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Arant/Eleck lose to LSU at All-American qualifier

The Texas A&M doubles tandem of Blake Arant and Eric Eleck lost to Louisiana State's Ryan Ideta and Chad Dudley 9-8 Wednesday in the third round of the ITA Men's All-American Championships qualifying tournament.

The tournament, which is the second leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Collegiate Grand Slam, is being hosted by the University of Texas.

The entire Aggie tennis team will return to action at the Southwest Regional Championships Oct. 27-30 at Texas Christian's Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center in Fort Worth.

Stars recall Kesa and Langenbrunner from IHL

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars placed recently placed forward Guy Carbonneau on the injured reserve list on Wednesday and recalled forwards Dan Kesa and Jamie Langenbrunner from the International Hockey League.

Carbonneau left Tuesday night's 4-3 loss to Washington in the second period with a groin injury. Although he must be out seven days while on the injured reserve, he's expected to be out three weeks.

Kesa, 23, leads the Michigan K-Wings of the IHL with four goals and four assists in three games. He has played once for Dallas this season.

Langenbrunner, 20, had two goals and five assists for the K-Wings. He played two games for the Stars last year.

Kesa and Langenbrunner are expected to join the Stars in St. Louis for Thursday's games against the Blues.

Levy in satisfactory condition after surgery

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo Bills coach Marv Levy was in "very satisfactory" condition today at Roswell Park Cancer Institute following surgery to remove his prostate, his doctor said.

"Marv is recovering smoothly," said Dr. Robert Huben, Levy's physician. There is a chance the Bills coach could be allowed to go home this weekend, Huben said.

Levy, 70, learned he had cancer this summer during a routine physical before training camp and underwent surgery Tuesday. He kept the news about his cancer from his team until a meeting Monday morning.

Doctors have told Levy, in his ninth year with Buffalo, that the disease was discovered at an early stage. There is a 60 percent to 80 percent chance the surgery will result in a complete cure if the tumor was confined to the prostate, said Huben, chairman of the urologic oncology department at Roswell Park.

Oiler's Bishop is proving his worth as a safety

HOUSTON (AP) — Blaine Bishop missed most of the Houston Oilers' training camp because he thought he was worth more than the league-minimum \$178,000 salary.

Eventually, he lost the battle with team management, but Bishop has spent the first part of this season proving that he was right. Using the bitter negotiations as motivation, he has become one of the NFL's best safeties.

"I think he's playing like a Pro Bowl player," Oilers head coach Jeff Fisher said. "When people prepare for us, they always have to be aware of where he is."

Until now, the scouting report on Bishop, 25, has been less than strong. As a 5-9 cornerback coming out of Ball State, he was considered too slow to play cornerback and too short to play safety in the NFL.

The Oilers drafted him in 1993.

Aggies shut out Cornhuskers, 2-0

Sophomore Bryn Blalack scores both of the Lady Aggie goals to defeat Nebraska, 2-0.

By Philip Leone
THE BATTALION

Sophomore forward Bryn Blalack has been a living nightmare for Texas A&M soccer opponents this season. Just ask the University of Nebraska Lady Cornhuskers.

Wednesday afternoon they became Blalack's most recent victims when she scored her 17th and 18th goals of the season to lead her Lady Aggie teammates to a convincing 2-0 win over Nebraska in a NCAA Central Region showdown at Aggie Soccer Complex.

The first half action went back and forth without much result until Blalack stepped up for A&M with 15:39 left in the period. From her spot just right of the penalty arc, Blalack con-

trolled a pass from junior forward Yvette Okler and fired a missile past the Nebraska goalie into the far left post to give the Lady Aggies the early lead.

After the match, Blalack reflected on her first goal with typical modesty.

"Yvette just played me a through ball," Blalack said. "I beat my girl and just hit the ball to the far post for the score."

After taking the 1-0 lead into the intermission, A&M came out in the second period and dominated the tempo the rest of the way. Tenacious junior defender Sandy Edwards and her freshman counterpart Emily Elias completely shut down what little offense Nebraska could bring to them.

Texas A&M Head Coach G. Guerrieri also credited junior midfielder Tania Castillejos with keeping the Lady Cornhuskers at bay throughout the match.

Blalack registered her second goal of the match with 18 minutes left to play in the second half when junior midfielder Kim Duda controlled a cross pass and

beat two opponents to assist her teammate on the easy goal.

"Duda definitely did all the work on that one," Blalack said. "She scored me the pass, and all I had to do was put it in."

Delighted with his squad's tremendous overall play, Guerrieri was especially proud of the Lady Aggies' ability to control the Central Region's eighth ranked team.

"It was a real solid win for us," Guerrieri said. "They posed a strong test in our region and matched up with our girls athletically all over the field. I was real proud that our girls were able to control the tempo of the game and attack with our style of offense and keep them off balance."

With the 2-0 victory over Nebraska, the Lady Aggies improved their record to 13-3 and maintained their position as the 10th-ranked team in the nation. A&M will play host to the Lady Jacks of Stephen F. Austin State University on Sunday in what will be the senior Aggies' final home game of their career.



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(#6) Bryn Blalack shots past the Nebraska defenders to give the Aggies a 2-0 win on Wednesday at the Aggie Soccer Complex.

For Lady Aggies, Hawaii is all business

The Lady Aggies are looking to upset a second number one team this season.

By Tom Day
THE BATTALION

Don't call it a vacation... The Texas A&M women's volleyball team embarked on its longest road trip of the season Tuesday, departing on a five-day jaunt to Hawaii. The 19th-ranked Lady Aggies will take on the University of Hawaii in a two-match series today and Friday.

Although they are in the Aloha State, playing the undefeated, second-ranked Rainbow Wahine is sure to be no day at the beach for the Aggies.

