Aug. 22 when he was hit by a pitch from Atlanta's Steve Avery.

Davie takes over for surgery-bound Holtz

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz will have spinal surgery Tuesday, and will be sidelined for at least three weeks.

Defensive coordinator Bob Davie will direct the No. 24 Irish while Holtz is out.

"We kind of just all sat there in disbelief," said offensive guard Ryan Leahy, describing a team meeting Monday where Holtz broke the news to his players.

Leahy said Holtz was calm, but the team was shocked.

"It's pretty hard to take that," Leahy said. "Half the time you see your coaches as indestructible. But then you realize they're just human."

Czech Bartova sets new pole vault mark

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Daniela Bartova of the Czech Republic broke her women's pole vault record, leaping 13 feet, 10 inches, Monday in an international competition in the town of Salgotarjan.

Bartova had set the previous record of 13-9 3/4 at Linz, Austria, Aug. 22.

Drabek, Gant withdraw suspension appeals

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston pitcher Doug Drabek and Cincinnati outfielder Ron Gant withdrew appeals of their suspensions Monday and immediately began serving their penalties for involvement in a series of brawls last Tuesday.

Drabek is suspended for five games and will be eligible to play on Sunday. He was penalized for throwing at Cincinnati's Benito Santiago after an umpire's warning and then fighting.

Gant was suspended for four games and can play again starting Friday. He was penalized for instigating a bench-clearing brawl in an inning before Drabek hit Santiago.

Both managers, Terry Collins of the Astros and Davey Johnson of the Reds, were suspended for two games and missed them over the weekend.

Reliever Xavier Hernandez of the Reds, who was suspended for eight games, and catcher Pat Borders of the Astros, who was suspended for five, have both appealed and are awaiting hearings.

Vanderwoude's specialty: Block parties

□ The sophomore middle blocker led the SWC in blocks-per-game last season.

By Kristina Buffin
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M sophomore middle blocker Cindy VanderWoude is hoping to use this season as an opportunity to expand on her freshman successes and establish herself as one of the top volleyball players in the South-west Conference.

"We have most of the same starters as last year, so that makes it more comfortable," VanderWoude said. "It's harder because people now know me on the court. I have to focus to get in the groove and do what a middle blocker needs to do for the outside hitters — open up holes."

Last season, VanderWoude played in all 33 matches, but did not become a starter until midway through the season. Nevertheless, she led the team and the SWC with a 1.5 blocks-per-game average. A&M Head Volleyball Coach Laurie Corbelli plans to utilize VanderWoude's blocking ability even more this season.

"She is one of our key blockers," Corbelli said. "The fact that her attack style is different, namely her arm swing, makes it difficult for her opponents."

VanderWoude came to A&M from Escondido, Calif., where she led her team in blocks and kills and was named the 1994 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Player of the Year.

Besides being impressed by her great talents as a player, Corbelli recruited VanderWoude for her personality and work ethic.

"She has got this certain

naivete that makes her lovable," Corbelli said. "There is something pure about her. She has a great work ethic. She works her tail off and gives it her all."

VanderWoude has drastically improved since she was recruited. Corbelli believes that VanderWoude is right where the coaching staff expected her to be at this point in her career.

"She has more control over the ball," Corbelli said. "She has improved consistently."

The success that VanderWoude has enjoyed has made her more confident on the floor. She said this confidence has allowed her to become stronger in her position.

"After starting for half a season, more is expected of me," VanderWoude said. "The pressure doesn't hinder me it is going to help me. I need to put up the best block. I'm helping by getting a lot quicker and touching the ball more."

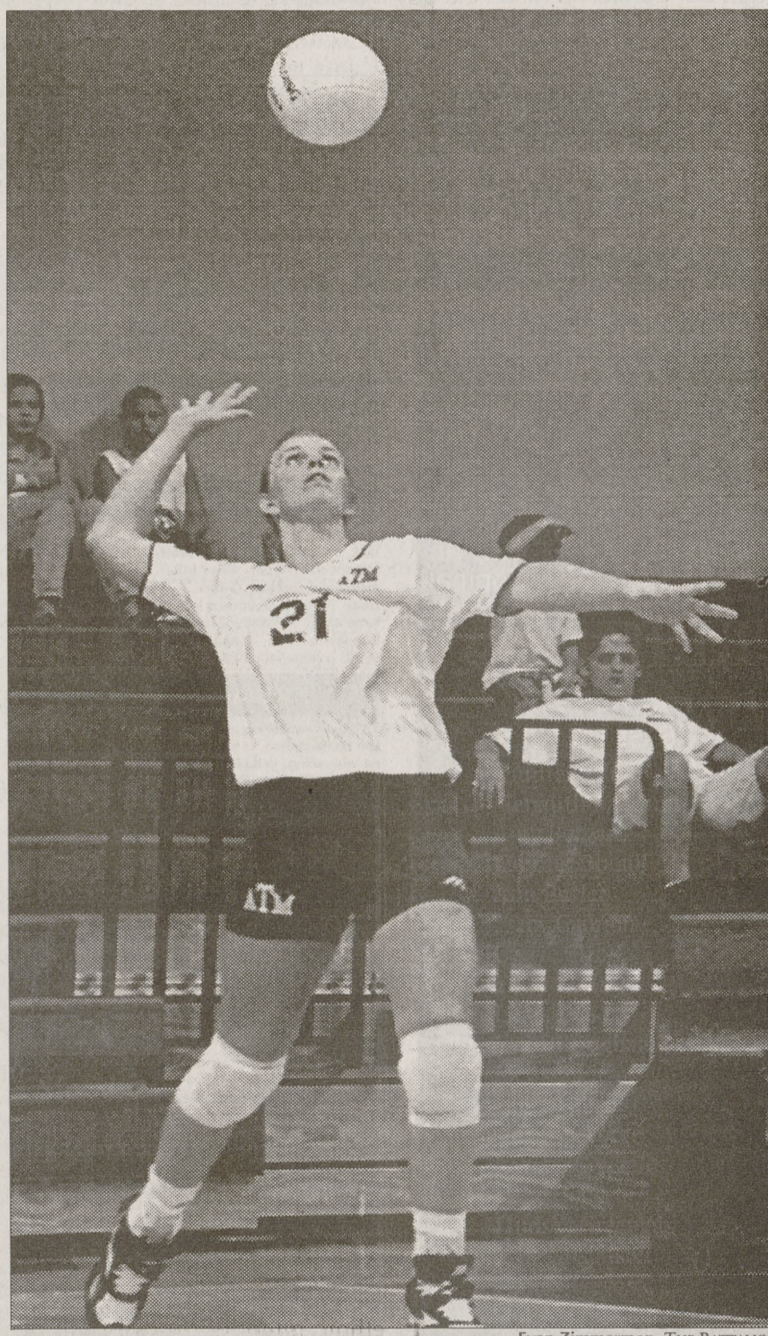
VanderWoude worked on her physical conditioning in the preseason to help make her a better player. She believes that she must be both mentally and physically strong in order to contribute to the team.

