

sports GLANCE

Sonics down Knicks in makeup game

NEW YORK (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics, led by an angry Shawn Kemp, reached 60 victories Monday by beating the New York Knicks 108-98 in a game postponed three months because of a blizzard.

The Sonics didn't let the prospect of a 6,000-mile, one-day round trip and a physical battle with the Knicks bother them, taking control in the second quarter and holding off New York's charge in the fourth quarter.

Kemp, who lost his temper after Charles Oakley bloodied his nose in the third quarter, led Seattle with 25 points and 13 rebounds. Detlef Schrempf had 24 points, eight rebounds and six assists and Hersey Hawkins added 20.

The Sonics outbounded New York 49-33 and forced turnovers on four consecutive Knicks possessions in the fourth quarter as they put the game away with an 11-0 run.

Fraschilla named coach at St. John's

NEW YORK (AP) — Fran Fraschilla, who guided Manhattan to postseason play in each of his four years, is the new coach at St. John's.

Fraschilla, who openly campaigned for the job, replaces Brian Mahoney, forced to resign March 11 after the Red Storm finished 11-17 — their worst season in 33 years. It also marked the first time St. John's had three straight non-winning seasons since 1917-20.

The 37-year-old Fraschilla, who led the Jaspers to a 17-12 record and a berth in the NIT, was 85-35 at Manhattan. The Jaspers, third in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference this season, lost to Wisconsin in the first round of the NIT.

Fraschilla's biggest victory was in the 1995 NCAA tournament when Manhattan upset Oklahoma before losing to Arizona State in the second round.

At St. John's, Fraschilla takes over a team that has failed to live up to high expectations created when local stars Felipe Lopez and Zendon Hamilton enrolled two years ago.

Massachusetts coach John Calipari and Utah's Rick Majerus was considered the top candidates, but both said they were not interested in the position.

SCORES ROUNDUP

NL
Cubs 9, Rockies 6
Dodgers 1, Braves 0
Padres 9, Marlins 2
Pirates 6, Phillies 3
Reds 7, Mets 6
Astros 6, Giants 2
Expos 4, Cardinals 3

NBA
SuperSonics 108, Knicks 98
76ers 82, Nets 79
Bullets 111, Heat 99
Timberwolves 115, Raptors 101
Pacers 97, Hawks 95
Charlotte 98, Chicago 97
San Antonio 92, Utah 91
Portland at L.A. Clippers (n)
Dallas at Golden State (n)

NHL
Whalers 5, Pittsburgh 4
Panthers 5, Islanders 3
Lightning 4, Islanders 3
Blues 2, Jets 2
Calgary at Edmonton (n)
Vancouver at Anaheim (n)

AL
Minnesota at Boston, ppd., weather

Lady Ags face UT in SWC title tilt

At 5-1, the No. 26 Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team needs a win to split the crown.

Staff and Wire Reports

As it has so many times in the past, the road to a Southwest Conference championship goes directly through the University of Texas.

The site is not Kyle Field this time, but rather the Omar Smith Tennis Center, where at 5:30 p.m. today, the Texas A&M's Women's Tennis Team will take on the Lady Longhorns in an effort to tie Texas for the final SWC title.

The No. 5 Lady Longhorns have already clinched at least a share of the SWC crown with a 6-0 record, but a victory by the 5-1 Lady Aggies would halve the final title.

"I know both teams will be fired up about playing for the final SWC Championship," A&M Head Women's Tennis Coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "I think it's a big accomplishment to be playing for the SWC title in our final conference match of the season."

"I'm anticipating a good crowd and that should work to our benefit."

The No. 26 Lady Aggies are riding a seven-match winning

streak and take a 14-3 overall record into Tuesday's match — equaling the best start in school history.

The defending national champion Lady Longhorns

come to College Station with a 16-4 record.

The Lady Longhorns have lost four of their last 11 matches, but all four losses have been to teams ranked in the top eight nationally.

"Texas has a strong team, but they're also a young team and they've taken some lumps that they're not accustomed to this season," Kleinecke said. "We've had a lot of success this season and we're playing with a lot of confidence."

"We just have to come out ready to compete and play to our capabilities."

The Lady Longhorns have three players in the national top 100 — No. 8 Farley Tay-

lor, No. 95 Cristina Moros and No. 96 Melody Falco. Junior Nancy Dingwall is A&M's lone ranked player in singles, checking in at No. 78.

