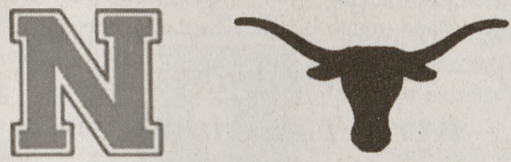


'Horns, Huskers represent Big 12 in baseball

Two teams from Conference advance to Super Regionals en route to College World Series

MATTHEW L. THIGPEN
The Battalion



Last year, the University of Baylor, Oklahoma State University, the University of Texas, Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University stood tall against the giants of college baseball in NCAA Regionals.

This year, the Big 12 Conference once again sent five teams to Regionals.

Behind only the Atlantic Coast Conference, which sent six teams this year, the Big 12 increased its total number of teams sent to the Regional to 20 in the last four years.

Baylor, Texas, the University of Nebraska, Oklahoma

State and Texas Tech competed against teams from across the nation. After the dust settled, only Nebraska and Texas advanced to Super Regionals.

Nebraska defeated Wichita State Monday to advance to the Super Regional. Led by Matt Hopper and Dan Johnson, who each hit their 21st home run of the season, the Huskers were two outs away from a school-record fifth shutout and won 8-1.

Nebraska will face Stanford this Friday and Saturday in a best-of-three series.

Texas defeated Arizona State 9-7 to advance to the Super Regional. Texas was also chosen as one of eight schools to host Super Regional games. Texas (44-19) will face Penn State (45-17) in a bet-of-three series that begins Friday.

University of Nebraska Huskers: Armed with two All-Americans, the Huskers cruised through the Big 12 Tournament with a record of 50-15. Shane Komine and Justin Cowan were both selected as All-Americans by Collegiate Baseball.

Komine had a record of 9-3, with a 1.66 ERA. He also led the country with 131 strike outs. Komine threw seven double-figure strike-out games and is the only first-team All-American in the Big 12. To add to his impressive year, Komine was named as the Big 12 Player of the Year.

Justin Cowan was a semifinalist for the Johnny Bench award, which is given to the best catcher in the nation. Cowan batted .383 for the year, had nine home runs, scored 70 runs and threw out 11 of 31 base runners for a 35-percent mark.

Texas University Longhorns: This year's Big 12 Coach of the Year, Augie Garrido of Texas, is No. 2 on the list of all-time winning coaches with 1,278 victories and a .674 winning average over his career. The Longhorns have an advantage not only by playing at home, but also by featuring a triple-threat pitching staff.

Starting pitcher Beau Hale was 10-3 on the year with a

3.17 ERA and one no-hitter. Another starting pitcher, D.J. Jones, also enjoyed a 10-win season going 10-5 with a 2.92 ERA and 77 strikeouts. Relief pitcher Charlie Thames had 15 saves and a 1.94 ERA. Thames was voted as the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year.

Six other Super Regionals will take place this weekend. The winners of each best-of-three series will go on to compete in the College World Series.

The University of South Carolina will host the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Mississippi State University will travel to take on the University of Clemson.

One of Florida's best rivalries will continue as the University of Miami takes on Florida State University in Tallahassee. The University of Southern California will travel to take on Georgia State University.

San Jose State University will head to Texas to face the University of Houston, while Louisiana State University will host the University of California-Los Angeles.

Sports in Brief

Chmura begins assault trial

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Mark Chmura was ordered to stand trial on sexual assault charges after his 17-year-old baby sitter testified the Green Bay Packers receiver had sex with her without her consent.

The teen-ager, a baby sitter for Chmura's children, testified at the star player's preliminary hearing Tuesday that she was shocked at what happened and didn't protest because "he's a big guy. The door was locked."

The 31-year-old Chmura is charged with third-degree sexual assault with the girl at an April 9 prom party, held at the home of his friend and neighbor, Robert Gessert.

Gessert, 43, also is charged with third- and fourth-degree sexual assault and is accused of fondling an 18-year-old woman in a hot tub at the same party. Gessert also was ordered to trial.

Chmura denied the charges, telling reporters: "I am here today to tell you I am not guilty. I look forward to the day when the public hears the rest of the story."

