

AGGIE SPORTS BRIEFS

from staff and wire reports

Bearkats lose two games to Aggies

The Texas A&M Softball Team took both games of a doubleheader at Sam Houston State.

The Aggies won game one 9-1 as two freshmen led the way. Outfielder Tiffany Esters slugged two home runs and two RBI and pitcher Amy Vining got her 10th win of the season.

The Aggies took game two 7-4. Senior pitcher Trina Solesbee hit a solo home run in the sixth inning to break a 4-4 tie.

Davis, Jack among season honorees

The Texas A&M Men's Basketball program announced the recipients of the team's annual awards on Tuesday.

Calvin Davis received the Breazeale Free Throw Efficiency Award after shooting 80.7 percent from the line.

Shanne Jones received the Longbrake Leading Scorer Award after averaging 18 points per game and 19.1 points in Big 12 Conference play. Freshman Aaron Jack received the Scoates Garner Academic Achievement Award.

Clinton discusses race at town hall

HOUSTON (AP) — Narrowing the focus of his national dialogue on race, President Clinton gathered with an all-star lineup of sports figures Tuesday to discuss stereotyping and other race issues in athletics.

As an avid fan of college basketball and major professional sports, Clinton is well versed in such sensitive issues as white dominance in coaching and sports team ownership.

The Houston meeting, scheduled for 90 minutes and broadcast live on ESPN, was the second of Clinton's three planned nationally televised town hall meetings on race. The first was in Akron in December.

Why sports? "Race in sports offers an analogy that really can be translated into the larger society," Judith Winston, executive director of Clinton's race initiative, said before the session at the downtown Wortham Theater Center.

"We think this is a great opportunity to illustrate some substantial points using sports as an example of the way we dealt with race relations — both our successes and our continuing challenges," she added.

The Houston program featured such sports luminaries as Jim Brown, the former Cleveland Browns running back; Keyshawn Johnson, a wide receiver for the New York Jets and five-time Olympic medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey. Also on the program were John Thompson, head basketball

coach at Georgetown University; Carmen Policy, president of the San Francisco 49ers and San Diego Padres owner John Moores.

Clinton's first town hall meeting on race, at Akron, covered a wide

range of topics. His hope in Houston was to narrow the focus to sports in a way that would engage Americans who might not otherwise want to discuss race issues.

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"We're trying to broaden the audience of the people, to get more people involved," White House deputy press secretary Joe Lockhart said. "We think it can make a very interesting conversation, a very good way to start a conversation if you use sports as the vehicle."

Policy, owner of the 49ers, said the NFL, which has only three black head coaches among its 30 teams, is more aggressively addressing

race issues as a result of Clinton's call for a national dialogue.

"We are really on the verge of throwing tokenism out the window," Policy said before the town hall meeting.

At the Akron session, Clinton struggled to draw out the opinions of panelists, who were mainly university students and community leaders. Save for an exchange on affirmative action between Clinton and a conservative author, the panelists agreed with each other for nearly the entire session. Clinton conceded that deeper sentiments would have to be expressed outside of his forum.

"This is the beginning, not the end," Clinton said then.

In Houston, the forum's makeup angered Latino activists who complained that too few Hispanics were represented. Felipe Lopez, a basketball star at St. John's University, was the only Hispanic on the 11-member panel. ESPN added Lopez after a Latino group wrote to Clinton to protest.

Lockhart said ESPN had invited numerous Hispanic sports figures, who declined for various reasons. He said the White House was satisfied with the final group. "It is a good panel bringing a wide variety of opinions and experiences," Lockhart said.

In a move that Lockhart said was unrelated to the controversy over the panel's makeup, Clinton met privately with a group of local Hispanic leaders at his hotel before the forum.

Tennis team prepares for touted Longhorn

By KATIE MISH
Staff writer

The Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team faces the No. 7-ranked Texas Longhorns in Big 12 play today at 5:30 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center on the Texas A&M campus.

Coach Bob Kleinecke said matches against Texas are always interesting because of the tradition of rivalry between the two schools.

"Anything can happen when you have a Texas and A&M match play," Kleinecke said. "They hate to come here to College Station. They've told me a number of times that this is the place in the nation that they hate to come the most."

Kleinecke said Texas has a good team year after year, and they are always bringing in new young players. He said they really do not have to do any rebuilding because of the constant additions to the team.

"Every year they're the team you're going to have to beat to win

the conference," he have to play at the top and hopefully we'll find out that will help us a little bit shaky."

Vanessa Rooks, senior of the Lady Ags, said she will be big. Rooks said the match to be a strong the season.

"This is my last year I want to play my best, one to play their best. I want to give it 100 percent matter if we win or lose had the best season, but had a bad one either way, well, and we want to win 12 with a good match."

Freshman Eva Manu-eager to play Texas for the first time and excited to play the match at Omar Smith Tennis Center.

"I think it's going to be exciting, especially for the (bollelo) and Vanessa, their last Texas match here. It'll be kind of sad. We're going to go out with a win."

Next up for the Aggies last match of the season. Big 12 opponent Kansas will play Kansas State College Station at 1:30 p.m.



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