In doubles play, the team of

Dingwall and senior Wilson Pate are ranked No. 43.

In order to pull off the big upset, the Lady Aggies will need a clutch effort from Pate. She is in the midst of a 13-match winning streak in singles.

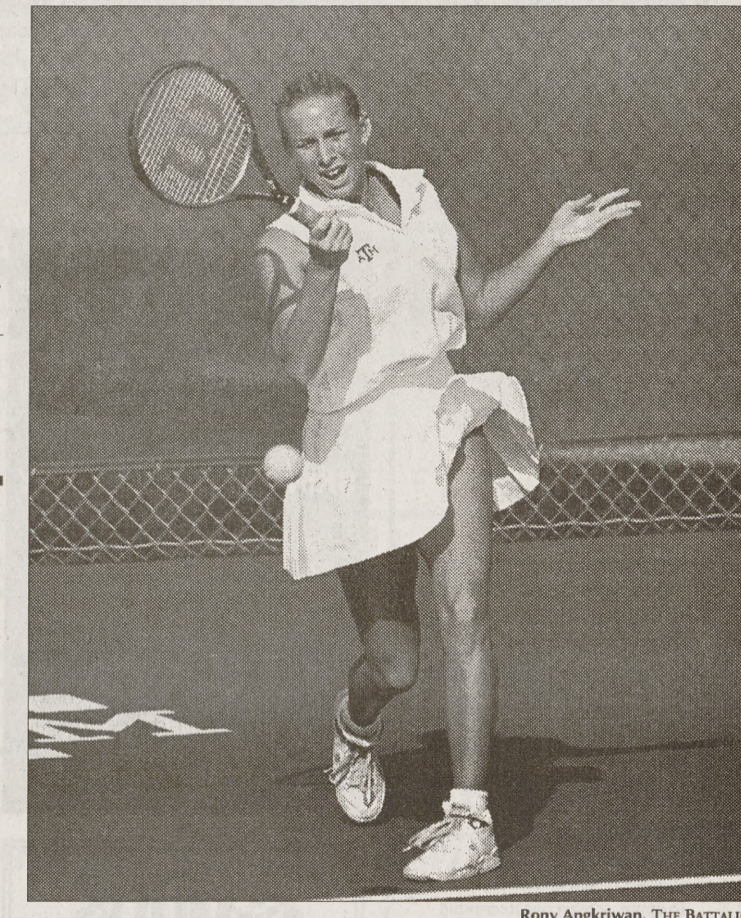
In dual match play, Pate is 15-1 with the lone loss coming against Louisiana State in the fourth match of the season. Against SWC opponents, Pate is 6-0.

With a win against Texas, Pate and Dingwall would win their second straight SWC No. 1 doubles crown. Also in the hunt for SWC titles are Julie Beahm at the No. 6 singles spot and Beahm and Vanessa Rooks at the No. 3 doubles position.

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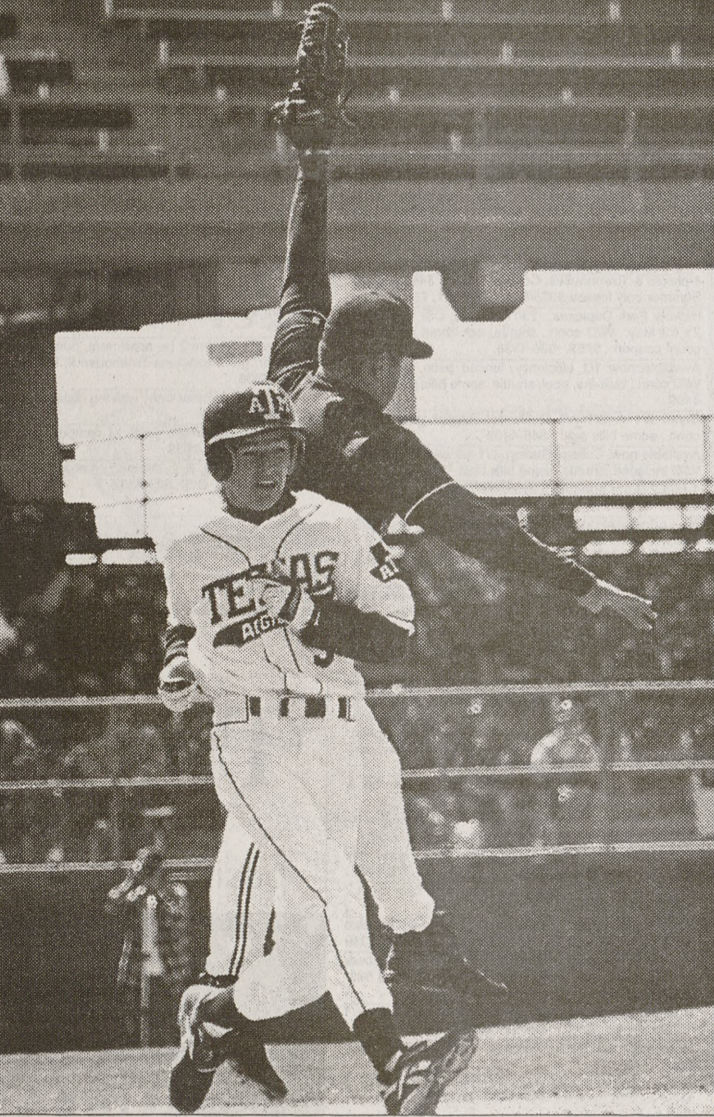
— BOBBY KLEINECKE

