

Aggie netters finish second in tourney

BY MIKE BURRICHTER
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The Texas A&M tennis team finished second in the Pan American tennis tournament Saturday, beating Oral Roberts and Oklahoma universities before losing its first match of the season to Pan American in the finals.

Reid Freeman, the number one seed for the Aggies, beat Pan American's John Picken, a Canadian Davis Cup player, 7-6, 6-1 to highlight the tournament for the Ags.

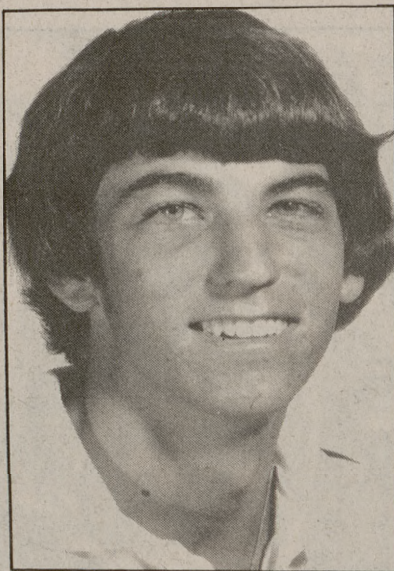
Alfonso Gonzalez, a Mexican ranked 450th in the world, defeated Aggie Trey Schutz 7-6, 1-6, 6-3 in the second seed match. Texas A&M's Alberto Jimenez lost the third seed match to Derek Schall, 6-3, 6-2. Brian Joelson, a freshman whom Aggie coach David Kent said "played beautifully throughout the tournament" won the fourth seed match over Mark Roberts, 6-2, 6-0. Freshman Ron Kowal and junior Jim Grubert each lost their singles matches.

Picken and Schall teamed to beat

Freeman and Jimenez in the number one doubles match 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. The Ags won the next two doubles matches to make the final score 5-4.

The Ags blew past Oral Roberts in their first match of the tournament, 8-1. Brett Edwards beat Freeman 6-4, 6-3 to give Oral Roberts its lone victory.

Next, the Ags beat Oklahoma 6-0. There were no doubles played in that match. The Aggies won 12 of 13 sets in singles to win their fourth match of the year.



Reid Freeman.

Women roundballers romp

By JON HEIDTKE
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The Texas A&M women's basketball team rode a strong first half performance to a 90-68 victory over the University of Texas-Arlington in the opening round of the Texas Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women state playoffs.

The win sends the Aggies, who have won 12 of their last 14 games, to the TIAAW quarterfinals in Nacogdoches where they will play Houston Thursday at 4 p.m.

The Aggie Ladies took the court at G. Rollie Saturday after the men's game against Texas. About 250 peo-

ple stayed to watch the game, but they had to wait patiently for the UT-A team, which had travel problems due to the weather, resulting in a one-hour delay of the game's start.

But the way the Aggie Ladies started out, the Mavericks would have been better off if they had

stayed home. The Ags, now 18-9, forced 11 first-half UT-A turnovers and broke out to a 43-26 halftime lead, and were never seriously threatened.

The Mavericks outshot the Aggies from the field (50 percent to 40 percent) and had one more field goal, 28-27, than the Ags, but they offset this by setting two Texas A&M single-game records — free throws attempted and free throws made.

The Ags attempted 49 charity tosses and connected on 36 from the foul line to break the old records set in 1975.

Lori Foreman led a balanced scoring attack by hitting a game-high 21 points. Trigg Crawford and Peggy Pope scored 20 and 19 points, while Lola Baker rounded out the double-figure scoring with 10 points.

Foreman and Crawford each grabbed 10 rebounds, while Pope was one back with nine.

When the Ags square off against the Cougars, it will mark the second time these two teams have played this year. The Ags beat the Cougars 75-64 less than a month ago.

Gardner's hopes dashed

United Press International
LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — U.S. men's champion Charlie Tickner said before the Winter Olympics began that for every gold medal U.S. figure skaters won, the pressure would increase on the rest of the team to bring even more gold.

No one, however, could have predicted the disaster that befell the U.S.'s first hope, Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner. A pulled muscle in Gardner's groin forced the world champions to withdraw, leaving the way open for Irina Rodnina and Aleksandr Zaitsev to win their second

Olympic gold in pairs skating Sunday night.

"It seems to me very sad — we were ready to struggle for the gold medal," said Rodnina. "It is a pity. Before the gold medal there was work, doubt and so on. Only our coach had no doubts."

Now, instead of taking home three gold medals, the U.S. can only hope for two. Today it is up to Tickner to bolster the sagging hopes of the U.S. team when men's competition begins with the compulsory figures.

Women's soccer team wins against SWTSU

The Texas A&M women's soccer won its season opener Saturday, beating Southwest Texas State University in a game played in San Marcos.

A three-goal hat trick effort by Becky Carpenter lead the Aggies in scoring. The Ags are the reigning Texas collegiate champions.

"We lead 3-0 at the half and I started putting in my substitutes," Coach Alan Heath. "Everybody on the team got to play in this one. It's a very competitive team."

Stephanie Barrett scored two

goals for the Aggies and Kathy Rogers came off the bench to score the Aggies' last goal.

"They are a much improved team," Heath said of SWT. "I saw them play last semester and they have improved over what I saw tremendously."

Jana McConn score SWT's only goal in the second half.

The Ags' next game is against Stephen F. Austin at home at 1 p.m. March 1.

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