"I want to be stronger and get stronger blocks," VanderWoude said. "I want to improve all around. I can improve as much as I can by being a smarter player."

"You need a combination of both the mental and the physical aspects."

Corbelli believes that this conditioning will not only help VanderWoude this season, but also in the future as well.

"She's working on her conditioning now because she was involved in summer school," Corbelli said. "I would like to see her increase her blocking average, her hitting average, and as she gets older, I expect more. The lack of conditioning has set her back, but she's catching up quickly."



Texas A&M sophomore middle blocker Cindy VanderWoude prepares to serve during the Lady Aggies' win over Utah State Sept. 6.

Strange week for sports fans

PHILIP LEONE

SPORTSWRITER



This week was a wild ride for the world of sports. So many strange occurrences popped up, it was like watching a soap opera instead of ESPN's SportsCenter. Consider these examples:

I hate to admit it, but I was flat-out rooting for Spike Dykes and his Texas Tech squad against Penn State this past Saturday. Only a field goal that barely skated through the uprights with four seconds left in the ballgame rescued the Nittany Lions from one of the biggest football embarrassments of this decade. A win by Tech would have made A&M's trip to Lubbock on Oct. 7 something to hype up.

Have you heard about the two cartoonists for the University of Nebraska student newspaper who got the entire sports staff banned from the Cornhuskers' football practice? Seems that Head Coach Tom Osborne took offense to a couple of tongue-in-cheek cartoons the paper ran. One depicted star running back Lawrence Phillips driving a sports car with dollar bills shooting out the back.

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Hayes, Allen highlight A&M Hall of Fame inductee list

□ Six former A&M athletes will be honored Oct. 27.

Staff and Wire Reports

Six former Texas A&M athletes will be inducted into the Texas A&M Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 27 at the College Station Hilton.

The six honorees are former football players Grady Allen, Lester Hayes and Rolf Krueger, former softball All-American Josie Carter and former baseball players Lance Cobb and John Scoggin.

Allen was a consensus All-Southwest Conference defensive end in 1967, helping the Aggies to the SWC title and a Cotton Bowl victory against Alabama. He was named honorable mention All-American and signed as a free agent with the Atlanta Falcons in 1968. He played five seasons in the NFL.

Hayes, an All-American defensive back at A&M in 1976, went on to an All-Pro career with the Oakland Raiders in the NFL and was named the NFL's defensive player of the year in 1980.

At the year, Hayes led the Aggies to the SWC co-championship in 1975 as A&M led

the nation in total defense. His 14 career interceptions stood as the A&M record until 1990, and he was drafted in the fifth round of the NFL draft by the Raiders.

Krueger was a first-team, All-American defensive lineman in 1968. He was a second-round draft pick by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1969 and played six years in the NFL.

Carter was an All-American outfielder for the Lady Aggies in 1984 and 1985, and helped A&M to national championships in 1982 and 1983. She was member of the U.S. team at the 1987 Pan-American Games.

Cobb led the SWC in batting average in 1964 with a .382 mark. He was an All-American second baseman in 1966.

Scoggin was a two-time All-SWC outfielder and catcher in 1941 and 1942. He received an offer to play for the New York Yankees, but entered the military service in World War II instead.

After attaining the rank of captain as a bomber pilot, Scoggin was shot down and killed on a mission over Okinawa, Japan. He posthumously received a number of honors, including the Air Medal with Clusters, Purple Heart and Theatre of Operations Medal Honor.

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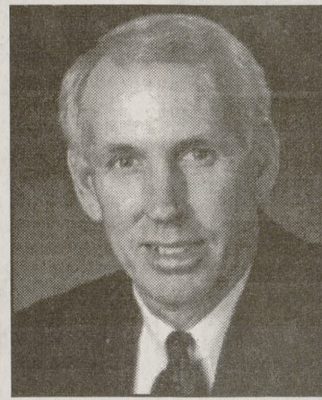
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