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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Texas makes CWS with 5-2 win

AUSTIN (AP) — Alan Bomer pitched seven strong innings and Ryan Hubele had two hits, scored a run and drove in another Sunday as Texas earned its 29th trip to the College World Series with a 5-2 win over Houston in their super regional.

Bomer, who transferred from Iowa State after the school dropped its program last year, struck out five and did not allow a walk.

He did not allow a baserunner past second after giving up a run in the top of the first. Freshman Huston Street took over with Texas leading 5-1 in the eighth to close it out.

Texas (53-15) will play in its second CWS in three years. The Longhorns won the last of their four national titles in 1983 when Roger Clemens was pitching.

Houston (48-17) came up one win short of its first College World Series since 1967.

Bomer also pitched Texas' 2-0 regional championship win over Baylor and is 3-0 in three postseason starts.

Houston touched Bomer for a run in the first with Brett Cooley's RBI double. Bomer put the runner in scoring position with a throwing error on what should have been a ground-out to the mound.

Texas responded with two runs in the second on an RBI groundout by Matt Rosenberg and a single by Hubele off Nathan Mitchell that scored Brandon Fahey for a 2-1 lead.

## Host Japan claims first World Cup win

### Spain, Brazil first to qualify for second round

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Japan's victory over Russia set off jubilant celebrations in the co-host nation of the World Cup. It also set off the worst kind of reaction in Moscow.

Russian fans, angered by the 1-0 loss Sunday, went on a rampage, overturning cars and setting them on fire in the center of the city. At least one man was killed, and the Interfax news agency said five music students from Japan were beaten.

An Associated Press photographer saw a mutilated corpse lying on the street during the chaos, which erupted across a square from the Kremlin walls and lasted for more than an hour.

Officials said 27 people were hospitalized.

The scene was vastly different in the streets of Yokohama, where the Japanese won a World Cup game for the first time. They were 0-3 in their debut four years ago. Drivers honked horns and pedestrians chanted

"Nippon, Nippon," waving flags and jerseys.

Japan was cheered on at the site of the June 30 championship game by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

"I think we've changed the view people have of Japanese soccer with this victory," said Junichi Inamoto, who scored the goal. "But we still have to advance to the next round."

That could come Friday if they tie or beat Tunisia. The Tunisians played Belgium on Monday at Oita, Japan.

Spanish players partied, waiting for the rest of the World Cup to catch up with them. Spain was the first team to qualify for the second round.

Brazil matched that Sunday and it did not even play — Costa Rica's 1-1 tie with Turkey ensured its advance and eliminated China.

When Mexico beat Ecuador 2-1 and Costa Rica tied, it improved CONCACAF's record to 4-0-1. Long considered one of the weakest regions

in FIFA, its spotless mark was on the line Monday when the United States played host South Korea in Daegu.

South Korea President Kim Dae-jung was not scheduled to attend the game. FIFA spokesman Walter Gagg, in charge of stadiums and security, said security would be "much tougher than all the matches before. They will not be afraid, but they will be very, very careful."

Aside from possible terrorism, authorities want to head off protests against the United States. U.S. military bases in the country cause some friction, and Koreans still are upset over the Olympic short track speedskating race where a South Korean disqualification let American Apolo Anton Ohno win gold.

South Korean organizers said Sunday they planned to sell 7,028 tickets for the U.S.-South Korea match to fans at the stadium hours before the game.

### 2002 WORLD CUP STANDINGS

Next games - Monday, June 10

Belgium vs. Tunisia at Oita, Japan  
Poland vs. Portugal at Jeonju, South Korea  
United States vs. South Korea at Daegu, South Korea

Group A	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	Group E	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Denmark	1	0	1	3	2	4	Germany	1	0	1	9	1	4
Senegal	1	0	1	2	1	4	Cameroon	1	0	1	2	1	4
Uruguay	0	1	1	2	1	1	Ireland	0	2	2	2	2	2
France	0	1	1	0	1	1	Saudi Arabia	0	2	0	0	9	0

Group B	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	Group F	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Spain	2	0	0	8	2	6	Sweden	1	0	1	3	2	4
South Africa	1	0	1	3	2	4	England	1	0	1	2	1	4
Paraguay	0	1	1	3	5	1	Argentina	1	1	0	1	1	3
Slovenia	0	2	0	1	4	0	Nigeria	0	2	0	1	3	0

Group C	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	Group G	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Brazil	2	0	0	8	1	6	Mexico	2	0	0	3	1	6
Costa Rica	1	0	1	3	1	4	Italy	1	1	0	3	2	3
Turkey	0	1	1	2	3	1	Croatia	1	1	0	2	2	3
China	0	2	0	0	6	0	Ecuador	0	2	0	1	4	0

