

the sports

# Netters win twice

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It was a busy weekend for Texas A&M tennis coach David Kent. Not only did his team take two matches, Friday defeating Southwest Texas and Saturday downing Southwest Louisiana, but his daughter took a husband Saturday morning, as well.

In Friday's match, the Aggies split their singles matches against Southwest Texas with Reid Freeman, Trey Schutz and Henrick Roller posting wins for the Aggies. Alberto Jimenez, playing in the number one singles match for the Aggies, lost to Gary Seymour 7-6, 6-4. Mike Moss and Max King also lost their singles matches for the Aggies. Moss was defeated by Artie Kuntz 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. King dropped a 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 match to Lee Davis of SWTSU.

In doubles play the Aggies swept through SWTSU, with the teams of Jimenez-Freeman, Moss-Schutz and King-Roller all posting victories. With the sweep in the doubles matches the Aggies earned a 6-3 victory over the Bears of SWTSU.

"I'm happy with what we did today, but I think I'm going to change the line-up around a bit tomorrow,"

Coach Kent said after the victory Friday. "We aren't dominating teams like we should be."

For the contest against USL Saturday Kent switched Alberto Jimenez into the No. 2 singles spot and elevated Freeman into the top position. Also, Max King was elevated into the No. 3 singles spot, Schutz played No. 4 singles and Moss played in the No. 5 singles match. Roller remained in the No. 6 position.

The changes were effective as the Aggies rolled over Southwest Louisiana 8-1. All three doubles teams posted victories and five of the six singles matches were won by Texas A&M.

Freeman, playing No. 1, easily won his match over Steve Hernandez of USL 6-2, 6-1.

"I played pretty well today," Freeman said Saturday. "The weather (windy and cold) didn't really bother me that much. The guy that I played (Hernandez) didn't give me that much trouble. But he might not have been playing that well today."

Kent's moving Jimenez down a slot proved effective as the Columbia native breezed through his sin-

gles match over USL's Gus Orellana 6-2, 6-1.

"I wanted Reid to play No. 1 to take some of the pressure off of Alberto," Coach Kent said. "Alberto had a really good fall, but he hasn't been playing that well this spring. I think he's a little homesick. And he's been trying too hard. He wants to win so badly."

"It's nervous playing at No. 1. The audience watches you a little more and you have to go up against a little stronger to moved Reid up there because nothing seems to bother him."

Jimenez didn't seem to mind the switch when asked after his victory Saturday.

"I wanted to relax myself playing No. 2," Jimenez said. "The last two weeks I've been under a lot of pressure. I needed to get some confidence."

"I've been losing since I returned from Columbia. I've been thinking about back home and not concentrating enough about my game. But I played pretty well today. I didn't miss too many shots."

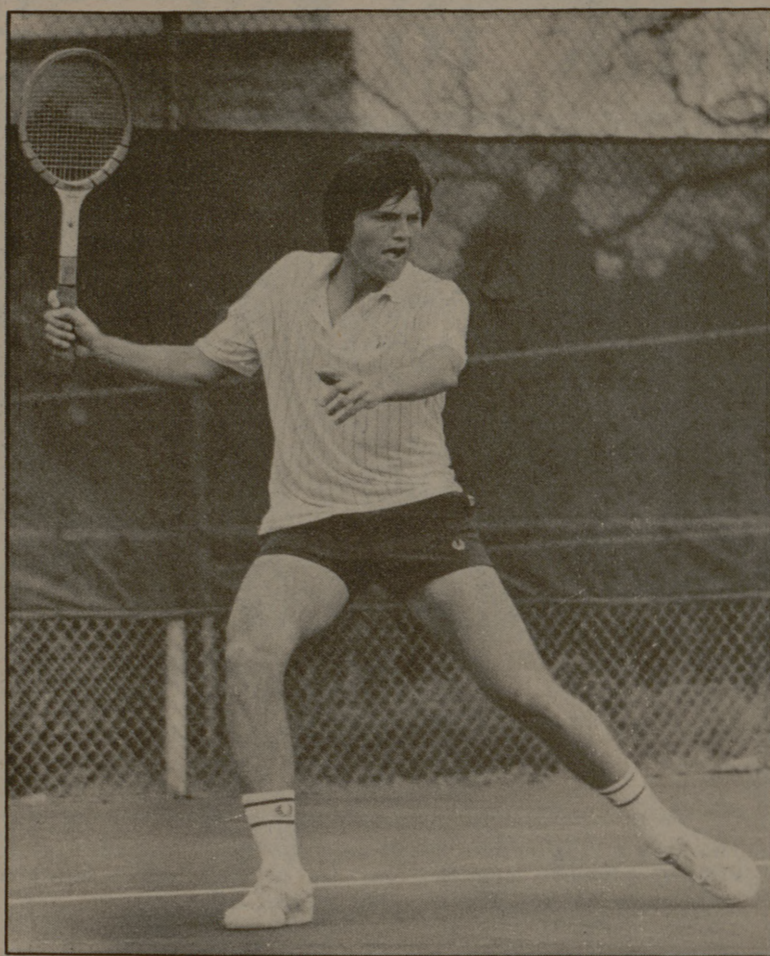
"I don't mind playing No. 2. In the Southwest Conference it really doesn't matter which one you play at. At that spot, there's not that much difference in the players. They're all good."

