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**IOC releases  
2004 Games  
front-runners**

GENEVA (AP) — Rome, Athens and Stockholm are the front-runners to hold the 2004 Olympics, according to a report by the International Olympic Committee released Thursday.

Cape Town, a sentimental favorite for political reasons, was hurt by its soaring crime rate and technical inadequacies. Africa is the only continent never to stage the Olympics in the 100-year history of the modern games.

Buenos Aires was the top contender in South America.

A record 11 cities are bidding for the showcase event that will follow the 2000 Sydney Olympics. The other candidates are: Istanbul, Turkey; Lille, France; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Seville, Spain; and St. Petersburg, Russia.

The evaluation report was released just two weeks before the contenders are reduced to four or five on March 7 by an IOC panel, with final selection by the full IOC in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Sept. 5.

The report said that all cities had proved their capability of organizing the games but some would need more time than others to implement their plans.

The top criterion, according to the IOC is "the best conditions for the best athletes of the world in environmentally friendly venues."

Rome's bid was praised by the IOC's evaluation commission as "excellently planned and prepared in a professional manner."

The majority of the sports would be presented in three main Olympic areas. Facilities for football, swimming tennis in particular were "excellent," it said.

Traffic was a problem in the city and extensive infrastructure improvements would have to be made to accommodate the games.

Athens would boast an excellent Olympic sports center just 15 minutes from the Olympic village and the Greek government had made considerable efforts to improve the serious pollution problems in the city, the commission noted.

"The many cultural events and the Olympic torch relay connecting many historic and symbolic sites in Greece, the birthplace of the Olympic Games, would greatly enhance the overall Olympic festival," it added.

In Stockholm, the design for the main stadium, within walking distance of the Olympic village, was singled out for praise.

Facilities were excellent and the high technological standards of the city and the country were a bonus, the report said.

Cape Town's bid, billed as a means of "unifying the South African nation through sport," was diminished by its rowing and canoeing courses, potential security problems, access difficulties and the city's crime rate.

"All levels of authority in the country are aware of and concerned about the serious crime situation the country is facing," the commission said. Acting on plans to increase safety and security "will be a challenge," it said.

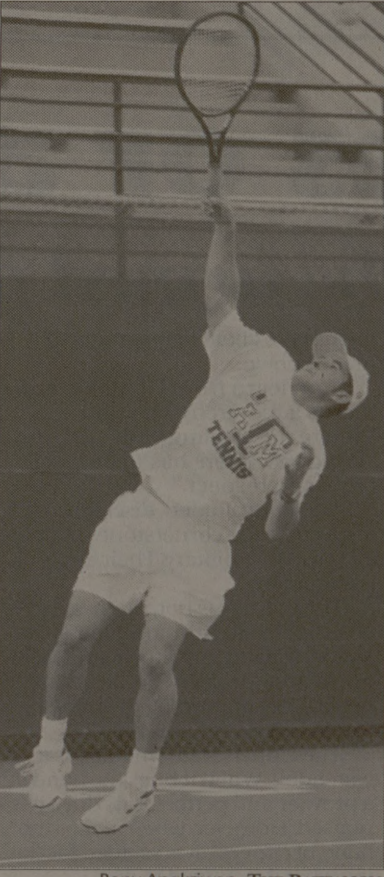
Cape Town may still hold an outside chance on the political front, something not addressed in the purely technical assessment of this report.

Buenos Aires could slip into the top four or five as the best Latin American contender.

The report praised "beautiful facilities and surroundings" for the equestrian events and good conditions in the soccer stadiums.

The cultural program providing for a torch relay to pass through all the countries in South America and the Antarctica was also a strong point, the commission said.

**Hurricanes blow into Aggieland**



Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION Senior Robbie Krause, practicing at Omar Smith Tennis Center

By DENNIS RAMIREZ  
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team has had the opportunity to bask in a two-week break, but that will come to an end when the University of Tulsa Hurricanes will roar into town today at 1:30 for a dual match at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

A&M Head Coach Tim Cass said he looks at the unusually long break optimistically and feels the netters are prepared.

"Originally, when we evaluated the long break we didn't think it would be bad and would offer us an opportunity to gauge our problems from our first two matches," Cass said. "Well, the second match of this season got rained out, and while we have had plenty of time to work on problems we saw, I just hope it hasn't been too long. The guys are ready and hungry for competition."

The 34th-ranked Aggies (0-1) will face off against a 46th-ranked Hurricanes squad of nationally recognized tennis players. The hurricanes boast a top-three singles group with a 17-1 collective record and a strong lead player in Nenad Toroman, who is 24-3 this year and is currently sitting on a seven-match win streak.

Assistant Coach Kel Lange said the Aggies are going to rely not only on veterans such as senior Robbie Krause and junior Carlos Tori, but

also will be looking for... else to step up.

"They (Tulsa) have strong points as we do and initially in the same ballgame are," Lange said. "Their singles are obviously their points, so Robbie and Carlos definitely step up and do well, but somebody down there going to have to execute what we did in our first match."