Group D	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	Group H	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
South Korea	1	0	0	2	0	3	Japan	1	0	1	3	2	4
United States	1	0	0	3	0	3	Russia	1	1	0	2	1	3
Portugal	0	1	0	2	3	0	Belgium	0	0	1	2	2	1
Poland	0	1	0	0	2	0	Tunisia	0	1	0	0	2	0

SOURCE: Associated Press

## A&M likely to place bid for 2005 NCAA tourney

By Kevin Espenlaub  
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On the heels of hosting the NCAA Men's Tennis Championships in May, Texas A&M men's tennis coach Tim Cass is already looking forward to hosting the tournament again at the Varsity Tennis Center, possibly in 2005.

"I think hosting in 2005 is something that Texas A&M is already considering," Cass said. "I would certainly consider it. If you can create an environment that is conducive to hosting a good championship, I think it is good to try to host these things. This is the first time we've done it, but it was very successful from my standpoint."

The tournament was completed without any serious glitches according to Cass, who credits the preparation of assistant

athletic director Nicole Kummer and assistant media relations director Steve Miller.

"In general, this tournament was really a team effort," Cass said. "From Nicole and Steve to [Athletic Director] Wally Groff and all the way down the line, everybody put a lot of work into it and I'm real pleased with how it turned out. It was a great showcase for our program and I think it sends a strong message to the college tennis world that we are a serious program."

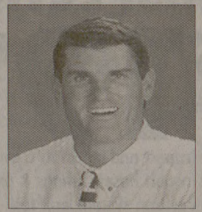
Bidding for the NCAA's takes place every four years, and the Aggies were awarded the 2002 host site after entering a bid in 2000, which left Cass wondering

how his team would look when it came time to host the nation's best.

"We lost five of our top seven guys from last season," Cass said. "For us to be the fourth seed last year and get back into the top 16 teams to play on our home courts for the championship, even after losing all of those guys, says a lot for our program and the quality of players we're bringing in."

A&M's facility holds just over 3,000 fans with 12 courts back-to-back, providing an atmosphere where each court can be watched by all of the fans, a difference between the more spread out facility at the University of Georgia who will be hosting the tournament again next year.

Georgia had hosted the event for 22 of the last 25 years heading into the 2002 tournament.



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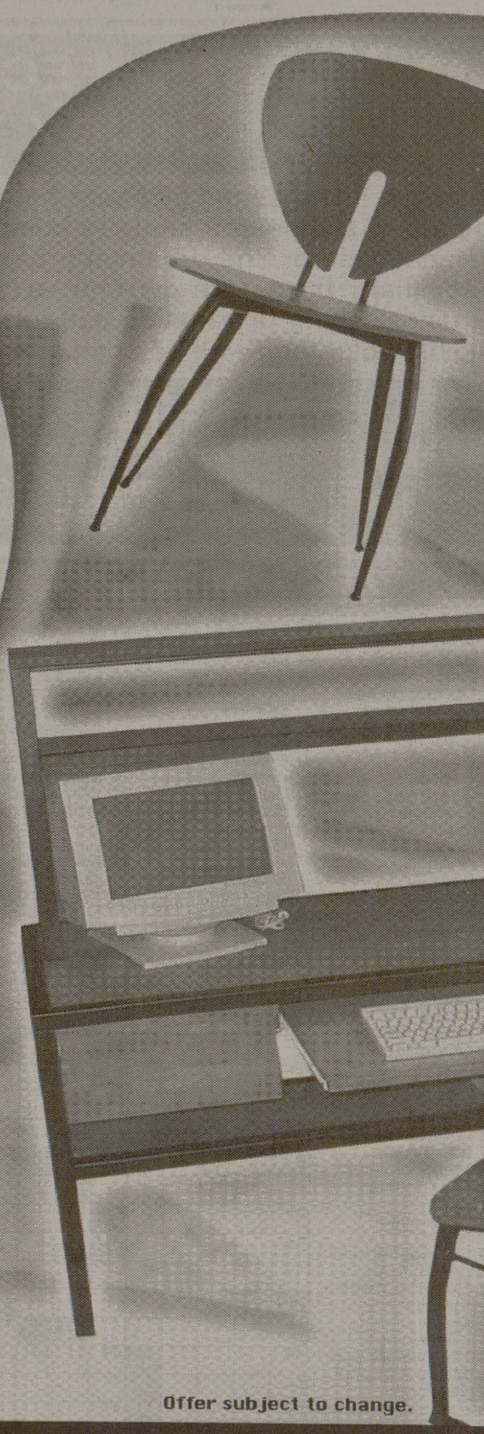
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