

At a
GLANCE

SPORTS BRIEFS

Boston's Vaughn takes AL MVP by eight votes

NEW YORK (AP) — Mo Vaughn beat out Albert Belle for the AL MVP award Thursday in one of the closest elections ever, a vote that called into question whether the Cleveland star's surliness cost him the honor. The two sluggers tied for the AL RBIs lead with 126. Belle, however, led the majors with 50 home runs in the shortened season and became the first player to get 100 extra-base hits since Stan Musial in 1948.

Brown's son dies of birth complications

DALLAS (AP) — The 10-week-old son of Dallas Cowboys cornerback Larry Brown died Thursday of complications resulting from his premature birth. Life support that had sustained Christopher Brown since he was born three months premature were disconnected Wednesday, the Cowboys said. Team spokesman Brett Daniels declined to provide more details Thursday. However, Cowboys free safety Darren Woodson disclosed the death of the child. Brown will not travel to Oakland for Sunday's game against the Raiders, Daniels said. Rookie Alundis Brice, a fourth-round draft choice with one interception to his credit in limited play, will substitute for Brown.

Price cashes in on playing opportunities



Evan Zimmerman, THE BATTALION

Texas A&M freshman defensive back Michael Price makes his first career interception while the University of Houston's Larkay James hits the turf in the A&M-UH game Oct. 28 at Kyle Field.

□ The hard-hitting freshman intercepted his first pass Oct. 28.

By David Winder
THE BATTALION

Last year, Michael Price started for both the offensive and defensive squads of the Texas football state champion Tyler John Tyler High School.

This year as a freshman, Price starts on two squads for Texas A&M: kick off and punt coverage.

He's done a real good job," A&M Special Teams Coach Shawn Slocum said. "He came from a good high school and had good coaching. He's one of our gunners on the punt coverage, and he's covering kickoffs as a safety."

The last time Price played mainly on special teams was his freshman year in high school. Price has recorded five tackles this season on kickoff and punt coverages.

But it has been Price's enthusiasm on the field, which has been compared to that of Kenny Gant — formerly of the

Dallas Cowboys — that has caught the attention of his teammates and fans.

"I'm just trying to get everyone into the game," Price said. "I'm trying to get the crowd pumped up. I'm always trying to do it, and a couple of times it's worked. I'm trying to get hyped up to make a play."

Price came to Texas A&M on a track scholarship, but after he participated in a football game, he had to be switched to a football scholarship under NCAA rules.

"I'm trying to get the crowd pumped up."

— Michael Price
Texas A&M Defensive Back

"I've always liked Texas A&M," Price said. "It was close enough to go home and far enough away for me to grow up."

Price has seen some action this year at defensive back, his natural position. Against the University of Houston this season, Price picked off his first career pass.

"I wanted to make a play and show the coaches something," Price said. "I knew they were going to go after me. When you're new out there, they're going to go after you."

The limited playing time as a defensive back has been diffi-

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

NBA

Orlando 89, Indiana 80
Houston 115, Milwaukee 87

NHL

Buffalo 2, Dallas 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

A&M Volleyball

The Lady Aggies will travel to Houston this weekend to participate in the Southwest Conference Tournament. A&M is the No. 2 seed in the tournament and will receive a first-round bye.

Aggie Soccer

The Aggie Soccer Team will travel to Dallas Saturday to compete in a second-round NCAA Tournament game against Southern Methodist University at 2 p.m.

A&M Swimming & Diving

The A&M men's and women's swimming and diving teams will continue home action when they play host to the LSU Tigers at 2 p.m. today.

A&M Football

The Aggies host the Division I-AA Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders at Kyle Field Saturday at 1 p.m.

Lady Aggie Basketball

The A&M Women's Basketball Team will host the Duke Blue Devils in the second round of the pre-season Women's National Invitational Tournament tonight at 7 p.m. at C. Rollie White Coliseum.

Duke beat Virginia Commonwealth 93-51 Wednesday in the first round of the tournament while the Lady Aggies overwhelmed Lamar University 111-83.

A&M swim teams look for home cooking



Evan Zimmerman, The Battalion

Sophomore Stacie Karnes churns it up during the Reveille Invitational.

□ The teams will host the LSU Tigers at 2 p.m. at the Rec Center Natatorium.

Staff and Wire Reports

After posting impressive finishes in last weekend's Reveille Invitational, the Texas A&M Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams will continue home action today when they host the Louisiana State University Tigers.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. at the Student Recreational Center Natatorium.

The Tiger men enter Friday's meet coming off of a 142-95 dual meet win over Northeast Louisiana last Saturday

while the Lady Tigers are coming off an 89-153 loss to the University of Alabama on Nov. 4.

