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## McSorley suspended for remainder of season

NEW YORK (AP) — Marty McSorley was suspended yesterday for the rest of the season for hitting Donald Brashear in the head with his stick — the harshest punishment in NHL history for an on-ice attack.

McSorley's suspension also would include the playoffs, but Boston, which has won only 18 games with 23 remaining, will probably miss the post-season.

The longest previous suspension was 21 games given to Washington's Dale Hunter for a blindside check of the New York Islanders' Pierre Turgeon after a goal in a 1993 playoff game. There have been longer suspensions for drug use.

McSorley, who did not attend a disciplinary hearing today at NHL headquarters, still might have to answer to Vancouver police.

"Mr. McSorley's act is entirely unacceptable," NHL vice president Colin Campbell said. "It would be grossly unfair to suggest that his conduct is

at all representative of the game, of the other 700 players who play in the NHL or of the countless others who play hockey at all levels."

The 36-year-old Boston defenseman, who is in the last year of his contract, must meet with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman before the start of next season.

The Boston enforcer was suspended indefinitely Tuesday, one day after he swung his stick with both hands against the side of Brashear's head in the Bruins' 5-2 defeat to the Canucks. Brashear was knocked out and bloodied.

"I apologize to Donald Brashear and all the fans who had to watch that," McSorley said Monday. I embarrassed my hockey team. ... I got way too carried away. It was a real dumb play.

"I'm still in shock at what I did. I have to come to terms with what I did. There's no excuse. It was so stupid, I can't believe I did it."

## Iowa State pulls away from Aggies

Cyclones use 25-6 run over final 6:46 to defeat A&M women, 81-58

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With 6:46 left in the game, the Texas A&M women's basketball team, behind by four points, had momentum and seemed poised to challenge Iowa State University for the win.

But something happened to the Aggies, as they only managed to score six more points throughout the rest of the game. The Cyclones rattled off 25 points to end the game with a 81-58 victory.

A&M women's basketball coach Peggie Gillom said she was not exactly sure what happened in the closing minutes of the game.

"Everything went to the tank," Gillom said. "We couldn't score and they just started running on us and we were outscored 23-4. When looking at the game now, I don't understand it. We fouled them to put them on the line with like seven minutes left to go in the game. When you put them on the free throw line that early in the game, you can't do that."

The Aggies kept the score close for most of the game, and even held the lead for a majority of the first half and part of the second half.

The game started out with A&M jumping out to an 8-2 lead before ISU started hitting their baskets. The Cyclones caught the Aggies with 9:02 left in the first half and tied the score 20-20.

From this point on the score stayed close, and the game seemed up for grabs until ISU went on their scoring run.

ISU coach Bill Fennelly said Wednesday's game was not the first time the Cyclones benefited from a late-game scoring run.

"Our team is a team that lives and dies, literally, with spurts in a game," Fennelly said. "You play 40 minutes, you kind of go back and forth about 30 or 32 [minutes]. Inevitably, one run by somebody determines the game."

Fennelly pointed to his team's ability to stay calm when the game was close as one reason for the victory.



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A&M senior forward Kera Alexander goes up for a shot against the Iowa State University Cyclones last night at Reed Arena. The Cyclones defeated the Aggies 81-58.

"I don't think we panicked too much," Fennelly said. "To be honest with you, I think I panicked a little more than the kids did."

The difference in the game was the Cyclone scoring tandem of Desire Francis and Angie Welle, who finished the game with 26 and 24 points, respectively.

"We knew Angie was going to score a little bit," Gillom said. "But the fact is we didn't expect her [Francis] to get 26

points. I guess she just had her way with us tonight."

A&M struggled from the perimeter, only shooting one for 15 from beyond the three-point line.

Also posing a problem for the Aggies were 12 second-half turnovers.

"We only had eight turnovers at half-time," Gillom said. "We ended the game with 20. That was just a lot of miscues."

The Aggies were led on the score board by junior forward Jaynetta Saunders with 29 points. Senior forward Prissy Sharpe ended the game with 14 points.

The loss brings A&M's record to 11-13, 3-11 in Big 12 play. The Cyclones advance to 20-5, 11-3 in the Big 12.

A&M's next game is Saturday at 3 p.m. against the University of Texas in Reed Arena.

### Sports in Brief

#### A&M men fall to Wildcats, 81-76

Cortez Groves scored 30 points and Tony Kitt had 21 as Kansas State University beat the Texas A&M men's basketball team 81-76 Wednesday night to break an 11-game losing streak.

Kansas State (9-15, 2-11 Big 12) shot a season-high 57 percent from the floor and never trailed in the second half to win its first game at home since a 97-79 win over the University of Nebraska on Jan. 8.

Groves made 8-of-12 three-pointers as the Wildcats added to a four point halftime lead with a 7-0 run to start the second half.

The Aggies (7-17, 3-10 Big 12) cut the lead to two at 71-69 with 4:03 to go, but Groves hit his eighth three-pointer of the night to put Kansas State up by five.

Larry Scott later hit a three as the Aggies again cut the lead to two, but Kelvin Howell tossed in a Tony Kitt miss to secure the win.

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