

# SPORTS

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## Atlanta '96

### olympic GLANCE

ATLANTA (AP) — Tuesday, Day 12

#### GOING DEEP

United States ended round-robin play with 17-1 victory over the Netherlands. Travis Lee hit 100th home run of tournament; only 45 homers were hit in 1992 Barcelona Games.

#### 1-FOR-2

Top seed Andre Agassi advanced to semifinals with 7-5, 4-6, 7-5 victory over South African Wayne Ferreira despite losing point for cursing. American Mali-Vai Washington, seeded No. 4, lost to unseeded Sergi Bruguera of Spain 7-6 (10-8), 4-6, 7-5.

#### SETTING A PRECEDENT

U.S. Softball Team defeated China 3-1 for the gold medal of a new Olympic sport.

#### THREE AND OUT

The U.S. Women's Volleyball team suffered a straight-set loss to the Cubans in the quarterfinals.

#### QUOTEBOOK

"I think we should play all three of those teams today and then get the hell out of town." — Charles Barkley, concerned about security, on the Dream Team prospects in the medals round.

#### AGGIE SPOTLIGHT



In USA Baseball's 17-1 win over The Netherlands, Chad Allen went 2-for-5 with a double, one run scored and 4 RBIs.

**Cumulative Stats (through 38 games)**

AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG.
117	30	49	6	29	.419

# U.S. Softball pans first Olympic gold

ATLANTA (AP) — For Lisa Fernandez and her U.S. softball teammates, one gold medal was enough. For Carl Lewis, nine proved insufficient. For the Dream Team, a gold appeared inevitable.

#### SOFTBALL

The American softball team did what it was supposed to do Tuesday: Win the gold medal in the first Olympic competition in their sport. The favored Americans, behind a controversial two-run homer from Dot Richardson, defeated China 3-1 for the Olympic title.

"It's sweet when you have to get down and reach deep inside and give it everything you have," said Richardson, whose homer just inside the right field foul pole gave the Americans an early lead. "And then you can say you did it."

Fastballer Fernandez, the winner in Monday's semifinal, closed out the game with a strikeout in relief. Fernandez, screaming and jumping on the mound, tossed her glove in jubilation before she was buried in a pile beneath her teammates.

#### CARL LEWIS

Lewis, one day after cementing his position among the all-time Olympic greats, did what he does second best: start controversy. The four-time Olympic long jump champion lobbied for a spot on the 400-meter relay team and a shot at a record 10th gold.

He and Mark Spitz now share the U.S. mark of nine.

"People want me to run the relay and they think I have the right to run," Lewis said — a stance that didn't go over well with the four runners currently on the team.

Dennis Mitchell, who will handle the anchor leg once run by Lewis, said: "To put Carl on, you've got to take somebody off. And that's not cool, man. ... Carl's had his moment, let me have mine."

#### BOXING

Boxer Nate Jones and everybody else competing in Atlanta's final five days share Lewis' lust for gold — well, everybody but those unlucky hoopsters who must play the guaranteed-gold Dream Team.

"I don't want no bronze medal," the 23-year-old Jones said Tuesday, when he and two teammates guaranteed themselves at least that by moving into the boxing semifinals.

Boxer Terrance Cauthen was cocky about his chances of going home with gold.

"My hook was picture perfect," he declared after beating Thailand's Veongviact Phongsit, "and so was the jab."

Boxer Albert Guardado Jr., the first American in the ring Tuesday, will settle for Atlanta grits instead of gold. He was a quarterfinals loser, defeated 19-14 by Ukrainian flyweight Oleg Kiryukhin. Teammates Jones, at 201 pounds, Cauthen, at 132 pounds, and Roshii Wells, at 165 pounds, fared much better in moving on to the semifinals.

Winners in those bouts will fight for the gold, while the losers both collect bronze.

The other Olympic boxing news came from Miami, where a Cuban trainer who criticized his country's training methods announced his defection. Mariano Leyva, a 13-year veteran of the Cuban national boxing team, had disappeared from Atlanta on Saturday.

"I had certain problems back home, so I decided I had to stay for my freedom," Leyva said. "I was afraid they would try to squash me."

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Dream Teamers rolled over Oscar Schmidt and Brazil, 98-75, for their sixth easy Olympic victory and a spot in Thursday's semifinals.

One of the possible bumps



Associated Press Photograph

United States gymnast Shannon Miller demonstrated her award-winning talents at Tuesday's gold medalists exhibition.

