

# Sports

## Tennis teams finish high in Texarkana tourney

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Both Texas A&M University tennis teams did well over the weekend in the Texarkana Invitational Tennis Tournament.

The women's team dominated play in the women's division as all four of the singles players in the semifinals and both doubles teams

in the finals came from the same team.

The men did not dominate their division as much as the women did, but played very well against some top competition. The men had a doubles team reach the finals and two singles players reach the quarterfinals in the large field. There were 64 doubles teams and 128 singles players in the men's competition.

Aggie Liliana Fernandez defeated teammate Amy Closs 7-6, 6-2 in the finals to win the singles title of the women's division.

"It was a very fine match," said coach Jan Cannon. "Amy was up one game throughout the first set

but Liliana came back. Lili is really a great pressure player."

She said fans came out to watch the match with little advance notice. The team was in a hurry to get back home, she said, so the finals match was played a couple of hours earlier than scheduled.

Both defeated teammates got to the finals. Fernandez beat Pam Hill 6-2, 6-2 and Closs defeated Teresa Landry 6-4, 6-3. Fernandez was seeded first in the tournament and Closs was second.

"It is really a shame somebody had to lose that match," said the coach. "Both girls played a great match."

In doubles, Fernandez and Landry took the title by defeating teammates Maylyn Hooton and Pam Hill 5-7, 1-6, 6-4.

"Lili and Teresa had to play a tougher draw than Maylyn and Pam," said Cannon. "I think that had a lot to do with the match. Lili and Teresa had played some tough matches and were ready."

Hooton-Hill defeated some of their teammates to reach the finals. They beat Cheryl Stanford-Becca Rasor 6-3, 6-0. Fernandez-Landry beat Wanda Watson-Wendy Williams of Louisiana Tech University 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Cannon said she told the team to go out and not lose any embarrassing matches and to have fun.

"I guess I shouldn't have told them that," she said with a laugh, "because they not only didn't lose the matches they weren't sup-

posed to, they won some matches they weren't supposed to."

Cannon cited Closs, Fernandez and Landry for an excellent tournament but said it was hard to cite just one because the entire team did well.

"We will go back next year," she said, "the tournament will not only be bigger but will be better. It was great for a young tournament."

A group of freshmen and a sophomore also impressed men's coach Kent.

"Our three freshmen played very well," he said, "but special praise has to go to Genero Fernandez because he just played super."

Fernandez got to the fourth round in the tournament before losing to sixth seed in the tournament Jorge Salkeld of Northwest Louisiana University 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

The doubles team of Joelson-Mike Pazourek had the best results for the tournament, however, as it reached the finals before losing to the second seeds Scott Diehl-Kelly Evernden of the University of Arkansas 6-4, 6-3.

Kent said he was excited by the great improvement made by his team in a week's time.

"The difference is like night and day," the coach said. "It is total and absolute."

Freshman Kimmo Alkio lost to single second seed Evernden in the quarterfinals 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in what Kent called a classic match.

"It was a super and outstanding match," he said, "especially considering the eventual champion had trouble with a 17-year-old freshman." He went on to say that one of the reasons Alkio plays so well is that he is not awed by anybody.

"Kimmo just lines up and gets after it," his coach said. "He has more raw courage and guts than anyone I have ever seen."

Greg Hill, another freshman won the consolation part of the tournament by defeating Joe Prather of Centenary University 7-4, 6-2.

"The freshmen really looked good," Kent said. "It was great experience against some tough, top competition and they really showed what they can do."

He said Joelson had not practiced all week and had gone to Portland to watch the Davis Cup competition and so did not play as well as he could have.

The next competition for the men will be at the Royal Oaks country club in Bryan against club members to promote tennis and Texas A&M tennis.

## Coach says intensity key to Cougar win

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in-ten-si-ty — exceptionally great concentration, power or force.

— The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language

Intensity is what football is all about. Every team has to have it. No team can win without it. It is the trademark of a winning program.

Saturday the Texas Aggies played with the intensity needed to win, but added it was a team effort, everybody did his job.

Going into the Houston game the Aggies knew that it would take a team effort to win. They also knew that any letup during the game would be costly — there couldn't be a lack of intensity. There wasn't.

The Aggies showed more than a few people in the 7-6 win that they have what it takes to be winners, as they stopped the high-powered Houston offense and ran all over the nation's seventh-ranked defense.

In what can be described as anything but dull, the Aggies won their fourth game of the year, equaling last year's total victories in just five games. But, Coach Tom Wilson is not completely satisfied:

"We're very close to becoming a good, solid football team. Yet, there is room for improvement and everybody on this team knows that," he said in his weekly press conference.

Wilson said the defensive struggle was by far the best game, intensity-wise from start to finish, the Aggies have played this year.

He said his team is playing with more emotion every day and Saturday's win was just what the team needed — a victory over a good football team.

"There's no question that we can play with anybody," he said. "That win has given us an emotional lift going into the Baylor game."

The statistics showed to what degree the Aggies controlled the ballgame.

The Houston defense came into the game rated as the seventh best in the nation, third best against the rush. It was a mark they didn't leave the stadium with.