Senior setter Suzy Wente said that despite the luxurious setting, it will be business as usual for A&M.

"Everyone is really excited about the trip," Wente said. "But, we know going into this how good they are and that we need to play sharp against them. We're pretty fired-up and we're just looking forward to focusing on playing well."

After a disappointing home loss to the University of Texas last Wednesday, the Lady Aggies have picked-up where they left off, posting consecutive victories over Baylor University and Drake University. A&M's 14-2 start ties them with the 1984 squad for the best start after 16 games in program history.

"Their spirits were definitely down," A&M Head Coach Laurie Corbelli said. "But, they regained their focus, came together as a team and didn't let it devastate them."

"I'm really proud of the way they've come back."

The Aggies have their work cut out for them against Hawaii. The Rainbows enter the pair of matches with a perfect 17-0 record and the home court advantage. Hawaii is averaging 4,667 peo-

ple at home. "It's going to be hard to beat them on their home court," Corbelli said. "But, I believe everybody in the country is beatable by a strong opponent. If we put it together, I think we'll give them a run for it."

Hawaii is led by two-time second-team All-American Angelica Ljungquist. The junior middle hitter leads the Rainbows with a .369 hitting percentage and 1.9 blocks per game.

"Ljungquist is a great blocker and an excellent all-around player," Corbelli said. "Their outside hitters are very strong with different styles and our defense will have to adjust to that. They're incredibly quick on defense and their block is one of the best in the country."

Wente, who needs just 75 assists to break the Southwest Conference career record of 4,846, said the Aggies are prepared to deal with Hawaii's defense.

"We have to play consistent volleyball because they don't make many mistakes," Wente said. "They play really great defense, but we've played some really good defensive teams this year."

"We're just going to have to dig down deep and give it everything we've got." Jet-lag and travel fatigue are also concerns for A&M as it heads into its Hawaii showdown.

"It's going to be hard on us because of the long plane ride, so we're going to have to try and rest up as much as possible," Wente said.

"I traveled a lot in my career as a player, so I have a few tips on how to best prepare a team when it's in another time zone," Corbelli said. "A lot of it comes down to how mentally prepared they are."

Corbelli said the Lady Aggies can point back to their previous success against top opponents as a confidence builder.

"This team plays really well against ranked opponents," Corbelli said. "We get pumped-up for them easily and we're used to seeing the ball coming hard at us from practices."

"They like to rise to that kind of challenge, so I know we're going to play well."



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Eván Zimmerman, THE BATTALION

(#13) Kristie Smedsrud digs the ball as teammates (#12) Andrea Williams and (#32) Stacy Sykora look on against Baylor on Friday.

World Series raises Native American issues

This Saturday, the Atlanta Braves will host the Cleveland Indians in the 1995 World Series.

The politically incorrect World Series. The culturally insensitive World Series.

In recent years, Native Americans have protested more and more about teams using the Braves and the Indians as nicknames. During the baseball playoffs this year, Native Americans held protests outside games in which both the Braves and Indians were involved in. Two of these protests led to violence as Native Americans defended their heritage.

Amber Clark, an intertribal council member of the Native American Students Association, said she would like to see the names changed but does not think it is possible.

"I don't think it's feasible," said Clark, who is a descendant of the Apache and Cherokee/Choctaw tribes. "I don't think that there are enough people who understand the damage that it does. It's offensive, but human error is unavoidable. Somewhere, something negative is going to be said about a race."

Cleveland got its nickname in 1915 during a

newspaper name-the-team contest. Indians was suggested because of Louis Franci Sockalexis, a Penobscot Indian who was the first Native American to play pro baseball.

Clark points to a smiling cartoonish Indian wearing a feather that the Cleveland baseball team uses as its logo.

"I think it's as bad as using Sambo (a derogatory cartoon of African Americans)," Clark said. "I know a lot of Indians, and none of the men look like that. Besides a lot of them are too poor to smile like that."

The Braves fans' famous Tomahawk Chop also does a poor job of representing Indians, Clark said.

"When they do the Tomahawk Chop, they're doing a perception, a myth," Clark said. "The only people I've ever seen with tomahawks are white people. It's all about education."

The Braves were not named directly after Native Americans. The Braves, who first played in Boston, were once owned by John

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Ward and James E. Gaffney, "chieftains" in the Tammany Hall organization. The team was called the Braves because they worked for these chiefs.

The Washington Redskins, the Florida State Seminoles and the St. John's Red Men are other names that Native Americans have protested against. Last year St. John's changed

its nickname to the Red Storm. "Honestly, it depends on your take of it," Clark said. "I'm sure there are people out there who are wondering why there is not a team called the Cleveland Honkies."

Ray Torgerson, the founder of NASA, said ignorance is the only reason why Native Americans are portrayed this way in sports.

"Their portrayal in sports, whether it be as a mascot or a name tends to be grossly inaccurate," Torgerson said. "There aren't any other ethnic groups that are used like this. For example, we wouldn't name a team the New Jersey Jews. Indians are singled out because peo-

ple are ignorant about them." Clark, who hosts Native American programs in the community, said most children only relate to the false perceptions that the teams give of Indians.

"They always expect to see Indians like they see them on television," Clark said. "Such as Indians always being portrayed as savages. It's very misleading."

Clark said she would like to see the teams who have Indian mascots give something to the Native American people.

"They are profiting off the names," Clark said. "Baseball players are making \$3 million a year. They and the teams they play for could at least give it back locally. I know there are a lot of Indians around Cleveland."

"They could give it to the kids. They could give it to the urban Indians or the Indians on reservations. They could donate it to a community center. Last year, I went to South Dakota and saw old men drinking rubbing alcohol out of hair spray bottles because they were so poor."

Cleveland vs. Atlanta: Welcome to the Show.