#### TENNIS

Mr. Image, Andre Agassi, staged a late comeback to get within one win of a medal in the men's singles. Wimbledon finalist Mali-Vai Washington, who at one point was serving for the match, instead collapsed and was ousted by unseeded Spaniard Sergi Bruguera 7-6 (10-8), 4-6, 7-5.

Earlier, Yugoslavia pounded China 128-61, and Lithuania routed Greece 99-66 Tuesday. They'll play in the other semifinals.



#### Medals table

1996 ATLANTA  
Through Tuesday, July 30.  
Top 29 Countries

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	25	28	32	66
Russia	19	14	8	41
Germany	10	12	19	41
China	12	15	8	35
Australia	7	9	18	34
France	13	8	13	32
Italy	11	6	9	26
Romania	4	5	6	15
Cuba	3	5	7	15
Canada	2	7	6	15
Poland	6	5	3	14
Hungary	4	3	6	13
Netherlands	2	3	8	13
Ukraine	5	2	5	12
South Korea	3	5	4	12
Belarus	1	4	7	12
Japan	3	4	3	10
Brazil	2	2	5	9
Britain	1	3	5	9
Bulgaria	0	4	4	8
Greece	4	3	0	7
New Zealand	3	2	1	6
Belgium	2	2	2	6
Kazakhstan	2	3	1	6
Spain	2	1	2	5
Switzerland	3	1	0	4
Ireland	3	0	1	4
Turkey	3	0	1	4
Czech Repub.	1	2	1	4

G-Gold, S-Silver, B-Bronze

AP

Agassi, who was penalized twice for scatological complaints about officiating, did just the opposite.

Trailing 5-3 in the decisive third set, he came on to post a 7-5, 4-6, 7-5 victory over Wayne Ferreira of South Africa.

"Mal served for it and lost," Agassi said. "My opponent served for it, and I ended up winning. You've got to figure

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# Aggie Football newcomers report for duty — varsity to follow

By Ross Hecox  
THE BATTALION

Although the start of fall classes is still over a month away, the A&M Football Team is already getting back into the swing of things.

All but four players in the 1996 recruiting class, along with eight walk-on students, reported to campus Tuesday to begin preparations for the Aggies' Aug. 24 contest with Brigham Young University in the Pigskin Classic in Provo, Utah.

Delvin Wright of Lancaster High School, Jeff Wilson of Temple, Adren Dudley from Blinn Junior College, and Eric Jennings from Mt. San Antonio Junior College did not report due to minor technicalities in paperwork and grades.

However, coach R.C. Slocum is confident they will be able to join the team soon.

"They are not in yet, but we antici-

pate that they will be in (soon)," Slocum said. "I learned a long time ago not to get frustrated about things that we don't have control over."

"The part we have control over we've done."

Director of Football Operations Tim Cassidy said Aggie freshmen and players transferring from other colleges have reported two days before the varsity to attend academic orientation and undergo physicals.

They will begin practice on Thursday.

"It's always an exciting time of the year when you're bringing in the new guys," Slocum said.

The varsity is expected to report Thursday evening and will join the newcomers in two-a-day workouts beginning Saturday. The returners will undergo physical examinations and will attend an NCAA compliance meeting Friday.

This year's early reporting date



(July 30) because of the early-season BYU game is the second earliest reporting date in Aggie Football history. In 1992, the players checked in on July 29 in preparation for the Aug. 26 Disneyland Pigskin Classic against Stanford.

Secondary coach Larry Slade said preparing for such an early game is demanding for players and coaches.

"It's a little bit different getting ready to play this early," Slade said. "We're looking forward to it and taking it as a challenge. The (BYU) game is the first game played in the nation, and there is a little bit more sense of urgency."

Three of the four starters from last year's secondary were lost over the off-season — cornerback Ray Mickens and safety Dennis Allen graduated, and Typail McMullen was dismissed for violating unspecified team rules.

The coaching staff has high hopes

that the six defensive backs recruited will help fill the void in the defensive backfield.

Slade said this will have to happen quickly for the Aggies to compete against strong passing teams like BYU.

"A&M has a tradition for playing real good in the secondary, and we will continue that tradition," Slade said. "We're going to count on those guys playing early. There's a good chance of seeing one of [them] playing in the BYU game."

Slade said the Aggies' fortune lies heavily on the play of cornerback Donovan Greer. The senior will have to come back from knee surgery that kept him sidelined during spring workouts.

"Donovan Greer's time has come," Slade said. "The baton has been passed down to him to become a great cornerback. We need leadership out of him for our very young secondary."

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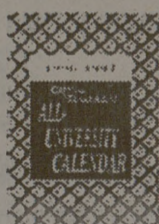
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