Cass said executing and up the win this time around be easier for the Aggies as opening day jitters are out.

"Looking back to our match, we went in there to compete but nervous at time," Cass said. "Now our anxieties are over, and now we are excited and nervous. Although it may seem to funnel all that energy into positive output, once will be able to execute an successful against Tulsa."

Lange said the Aggies today's challenge.

"We have had a great practice and we are ready to compete," Lange said. "It is a great gauge for the guys where we stand and what we accomplished since our match. Every dual match, but this one here is absolutely going to be a test."

**Lady Ags face first Big 12 opponent**

By LARA L. ZUEHLKE  
THE BATTALION

The No. 27 Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team is hungry for its first Big 12 win, and it will have a chance to feed its appetite when the University of Nebraska Lady Cornhuskers comes to Omar Smith Tennis Center Saturday.

The Lady Aggies are coming off an 8-1 win over No. 28 Rice University, which puts them at 4-1 for the season.

Freshman Kathryn Scott said A&M played well against the Owls, but the Lady Ags still need to work on some areas of their game.

"I think we're improving with every match," Scott said. "As far as net play, I thought we did really good against Rice, but our serving and returning could be better."

A&M Head Coach Bobby Kleinecke said the Lady Aggies are entering a new realm as they begin conference play.

"Starting out in the Big 12 is very important for us," Kleinecke said. "This is like the third part of our season, with starting conference matches. There is a lot at stake for us, because every match we play is going to be extremely important."

Kleinecke said conference play will be difficult because of the new lineup of teams.

"The problem is that there are a lot of unknowns, because we've never played over half of the conference," Kleinecke said.

Freshman Leslie Dees said the Lady Ags are ready to face the Cornhuskers, but a quick start will be needed to pull out the win.

"We've gained a lot of confidence after beating Louisiana State University and Rice," Dees said. "As a team, we'd like to get a good start and come out strong against Nebraska."

Kleinecke said Saturday's game, the first matchup between the Lady Ags and the Huskers, will be a

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Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION Freshman Lisa Dingwall, practicing at Omar Smith Tennis Center

tough win.

"They (Nebraska) are going to have a solid heavy group," Kleinecke said. "This is probably the team that they've had in years."

Kleinecke said the game will come down to team wants the win more.

"We're going to have to be mentally in there," Kleinecke said. "We'll have to be as prepared as hard as we've had to in the last few matches. I think intensity-wise we are fine, but it's just a matter of continuing."

**Panthers steal Barrows from Oilers**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers' linebacking corps, which produced three Pro Bowl players last season, got younger and faster Thursday when the NFL West champions signed Micheal Barrow.

"We're excited about having him here, and we feel like we can utilize his abilities in a lot of different ways," coach Dom Capers said of Barrow, an unrestricted free agent who spent his first four NFL seasons with Houston.

The Panthers landed Barrow with a five-year deal worth nearly \$19 million. The package includes a signing bonus of \$5.5 million.

"It wasn't about money. It was about the ability to win a ring," said Barrow, who added that his years with the Oilers lacked the championship atmosphere that prevailed in his college days with the Miami Hurricanes.

"That was important to me," he said. "I wanted to get back in that type of atmosphere."

Barrow, 26, will become the youngest member of a linebacking corps that was a main ingredient in the Panthers' surprising second sea-

son, which produced a 13-5 record, a division title and an appearance in the NFC championship game.

Carolina led the NFL in sacks, finished second in points allowed and had seven players named to the Pro Bowl, including outside linebackers Kevin Greene and Lamar Lathon and inside linebacker Sam Mills.

The 6-foot-2, 236-pound Barrow will take an inside spot held in each of Carolina's first two seasons by Carlton Bailey, who finished third on the team this past year with 90 tackles.

Barrow, known for his speed and acceleration, will give the Panthers a boost over the relatively slow-footed Bailey, 32, an unrestricted free agent who has not been offered a contract by the Panthers.

Chad Brown, a Pro Bowl linebacker for the Steelers, was the Panthers' top priority, but he never made it to Charlotte. Brown canceled his visit with the Panthers to sign a six-year, \$24-million deal with Seattle last Friday, the opening day of the free-agent period.

Carolina then turned its attention to Barrow, who last season was second on the Oilers with 106 tack-

les and also had six sacks, a recovery and four forced fumbles.

"He had some important contributions that had to be addressed," Carolina general manager Bill Lyan said. "It was not an easy decision to make."

Barrow was concerned about his position — he has spent his life bouncing between outside and inside linebacker — and also wanted to see if Charlotte is a good fit for teen-agers. Barrow is a 15-year-old brother, Keith.

Barrow arrived in Charlotte Monday and had originally planned to leave Tuesday.

"From the beginning, I was interviewing me," said Barrow, who spent portions of three days viewing game film with Barrow, briefing him on the transition from outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense. "The more time I spent with Micheal, the more impressed I came with him."

Barrow said he got a strong impression about the city when the Panthers took him to the Charlotte Hornets' game against Orlando Monday night.

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