Last week the 18th-ranked Lady Aggies captured the women's team crown with 821.50 points, besting No. 3 Texas by 58.5 points.

They captured 11 first-place awards on the weekend led by sophomore Stacie Karnes victory in the 500-meter free style in the first event of the weekend.

The A&M men picked up four firsts and several close seconds in their second-place finish.

Lone senior Scott DeWolf scored a victory in the 200-fly while Kyle Marden won the 200-breast and Jason Miles took first in the 1650-free.

NCAA road goes through SMU

□ The Aggie Soccer Team will try to defeat the Mustangs for the first time in three tries.

Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M Soccer Team is hoping the third time is the charm.

Saturday in Dallas, the Aggies will take on No. 3 Southern Methodist University in a second-round NCAA Tournament game beginning at 2 p.m.

The Aggies opened their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance with a 4-1 win over No. 16 Clemson last Sunday at the Aggie Soccer Complex.

A&M is 0-2 against SMU this season, losing 3-1 on Oct. 25 in the clash for the Southwest Conference regular-season title, then 4-2 in overtime on Nov. 5 in the championship match of the SWC Tournament.

A&M comes into the game ranked No. 10 in the final Soccer America poll with an 18-5 record. Along with Maryland, A&M is the only team making its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament to still be in the running.

Homefield advantage is definitely favoring the Mustangs on Saturday. SMU is a stellar 10-0-1 at Wescott Field while the Aggies are only 4-3 on the road.

But the Aggies do have some momentum on their side. SMU has never won an NCAA Tournament match — going 0-3 in their previous appearances in the postseason.

The Aggies are hoping junior forward Yvette Okler will continue her hot streak in the postseason against SMU.

In last Sunday's win over Clemson, Okler was two-of-two on shots on goal.



Stew Milne THE BATTALION

A&M sophomore forward Bryn Blalack outjumps Clemson's Cheri Hooper to head the ball during last week's action.

THE BATTALION'S 1995 STAFF PICKS

THE MATCH-UPS

	Nick Georgandis	Kristina Buffin	David Winder	Tom Day	Lisa Nance	Philip Leone	Robin Greathouse	Rob Clark	Sterling Hayman	Stew Milne	Kyle Littlefield	Michael Landauer	Gretchen Perrenot	Stacy Stanton	Jody Holley	COMMENTARY
Mid. Tenn St. at #18 A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	A&M: Hope you've got a date for this one.....
TCU at #10 Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	TCU	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	UT: Horns stampede Frogs on road to Kyle Field...
Rice at Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Rice	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Rice	Baylor: Bears and Owls tussle in Trials of Life.....
Texas Tech at SMU	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Tech: No kidding — SMU is really bad.....
#19 Michigan at #12 Penn St.	Michigan	Michigan	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Michigan	Penn St.	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Penn State	Michigan	Penn St.	Penn St: Heck of a battle in the Big 10.....
#17 Alabama at #21 Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Alabama	Auburn	Alabama	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Alabama	Auburn: NCAA investigation throws off Tide.....
#9 Colorado at #7 Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Colorado	Colorado	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Colorado	Kansas St.	Colorado	Colorado	Kansas St.	Colorado	Colorado	KSU: Colorado not as good as A&M thinks.....
UCLA at #11 USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	UCLA	USC	UCLA	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	UCLA	UCLA	USC	USC: No Abdul-jabbar? No chance for Bruins.....
#20 Va. Tech at #13 Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Va. Tech	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Va. Tech	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Va. Tech	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia: They beat FSU but lost to Lu.....
Oilers at Chiefs	Oilers	Chiefs	Chiefs	Oilers	Oilers	Chiefs	Oilers	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Oilers	Chiefs	Oilers	Chiefs	Oilers	Chiefs: Greg Hill bests Rodney Thomas.....
Cowboys at Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Raiders	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Raiders	Cowboys	Cowboys: Big D bounces back in Oaktown.....
49ers at Dolphins	Dolphins	49ers	Dolphins	Dolphins	49ers	49ers	49ers	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	Dolphins	49ers: Last week's win no fluke for champs.....
Last Week	9-3	11-1	9-3	10-2	9-3	9-3	9-3	9-3	9-3	10-2	10-2	10-2	9-3	9-3	8-4	209-40 (839) Buffin knows Football.....
Cumulative	75-50-4	94-31-4	94-31-4	99-26-4	90-35-4	92-33-4	83-42-4	90-35-4	87-38-4	93-32-4	93-32-4	97-28-4	85-40-4	76-49-4	82-53-4	1336-544-60 (744) Georgandis & Stanton battle for 14th!