The 17-year-old girl was mostly composed on the witness stand and kept her eyes locked on Waukesha County District Attorney Paul Bucher throughout most of her testimony. She only looked in Chmura's

direction when she was cross-examined by his attorneys.

The girl testified under questioning from prosecutors that she played a drinking game for about an hour with Chmura and Gessert. She said she was intoxicated.

The girl said she, Chmura and others spent some time in a hot tub outside Gessert's home.

Chmura and Gessert could each face 10 years in prison and \$10,000 fines if convicted. Gessert also could get up to nine months in jail and a \$10,000 fine if he is convicted of fourth-degree sexual assault. An arraignment for both men was set for June 23.

Detroit defeats Texas rangers

DETROIT (AP) — Dean Palmer homered and drove in five runs, and Brian Moehler won for the first time since April 11 as the Detroit Tigers beat the Texas Rangers 7-4 on Tuesday night.

The Tigers won for just the second time in their last six games. Detroit once again played without former Rangers star Juan Gonzalez, who missed his second straight game with a strained left foot.

Texas is 3-5 on a nine-game road trip that ends Thursday and has lost five of seven since a seven-game winning streak.

Rain delays French Open

PARIS (AP) — On a day when rain washed out every match at the French Open for perhaps the first time in history, the hottest player in the world spent a bumper of a birthday trying to contain his impatience.

He wants to get out on the court and start bashing balls, keep his momentum going and his adrenaline up as he pushes toward what he hopes will be his first Grand Slam tournament title.

How frustrating was it? "You can't imagine," he said as the rain beat down steadily in the late afternoon Tuesday and wiped away all 64 of the first-round singles matches scheduled. "I've been here since 9:30 this morning. ... We just sit around in the locker rooms, chatting with each other, playing some cards, listening to music."

It was not the way Mangus Norman wanted to celebrate his 24th birthday. This is his time, his moment, he believes, to become the latest Swedish champion, to take his place behind Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg.

Norman, seeded No. 3, knows people are suspicious of his credentials. After all, in 14 Grand Slam tournaments before this year he got past the third round only twice, reaching the quarters at the French

in 1997 and the fourth round at the U.S. Open last year.

Norman did win five tournaments in 1999, and he made the semifinals at the Australian Open in January. When he won the ninth title of his career two weeks ago at Rome, he moved past Agassi in the yearlong race toward No. 1.

"When somebody becomes the champion for the first time, they always think he comes out of nowhere," Norman said. "The fact that I actually won five titles last year shows that I've been playing good tennis for two years in a row now. I'm not surprised, my coach is not surprised."

"Three years ago on my 21st birthday I beat Pete Sampras. That was big for me. Now I think I'm able to win against the top players almost every day. That's why I'm looking forward to this tournament. I think I'm capable of doing it this week."

Norman certainly wasn't surprised to see Sampras lose in the first round Monday against Mark Philippoussis. In fact, Norman doesn't think the 28-year-old Sampras will ever win the French Open, even though he considers Sampras better than Agassi when they're both playing at their best.

"I think his best years are behind

him, really," Norman said of Sampras. "He's getting older. He's got probably the best career someone ever had. But I think it's going to be difficult for him to win here because it takes a lot out of your body to win seven matches here on clay, best-of-five sets. I don't think he's going to be capable of winning here."

Norman is an anomaly among Swedish players. He has a fiery spirit, even something of a temper on court. He lacks the natural speed and talent of Borg and Edberg, but makes up for it with the kind of grueling physical training that is closer to the fight-camp style of Jim Courier.

"I've looked a lot at Jim Courier, what he has done in his career, how he worked," said Norman, a baseliner with an inside-out forehand like Courier's. "I'm not a talent, and he was not maybe a talent, either. What we have, what he had, was that we could work six, seven hours a day. I think we both love the game so much and we really wanted to be a top athlete. You win a lot of matches if you have that in your mind."

"My favorite growing up in Sweden was Edberg. I'm nowhere near playing like his serve-and-volley. I always tried to copy him outside the court, the way he was approaching the game mentally."

