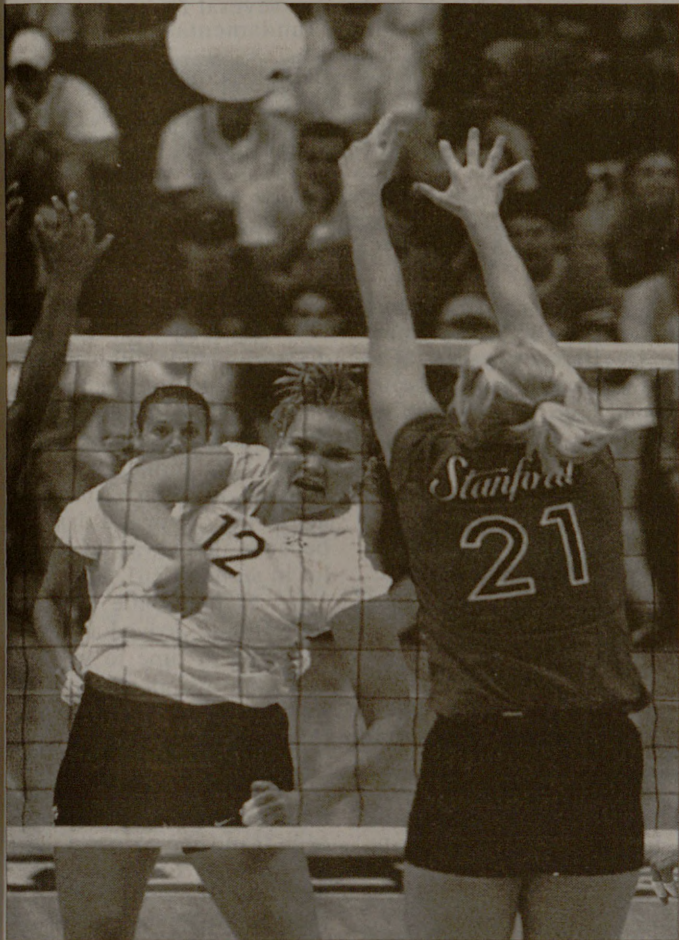


Ags host Bears



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Sophomore middle blocker Tara Pulaski attempts to put a ball past a Stanford player on Sept. 8. Pulaski and the Aggies will take on Baylor at G. Rollie White Coliseum. Game time is 7 p.m.

Jordan makes return to NBA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan made his comeback official Tuesday, announcing he will return to play in the NBA and sign a two-year contract with the Washington Wizards.

"I am returning as a player to the game I love," Jordan said in a news release issued through his management agency.

Jordan will donate his entire salary for the upcoming season to relief agencies working with the victims of the terrorist attacks on Washington and New York, said Estee Portnoy, a spokeswoman for SFX, Jordan's management agency.

"I am especially excited about the Washington Wizards, and I'm convinced we have the foundation on which to build a playoff-contention team," Jordan said. "The opportunity to teach our young players and help them elevate their game to a higher level, and to thank the fans in Washington for their loyalty and support, strongly influenced my decision."

The five-time league MVP, who retired for a second time in 1999 after leading the Chicago Bulls to their sixth title, announced his comeback after clearing up a licensing issue with one of his sponsors — a disagreement that caused the official announcement to come a day later than expected.

Jordan never completely ruled out a comeback when he retired in January 1999, hedging

his bets with the statement that he was "99.9 percent" certain he would never play again. Leaving the door open, even by one-tenth of 1 percent, meant Jordan could always kick it back open without going back on his word.

Now, he has.

"This is certainly an extremely important moment in the history of our franchise, however our excitement is muted by the world events that surround us," said Wizards owner Abe Pollin.

"The greatest player in the history of the game is joining my team, and for that I am extremely honored and pleased."

Jordan, 38, said he would not comment further on his return until Oct. 1.

Jordan has been training for a possible comeback for about six months, at first saying that he was simply trying to lose the extra weight he had gained in retirement. He rigorously worked himself into playing shape over the summer by holding several invitation-only camps of pickup games with other NBA players at a gym in Chicago.

Jordan's first official practice with the Wizards will be Oct. 2, the first day of training camp at Wilmington, N.C. He occasionally worked out with the team last season when he was president of basketball operations, a job in which he almost completely overhauled Washington's roster and put the team into a rebuilding mode.



JORDAN

"I am returning as a player to the game I love"

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Aggie squad takes on Blinn College

The Texas A&M softball team will continue its fall exhibition schedule Wednesday when the Ags take on Blinn College.

The two teams will square off in a double-header at the Aggie Softball Complex beginning at 5 p.m.

Cross country team No. 18 in preseason

The Texas A&M women's cross country team, which will open its 2001 season this weekend, fell one spot in the most recent FinishLynx NCAA Cross Country poll.

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