In the longest singles match of afternoon David Atkinson of USL downed Max King 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, the lone loss for the Aggies Saturday.

"I just had a slow start," King explained. "He started fast, was moving better and kept the ball in play. He made some mistakes and lost his confidence for a while and I was able to catch up. But he didn't lose it too long. I tied him at 3-3 in the third set, but he won the last three games of the match."

Jimenez and Freeman teamed Saturday to win the No. 1 doubles match 6-2, 6-4. The No. 2 doubles team, Moss and Schutz, took their match 6-4, 6-2. Jim Grubert and Roller, the No. 3 team, also posted a win for the Aggies, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

With the victories Friday and Saturday the Aggies extended their season record to 5-1. Their next competition will come Friday when the team travels to Corpus Christi to play in the Corpus Invitational Team Tourney.



A&M's Mike Moss swings away in tennis action last weekend. Battalion photo by Hurlie Collier

# Cougars return to the Summit

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Of the six teams that will continue the battle for the Southwest Conference tournament title this week, the one given the least chance to win is the one that has the least distance to travel.

But it was about this time last year that the Houston Cougars suddenly began playing Superman and as long as the hometown fans are there to create a ruckus, coach Guy Lewis' club cannot be overlooked.

"No one is picking us," said Lewis, "but we're happy to get there."

The place Lewis and his Cougars were trying to get was the Summit Arena — just a few miles from the University of Houston campus — where sellout crowds will watch double headers on Thursday and Friday nights and the championship game of the SWC's post-season tournament Saturday evening.

Houston reached the glamorous portion of the tourney with a hard-fought 74-67 victory over Southern Methodist Saturday.

In addition the Baylor Bears and Texas Tech Red Raiders sailed into the tournament quarterfinals as expected, Baylor knocking off TCU, 104-78, and Texas Tech whipping Rice 82-49.

Those three games were played on the home courts of the Cougars,

Bears and Raiders and even though they were officially part of the tournament, the first round games generate little enthusiasm.

The crowd at Houston's Hofheinz Pavilion, for instance, was a mere 1,200.

But the interest will be there beginning Thursday night at the Summit. The 15,330-seat arena sold out for the second straight year.

"I told the team we didn't want to listen to the tournament on the radio," said Lewis, whose Cougars were deadlocked with the Mustangs at intermission, 32-32. "I was disappointed by the lack of enthusiasm the first half."

Houston will meet Baylor Thursday night in the second game of the opening-night double header.

The first game that night will be Texas Tech meeting Texas A&M which finished third in the conference and thus drew a bye to the Houston portion of the tourney.

On Friday night, co-champion Texas and Arkansas will enter the picture. Texas will play first against the winner of the Houston Baylor game. Arkansas will meet the winner of the A&M-Texas affair and Friday night's winner will play for the tournament title and the league's automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

## Aggie notes

# Track team races into first place

From staff and wire reports

The recent unstable weather seems to be the major topic among spring sports enthusiasts and participants alike. Saturday, the Texas A&M women's track team braved the cold wind blowing down the backstretch of the Bryan High School track to run past Stephen F. Austin State University and Sam Houston State University in a triangular meet.

The Aggies completely dominated their opponents by accumulating 107 points while S.F.A. and Sam Houston tied with 23 each. The women won 12 of 15 events placing first in all but the javelin, 220-yard dash and 100-yard dash.

