

## sports GLANCE

### Plane's impact killed Berringer, friend

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Former Nebraska football player Brook Berringer and his friend Tobey Lake were killed by the impact of a plane crash Thursday, Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said today. Lacey said a preliminary verbal report to him on the autopsies indicated there was no evidence either man was alive when the 1946 Piper Cub airplane burned after the crash in a field near Raymond.

Berringer, 22, had just taken off from a private airstrip east of Raymond when the plane plunged to the ground seven miles northwest of the Lincoln city limits.

The autopsies showed Berringer's skull, jaw and legs were broken and that he suffered various other injuries, Lacey said.

Lake, 32, had multiple injuries to his skull, ribs and sternum. Both bodies had bleeding in the chest area, Lacey said.

While the preliminary autopsy results did not include an analysis of microscopic tissue and toxicology areas, he said both bodies tested negative for alcohol and drugs.

### Hornets' Bristow resigns under pressure

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Allan Bristow resigned under pressure as coach of the Charlotte Hornets today after the club had a nine-game drop-off from last season's record and failed to make the playoffs.

Bristow took a struggling 3-year-old franchise and molded it into respectability, but was unable to turn the Hornets into consistent winner.

"Allan and I came to a mutual agreement that it was time for us to make a change and head in a different direction," Hornets owner George Shinn said today at a news conference that Bristow did not attend.

"Allan has been with us a long time and I appreciate all of the effort and dedication he put into his job. I feel he already did the very best job he possibly could."

### SCORES ROUNDUP

#### NL

Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 2  
Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 2  
Florida 7, San Diego 2  
Colorado 4, Chicago 3  
Houston 8, San Francisco 4  
St. Louis at Montreal (n)  
Cincinnati, at New York (n)

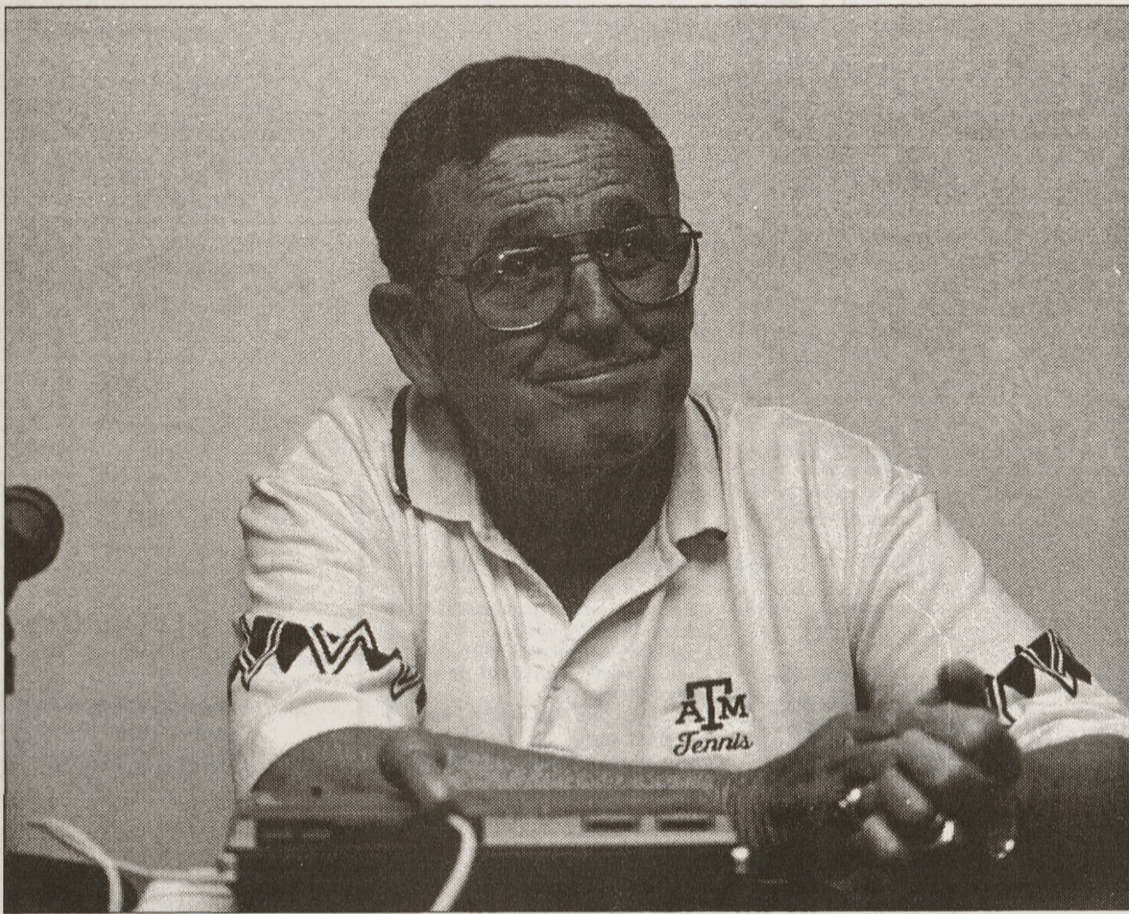
#### NHL

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay  
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal  
Toronto at St. Louis  
Detroit at Winnipeg  
Chicago at Calgary

#### AL

Minnesota 8, Boston 6  
Chicago 6, Texas 5  
Oakland 9, Milwaukee 6  
Baltimore at Cleveland (n)

# End of an era: A&M's Kent steps down



Cory Willis, THE BATTALION

Texas A&M Head Tennis Coach David Kent takes a bittersweet look at the media gathered to hear him announce his retirement from the Athletic Department Tuesday. Kent spent 18 years coaching the Aggies.

