

Aggie netter battles opponents, heat in NCAA Championships

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The Battalion

Texas A&M junior Shuon Madden, the second Aggie tennis player to reach the Elite Eight of the 64-man NCAA Championship, ended his near perfect season with a 6-2, 6-4 defeat by Kentucky's Carlos Drada.

Madden survived five matches in three days and several visits to the University of Georgia's medical facility for intravenous fluid due to heat exhaustion.

Continuing the storied rivalry, No. 3-ranked Madden faced off against No. 36-ranked Brandon Hawk of Texas. The first set belonged to Madden, as he defeated Hawk 6-4, but Hawk rebounded and won 13 straight points to take a 1-0 lead in the second set.

After losing the second set 7-5 to Hawk, Madden came back to defeat Hawk 6-4 in the third and final set. The victory was the 20th

straight victory for Madden in singles play. Both players were taken in for IV transfusions after the match.

"You are seeing fatigue here because of four letters: N-C-A-A and the emotion that goes with playing here," said coach Tim Cass. "I have never seen so much emotion being spent by two players. It's not because it's Brandon Hawk and Shuon Madden playing, it's because it's Texas playing Texas A&M."

After his match against Hawk, Madden advanced to the round of 16 players to face UCLA's Jong-Min Lee. Madden defeated Lee in three hours and 23 minutes.

In the second match of the day, Madden faced Kentucky's Carlos Drada. Drada took advantage of Madden's fatigue and defeated the four-time All-American 6-2, 6-4.

As the highest-ranked singles player ever at A&M, Madden

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Madden defeated Auburn in three sets to advance to the second round.

After Madden's singles match against Drada, the tandem was forced to default due to Madden's condition. They finished the season 22-8.

After the tournament, Cass described what is asked of the players in the tournament.

"This is the most ridiculous day in college tennis," Cass said. "Ask any coach. It's unfair. No tournament in the world asks kids to do this. In 28 hours he (Madden) played 11 sets and had several IV bags. It's just not possible."

Next year, the NCAA has voted for the tournament to last an extra day, allowing players more time to recuperate after matches.

For Madden and his teammates, the most successful season of Aggie tennis is over, but the team has plans to make a run at the championship next year.

Good Knight!

University of Indiana penalty too lenient for Knight's violent actions, poor ethics

Goodbye, Long-Distance Bench-Chair Throwing! Au revoir, old Bobby Knight!

Say hello to the must-be-good, all new Indiana University men's basketball coach Bob Knight. The new Bob Knight must apologize for past grievances and be "on good behavior" at all times. He must adhere to the "zero-tolerance" policy set forth by Indiana University officials or face his release as coach. This policy comes in response to the fact that he choked former Indiana basketball player, Neil Reed, amongst other allegations. If Coach Knight fails on any count, he will ultimately be relieved of his coaching duties.

A videotape of an Indiana practice, obtained by CNN/Sports Illustrated, reveals that Knight did hold Reed by the throat for two to five seconds. Even with clear proof in hand, Indiana University officials handed down an ex-

remely lenient sentence.

Knight claims this is just part of his coaching style. Some current and former players support Knight, saying his coaching style

helped to develop them into better basketball players and better humans. These are the results people want to hear. But if a literature professor slapped a student on the back of the head for not knowing the meaning of a certain Shakespearean sonnet, what would happen? Most likely, the words "investigation," "firing" and the ever-popular "lawsuit" would be heard.

University systems need to prevent athletics from becoming above the law.

The reason this particular situation is so touchy is that Bob Knight is held in high regard in the coaching profession. His accomplishments speak for themselves —

Four-time National coach of the year, three NCAA titles, numerous All-Americans and induction into the National Basketball Hall of Fame (1991). Still, these achievements should not override what occurred. Victories and awards do not substitute for poor behavior and bad teaching ethics. After all, Knight is a teacher and should

be held to the same standards as all other faculty members. If this does not occur, the university system will begin to slowly deteriorate. Punishments should be the

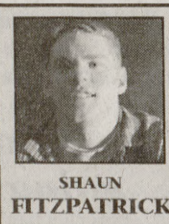
same across the board.

Hopefully, the NCAA and all university governing boards will start to deal with abuse of athletes, so these incidents, such as that involving Reed, will not occur. The initial steps will be small, but at least they are steps toward change. Bob Knight was given a chance to re-examine his life and how he affects the lives of others. He should be grateful for the leniency of his punishment and strive to help other coaches with similar problems.

Opinions on the matter may vary from complete disgust that Knight was not immediately fired, to complete disgust that anyone should question his coaching style.

Whatever your opinion is, think on humane terms. Try not to judge Bob Knight the person, look at Bob Knight the coach because they are probably two different people. And know this, the only justifiable punishment would be for Coach Knight to run the bleachers!

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Sports in Brief

Aggie rider appears in S.I.

Texas A&M sophomore Quincy Cahill was selected to be one of Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" for the week of May 29 after an impressive performance at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championships.

Cahill earned the individual championship in the top two western events of the IHSA national show and the open reining class. She also won the American Quarter Horse Association High Point Rider class where she had to compete in both reining and horsemanship classes against the nation's top male and female riders.

These victories make Cahill the top collegiate western rider in the United States.

Other Aggies with first-place performances at the IHSA were juniors Jessica Rogers and Ruben Marshall. Rogers won the intermediate western

horsemanship crown in the team race, and Marshall won the individual intermediate western horsemanship class.

Senior Jamie Wells ended her collegiate riding career with a fourth-place finish in open western horsemanship which helped the Texas A&M equestrian western team finish fifth overall in the competition.

Stars to take on New Jersey

After defeating the Colorado Avalanche 3-2 in game seven of the Western Conference Championship Saturday night, the Dallas Stars will head to New Jersey to take on the New Jersey Devils in the NHL finals.

Mike Modano and Sergei Zubov scored two power-play goals in the first quarter of their final game of the series to help give the Stars their game-seven victory.

The Devils are coming off a seven-game-series victory over Philadelphia in the Eastern Conference Finals.

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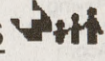
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