A familiar face with a new name led the Aggies once again. Linda Waltman, formerly Linda Cornelius, won three events. The pentathlon star won the long jump with a leap of 16-feet-six-and-a-half inches, the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 14.6 and the 880-yard dash in 2:26.6.

The Aggies entered three mile relay teams for conditioning pur-

poses and placed first and fourth. (Only the top four finishers counted in the scoring). The team of Beverly Porter, Paula Williams, Julie White and Sandra Brown won the mile relay "by a mile" finishing 10 seconds ahead of the closest competitor, S.F.A., with a time of 4:16.6.

The Aggies also got a good performance from freshman discus thrower Vickilee Coburn. She won the event with a toss of 130-10.

"I thought our girls did real well considering the weather today," said Aggie coach David Williams. "The most important thing about a meet like this is getting the experience and conditioning for bigger meets. It gives our younger girls a chance to compete and see how they stand."

The Aggie women will run in the Southwest Parks and Recreation Meet in Fort Worth Saturday.

### Men's track

Carlton Derrett won both sprints and anchored Rice's winning 400-

meter relay team Saturday to bring the Owls a 74-62 win over Texas A&M in a dual track meet.

Aggie sprinter Curtis Dickey, who had competed Friday night in the national AAU indoor championships in New York, watched the meet from the stands. Aggie's track coach Charlie Thomas said Dickey was too tired from the travel to take part in Saturday's meet. Dickey finished in a tie for fourth in the AAU meet.

Derrett won the 100-meter dash in 10.5 and the 200 in 21.3. Bruce Gingrich of Rice was also a double winner, first winning the 1,500-meter run and coming back to take the 800 meters.

Tim Scott was Texas A&M's winner, taking both the shot put and the discus. The day's biggest upset came from A&M's Lane Mitchell, who surprised Rice's Mike Novelli in the three-mile run.

### Basketball

The Texas A&M women's basketball team lost to North Texas State University in the consolation bracket of the AIAW state tournament in Nacogdoches last weekend.

The game, which NTSU won 75-72 in overtime, was marred by controversy. The Aggies led in the contest 63-62 with just seconds left in regulation time. Texas A&M's Lisa Hughes was fouled and a technical foul was called against NTSU on the same play. However, the officials had determined that the Aggies would not be allowed a free throw for the technical foul. Hughes made the first shot of a one-and-one opportunity but missed the second.

The Eagles rebounded, took the ball down court and made a basket, tying the score at 64-64 and sending the game into overtime.

After the game, Texas A&M coach Wanda Bender protested the fact that Texas A&M was not allowed to shoot the technical foul, but officials said her protest was too late.

Peggy Pope was the Aggies' leader. **HATE DOING LAUNDRY?** Let Frannie's do it for you. Aunt Frannies Laundromat. Holleman at Anderson 693-6587.

ing scorer with 17 points while Hughes added 13 and Von Berry and Cathy Fuller each hit 12.

Earlier in the tournament, Texas A&M lost to Lamar 61-56, defeated Texas Women's University 85-67 and defeated Baylor 68-55.

### Golf

After Sunday's first round in the Texas A&M Invitational Golf Tournament, which Aggie coach Kitty Holley described as "cold and windy," the Texas A&M men's golf team is in seventh place with a team score of 347. The University of Tulsa leads at Briarcrest Country Club with a team score of 313.

For the Aggies, Shirley Fitzer shot 85; Kim Bauer, 86; Mark Welsh, 86; Carol Berry, 90; Andrea Welch, 91. Tulsa's Bill Hartley led the field with a first round score of 74. Tournament action will continue through Tuesday.

### Wrestling

The Texas A&M Wrestling team finished second in the Texas State Wrestling championships in Dallas last weekend. Hosting Richland Junior College finished first.

Texas A&M placed three state champions, John Sweat (142-pound), Bob Santini (167-pound), and Bob Purcell (177-pound), which were more than any other school, including Richland, which placed two.

A&M also had three third-place finishers, Rick Edgmon (119-pound), Curtis Templett (135-pound), and Larry Albertson (155-pound).

The A&M team, defending champions, suffered early and expected reverses. Greg Faler couldn't cut to 134 pounds from 150 pounds, and defending champion Templett and Bill Kelly were eaten early in their first matches.

### Football

Texas A&M football coach Tom Wilson said Saturday the Aggies signed running back Ronnie James, one of the state's most highly recruited players from Houston.

In addition A&M signed Ernie Jackson, another top running back prospect from Lamar Consolidated.



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