## Weakened by a heart attack, Kent will finish his 38th year of coaching on May 31

By Kristina Buffin  
THE BATTALION

The A&M Athletic Department has lost a coaching legend. After 38 years of coaching, Head Men's Tennis Coach David Kent announced his retirement effective May 31, Tuesday, at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

Kent has been the head coach at A&M for 18 years and has compiled a 512-222 overall record and 315-160 record at A&M. Kent is only the ninth Division I coach to record 500 wins.

On April 1, Kent suffered a moderate heart attack which took him out of coaching indefinitely. However, he said he had thought about retirement before and the attack only sped up the decision process.

"I have enjoyed 38 years of coaching tennis, so the Lord has really blessed me," Kent said. "This is my 18th year at A&M and this is the best place to coach. I can't tell you all the support I've received from the administration, the Bryan-College Station community and from the other coaches. This is the best

coaching job in the nation." Kent said that being in the Intensive Care Unit gave him a new perspective on life.

"I was sitting in ICU and thinking what I wanted to do," Kent said. "I decided coaching was not that important. When I was having a heart attack, I refused to go to the doctor because I had to go to practice."

Freshman Brent Horan said the players anticipated Kent would retire after he suffered his heart attack, but they were never specifically told.

"I did not think he could come back," Horan said. "But I had a good time this year because we had a good year."

Kent began his coaching career at West Texas A&M University where he had a 200-62 record and captured seven Missouri Valley Conference titles in nine seasons. It was at West Texas A&M when Kent coached A&M Women's Head Coach Bobby Kleinecke.

"I want to thank Bobby for supporting me," Kent said. "He played for me, and our families are extremely close."

At A&M, Kent has produced 14 Southwest Confer-

ence individual champions, 17 NCAA qualifiers and one SWC team championship. Of all of his teams, Kent is most proud of his 1994 "Wonder Team."

"This is perhaps my favorite team because everything turned into gold," Kent said. "But this year comes a close second."

Assistant coach Charles Emley has taken over the duties for Kent in his absence. During this time, A&M defeated the University of Texas 4-2 and broke a seven match losing streak against Texas dating back to 1991.

"We have had a good year," Kent said. "We have had good senior leadership and the underclassmen have come through. Emley has done a great job. All of these guys, I cannot say enough about them. This is a good time to leave."

Unlike other programs, Kent is not leaving the A&M program in a state of disarray. Associate Athletic Director Lynn Hickey said the athletic program is compiling a committee and said it will

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## A&M's most prolific coach was a winner off the court, too



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It is very rare that a coach can be so loved and admired. Oftentimes, coaches are criticized for what they do wrong and what they cannot achieve, usually a national championship. However, A&M Men's Head Tennis Coach David Kent was respected and will be missed by not only the Athletic Department but by his fans.

Kent announced his retirement, Tuesday, following a moderate heart attack on April 1. He said the stress had gotten to him but that he had enjoyed his 38-year coaching career.

What makes Kent unique is his love both for the game and his players. It did not matter if the Aggies were having a bad season, Kent would still be his jovial self. He always looked on the positive side, had a smile on his face and encouraged his players to keep on truckin'. In the cutthroat world of college athletics, this is rare.

Kent coaches from the "old school" handbook. Unlike other coaches who would only stress winning, Kent believed in the talent of his players and knew that each one of them could reach their potential.

Freshman Brent Horan summed it up when he said he was glad he was able to play under Kent for a year but wished he could of played under him for his entire collegiate career.

"I enjoyed having him as a coach," Horan said. "He will miss coaching and will feel bad that he cannot travel with us, but he will definitely be our number one fan."

It is this type of attitude that illustrates Kent's impact on his players.

It is unfortunate Kent is not immortal and coach forever, but he has left his mark on A&M. When the Athletic Department begins to interview candidates to succeed Kent, Associate Athletic Director Lynn Hickey said although the department will give leeway to the new coach to adjust, she said there will be high expectations because it will be up to the new coach to fill Kent's shoes.

Kent did not only gain the respect of his players and the A&M administration, he also gained the admiration of the tennis world and media. Kent coached pros Grant Connell, the number one doubles player, and Mark Weaver. These two players, in at of themselves, illustrate that he coaching abilities were superior.

Kent's statement at the press conference to announce his retirement that he "is an Aggie through and through," supports the adage that it does not matter if you receive a degree from A&M, you can still be an Aggie just by your actions.

In his 18 years of coaching at A&M, Kent became immersed in the Aggie tradition and adopted it. Although he will no longer coach the Aggies, he, himself, will continue to be an Aggie.

Luckily for the fans and players of Kent, he only retired as the coach of the Aggies but he will always be part of the 12th Man cheering on the team in the future.

## 500-Victory Club

Rank	Coach	School	Record
1.	Dan Magill	Georgia	706-183
2.	Jim Schwieters	Hawaii	691-305-7
3.	Paul Scarpa	Furman	613-354
4.	Glenn Bassett	Pepperdine	608-98-2
5.	Dave Snyder	Texas	600-203
6.	Dick Gould	Stanford	582-121
7.	Benny Purcell	Murray St.	568-258
8.	Rich Gugat	Air Force	524-135
9.	David Kent	Texas A&M	515-222

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