Texas A&M Head Women's Tennis Coach



Texas A&M freshman Vanessa Rooks returns a volley during the Lady Aggies' win over Southwest Texas State at the Omar Smith Center.

Baseball team seeks to break out of funk against SWTSU



Texas A&M freshman designated hitter Jason Tyner beats the throw to first for one of his five hits during Saturday's first game at Olsen Field.

The Aggies have dropped six of their last seven games.

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When it comes to the Southwest Conference's final season of baseball, Southwest Texas State University has been singing the blues.

In 10 games against SWC opponents thus far in 1996, the Bobcat Baseball Team has gone 1-9 — the lone victory coming over the University of Houston.

Tonight at Olsen Field, the Texas A&M Baseball Team hopes to keep SWTSU wailing while the Aggies break out of their own recent funk with a doubleheader beginning at 5 p.m.

A&M is coming off a doubleheader sweep by Dallas Baptist University, and has lost six of its last seven games after starting the year 24-8.

The recent decimation of the Aggies by the Texas Tech Red Raiders and by Dallas Baptist has knocked the team out of the top 25 polls of Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America. A&M had been ranked as high as 13th earlier in the season.

Historically, the Aggies seem to have quite an edge over the Bobcats. A&M has an all-time mark of 17-3 against SWTSU in a series dating back to 1987. Last year, the Aggies blanked the Bobcats, 5-0, at Olsen Field.

The Aggies' main problem this season has been their inability to combine good hitting

Poor choices continue to tarnish athletes' images



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No matter how much Charles Barkley says, "I am not a role model," children still see athletes as idols.

While it is not written in a professional athlete's contract, it is an implied responsibility that athletes must live up to a certain moral code. It is all part of the job.

Young girls and boys dream to be like Mike, to score the winning touchdown in the Super Bowl or hit the game-winning home run in the World Series.

What they do not dream of becoming are athletes with drug addictions.

Children do not understand that they should look up to doctors, lawyers and other professionals for guidance. Instead they idolize the high-priced athletes who are in the highlight reels shown every night on sports broadcasts.

It is hard to explain to them that just because you can play a sport it does not make that athlete any different from anyone else.

However what makes them different is the fact, whether it is media exposure or something else, athletes seem to get in more trouble than any other profession.

The recent drug allega-

tions against Pittsburgh's running back Byron "Bam" Morris and the Cowboy's Michael Irvin only illustrate that the NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB executives must change their drug policies. If not to protect the players from the dangers of drugs, at least to protect the children who look up to these athletes.

It seems like with each passing year, more and more athletes are arrested for drug possession, driving while intoxicated or are suspended for failing drug tests. While it is difficult to control players' personal lives and their habits, the establishment needs to take the upper hand and control the problems which pervade the games America loves to watch.

The leagues do have random drug testing during the season, but the problem with that policy have been illustrated in Morris' and Irvin's cases. However, there is no offseason policy. Athletes are free to participate in the illegal activity of their choice but the league rarely punishes them. If they can avoid the law, they can avoid the commissioners.

In Irvin's case, the league is still pondering what it is going to do. It does not matter that Irvin was found with enough drugs to get an entire army high or that Morris had enough marijuana on him to suggest he may be a dealer. The league needs to take swift action and set a precedent. Whether it is football season or not, the league

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