The A&M offensive line opened up holes in the highly-touted Houston defensive line that allowed the backs to roll up 237 yards on the ground, by far the most the Cougars had given up this year.

The Cougars yielded an average of 55.7 yards per game on the ground and few big runs for over 10 yards. In Saturday's game alone the Aggies had three runs 27 yards or better, including a 46-yarder by Johnny Hector and a 43-yarder for the touchdown by Gary Kubiak.

However, the Aggies could manage only 28 yards passing on 3-of-13 passes, something Wilson was not happy about.

"The most displeasing thing in the game was the fact they did not throw the ball well," Wilson said.

Although Houston shut down the passing game fairly well, several passes were dropped. Those passes, Wilson said, could have possibly meant more points on the board for the Aggies.

Kubiak was named by the coaches as the offensive player of the game for his work in the day with 91 yards on 15 carries, including his 43-yard touchdown run.

Hector and Ernest Jackson were held to 146 yards, with Jackson totaling 77 and Hector finishing with 69.

The defensive unit played its best game of the year, punishing backs and receivers play after play.

"There were two fine defensive teams out there," Wilson said. "Both competed at a maximum level. I don't think there's any question it was a very physical game."

Wilson said he doesn't know if he could be any prouder of the defensive unit after the way it shut down the Cougar offense.

Although the Cougars outgained the Aggies in total yardage (much of it coming on their last drive) the defense played consistently throughout the game.

Quarterback Lionel Wilson was under constant pressure from the Aggie rush and had to eat the ball on more than one occasion. Wilson carried the ball 20 times for 68 yards, but lost 35 yards in sacks and finished with 33 total rushing yards.

Fullback David Barrett was the leading rusher for the Cougars with 66 yards on 16 carries. He also had the longest run from scrimmage for Houston with an 11-yard burst in the second quarter.

Defensive end Fred Caldwell and cornerback Darrell Adams were voted the defensive players of the game for their work in the win.

Caldwell finished with six tackles in the game on 65 plays. Wilson said Caldwell graded 93 percent in the contest. Adams had four tackles and an interception late in the game and graded 87 percent.

Cornerback Greg Williams was named the special teams player. Williams blocked a Houston fieldgoal to stop a drive.

Wilson had 216 yards through the air on 15-of-26 passes. Most of those, however, were thrown under constant pressure from the Aggie pass rush.

## Texas moves up to No. 1 following 34-14 victory

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Although Penn State Coach Joe Paterno says he doesn't attach much importance to college football polls, he was a bit

surprised to learn that his undefeated Nittany Lions remain rated the second-best team in the UPI Coaches' Poll.

"I'm sure that Texas deserves to be ranked first for the same reasons that Penn State does," Paterno said Monday. "This is good: a rivalry has been set up and I think that will be a catalyst for all concerned."

"I won't lose any sleep over it, but I do think this will make the team try harder. We got our share of first-place votes and we just may do better next week."

The unbeaten Longhorns received 23 first-place votes to Penn State's 19 and jumped from the No. 3 spot in last week's poll to the top of the list this week. Texas defeated Oklahoma 34-14 last Saturday while the Nittany Lions also improved their record to 4-0 by routing Boston College, 37-7.

Southern California, which had been ranked No. 1 for three weeks, slipped to the sixth spot

after a 13-10 upset at the hands of Arizona.

Pittsburgh, 4-0, inched up to No. 3 after a 17-0 victory over previously undefeated West Virginia.

North Carolina, a 45-10 winner over Wake Forest, improved to No. 4, followed by No. 5 Michigan, No. 6 Southern Cal, No. 7 Clemson, No. 8 Missouri, No. 9 Georgia and No. 10 Florida State.

Paterno, though, seemed pleased with his team's progress this season and hinted that the Penn State players sought the No. 1 rating.

"These young men want something to aim for," he said. "I'm glad they have several goals to shoot at and I think all of them are within their grasp. We have a fine team and they're No. 1 in my book."

Fred Akers, the Longhorns coach, was obviously pleased. "I hope we can prove we deserve being No. 1," said Akers. "This is the gut part of our season. We're on the road against Arkansas and Southern Methodist the next two weeks and I hope the rating boosts our players' confidence."

"I'm sure that Penn State will give us some very formidable competition. Being No. 1 involves just as much pressure as being No. 2. We have to keep trying harder and so do they."

Michigan has now won four straight in a strong comeback after an opening-game loss to Wisconsin. Clemson improved their places as did 5-0 Missouri. Florida State, with consecutive victories at Ohio State and Notre Dame, leaped nine spots to round out the Top 10.

In the second 10, Miami (Fla.) was rated 11th, followed by No. 12 Iowa, No. 13 Wisconsin, No. 14 Nebraska and No. 15 Alabama. Mississippi State was rated 16th, followed by No. 17 Iowa State, No. 18 Washington State, No. 19 Oklahoma and No. 20 Brigham Young.

Wisconsin jumped into the Top 20 following a 24-21 victory over Ohio State, and has now beaten three powerhouses of the Big Ten — Michigan, Ohio State and Purdue — in the same season for the first time in the school's history.

Washington State, 5-0 and off to its best start since 1930, is ranked for the first time in four years while UCLA and Ohio State dropped out of the Top 20.

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