TRACK

Continued from Page 1

personal best and provisional-qualifying 400-meter hurdle time of 50.18 en route to a third place finish at the conference championships. He is also a member of the mile relay team.

Two field competitors that have had strong seasons are juniors Jon Nance and Tolga Koseoglu. Koseoglu set the conference discus record of 209-9 in April ranking fourth among qualifiers. Nance has vaulted the automatic-qualifying height of 18-2.50 twice this season.

Senior Scott Lengefeld and junior Aaron Smith rely on endurance to best the competition. Smith's efforts in the decathlon in April qualified him for a spot at the NCAA meet, while Lengefeld had the momentum of a first-place finish in the 10,000 meters at the Big 12 Championships.

Each of the five Aggie women qualifiers have outstanding qualifying marks and the potential to earn All-American honors.

Juniors Meshel Trotter, hammer throw, and Meghan Koonce, discus, set A&M records with their qualifying marks.

Sophomore Robyn Burkhardt's qualifying mark of 6-0 3/4 in the high jump is fourth best among qualifiers.

Two Aggie women hoping to retain the momentum of the Big 12 championships are junior Christina Ohaeri and All-American sophomore Katy Doyle. Ohaeri ranks twelfth among qualifiers in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.06. Doyle seeks to better her fifth place finish from last year's NCAA Championships in the javelin.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT OPPORTUNITY THIS SEMESTER?

THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION IS NOW HIRING FOR POSITIONS IN ITS 2000 TELEMARKETING CAMPAIGN

- ◆ Earn \$6.00 per hour Plus Bonuses*
- ◆ Gain Valuable Work Experience
- ◆ Help Keep Texas A&M and A&M Athletics on Top

* after the first 30 days

To apply, visit the 12th Man Foundation Office at the North End of Kyle Field.

Due to construction enter through G. Rollie White, or fill out an application online at www.12thmanfoundation.com/telemarketing

12TH MAN FOUNDATION
SUPPORTING EDUCATION THROUGH ATHLETICS

Want a rewarding Summer and/or Fall Part-Time job?

Or are you graduating and want to get your career off the ground?

Universal Computer Systems may have a position for you. We have various full-time and part-time positions open in College Station, Houston, and regionally throughout the United States.

Come talk with us in the MSC Rooms 138 & 139 (near the courtesy desk on the 1st floor) May 30-June 1 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Refreshments are provided, and it's a casual, come & go atmosphere.

UCS

Universal Computer Systems, Inc.
200 Quality Circle
College Station, TX 77845
Call - 979-595-2609
Fax - 979-595-2613
www.universalcomputersys.com

UCS hires non-tobacco users only.

The Battalion Online offers access to The WIRE

news from The Associated Press



The WIRE provides continuously updated news coverage from one of the world's oldest, largest news services via The Battalion's web page.

A comprehensive, up-to-the-minute news report combining the latest AP stories with photos, graphics, sound and video. Headlines and bodies delivered as soon as news breaks. U.S., World, Business, Sports, Science, Technology, Weather, Arts, Special Section.

<http://battalion.tamu.edu>

Are you Facing An Unplanned Pregnancy? ...Head Full Of Questions?



- ♥ Straight Answers on Abortion, Adoption and Parenting
 - ♥ Referrals for Medical Assistance
 - ♥ Support Groups with Other Pregnant Aggies
- Aggieland Pregnancy Outreach, Inc.
(979) 764-6636
www.pregnancyoutreach.org

Aggie Wranglers

AN AGGIE TRADITION FOR SIXTEEN YEARS

SUMMER SESSION I DANCE LESSONS

CLASS	TIME
JITTERBUG I	5:30-7:00
COUNTRY & WESTERN I	7:30-9:00

CLASS DATES AND LOCATIONS:
JUNE 4TH & JUNE 11TH - MSC 226
JUNE 18TH & JUNE 25TH - T.B.A.

SIGN-UPS IN THE MSC FLAGROOM FROM 8AM - 3PM ON 5/31-6/2
COST: \$35 PER COUPLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE AGGIE WRANGLERS ON-LINE AT http://www.tamu.edu/aggie_wranglers