



staff photo by John Ryan

disgruntled Mike Pazourek shows his frustration during the Texas A&M men's tennis team's 7-2 loss to Trinity University Tuesday afternoon at the Omar Smith Ten-

nis Center. Pazourek lost 7-6, 6-3 to the Tigers' Charles Honey in the number one singles match.

# Men's tennis team suffers loss to 10th-ranked Trinity

by Denise S. Sechelski

**Battalion Staff**  
Playing at Texas A&M Tuesday, the men's tennis team lost to Trinity University in a meet that Coach David Kent said could have gone either way.

"They weren't that much better than we were," Kent said. Freshman Kimmo Alkio lost to Mark Pinchoff, 4-6, 6-3, 5-7, and Tom Judson lost to David Edges, 4-6, 6-2, 6-7.

"Those were two close ones to lose. We played as good as we could, and we don't have any excuses," Kent said.

Freshman Greg Hill and junior Ron Kowal had the only two Aggie victories of the day.

Hill beat Kreg Yingst, 6-4, 7-6, after trailing 1-5 in the second

set. "I broke serve (at 1-5) and got my confidence back. When I got back down 5-6 (in the second set), I hit some good shots and got even more confident. The crowd helped my game quite a bit," Hill said.

"I might not have been able to come back if it weren't for them and the way they yelled for us. This really helps my confidence."

Kent said that a good turnout for the match fueled the entire team's effort.

"We appreciate the great crowd support. Best of all, they acted well, as always," he added.

The Aggie fans are quite a change from the crowd at last year's meet against Trinity in

San Antonio. The Tigers' fans made it difficult for the Aggies to compete, team captain Kowal said.

"It was one of the worst examples of crowd behavior that I've ever seen," Kowal said.

Kowal won Tuesday, coming from behind to beat Chris Kennedy, 6-4, 6-4.

Mike Pazourek, however, lost the number one singles match 7-6, 6-3, to Charles Honey. He lost the first set tie-breaker five points to seven points.

Brian Joelson played the number two match and was beaten by Tom Warneke, 6-4, 6-3. Joelson was down 1-5 in the first set but fought back to 4-5 before Warneke finally won.

In doubles competition, the Aggies lost two three-set matches. Edges-Yingst beat Alkio-Hill, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, and Warneke-Pinchoff defeated Pazourek-Joelson, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Judson-Kowal lost the other match, 6-4, 6-3, to Honey-Kennedy.

"We need improvement in doubles," Kent said. "That's where we're weak."

This is the first loss of the spring for the Aggies, who are ranked 20th in the nation.

Hill said that the 10th-ranked Trinity Tigers are among the best opponents the Aggies will face.

"I figure there's not going to be that many players tougher than these guys," he said.

# Season high

## Aggie Ladies' 87 points too much for UH

by Denise Sechelski

**Battalion Staff**  
The Texas A&M women's basketball team, led by Kelley Sullivan with 18 points, defeated the University of Houston 87-76 Tuesday night in Houston.

The Aggie Ladies posted their highest point total of the season, avenged an earlier 76-37 loss to the Cougars, and boosted their season record to 9-18 with the victory.

The Ladies, who were tied 39-39 with the Cougars at halftime, shot 52 percent from the field and 77 percent from the free throw line.

"We played aggressive man-to-man defense almost the entire game," assistant coach Cindy Gough said.

Other Ladies in double figures were Kelly Krauskopf with 16, Michell Tatum with 16, and Romy Gandy with 10.

Houston's leading scorer was Tylene Nichols with 22 points. The Cougars shot 56 percent from the field and 78 percent from the free throw line.

As the TAIAW state tournament draws near, Texas A&M has won two of its last three games against Southwest Conference opponents. The Ladies

defeated SMU 55-53 a week ago, but dropped a 70-60 game to Arkansas Friday night.

The Aggie Ladies play at 6 p.m. Friday in G. Rollie White Coliseum. They face the University of Texas at San Antonio in the first round of the state play-

offs. Gough said that anyone who attends the women's game on Friday and has tickets for the men's game with the University of Texas on Saturday will be admitted to Saturday's game 15 minutes early.

# SWC race still jumbled after Bears nip Horns

United Press International  
Everybody seems to be beating the Texas Longhorns these days, but that doesn't mean it's easy to do.

It wasn't easy for Baylor Tuesday night, but the Bears did it in Austin, by a score of 62-59, and in doing eased into second place in the still-jumbled Southwest Conference chase.

"It was the biggest win of the year for us," said Baylor coach Jim Haller, whose team has now won six in a row. "I thought we played with poise tonight."

Baylor needed all the poise it could muster since the Longhorns, who were down by seven with 1:06 to play, actually had a chance to tie the contest in the final seconds.

But a 12-foot jump shot by Virdell Howland refused to go in, which symbolizes the story for the Longhorns during the second half of the season, and a free throw by Craig Kaiser with two seconds left sealed the victory for Baylor.

The Bears thus moved to 9-5 in conference play, a half game behind the league-leading Arkansas Razorbacks, 9-4 in the conference.

Houston, meanwhile, moved into a tie with Texas A&M for third place by virtue of a crucial 46-5 decision over TCU — a game in which seven-foot Nigerian Akeem Abdul Olajuwon broke a school record eight shots.

TCU, which began the night tied for second, slipped all the way to fifth because of the loss.

And in Dallas, the Rice Owls used the 25 points Ricky Pierce to overwhelm last-place SMU, 70-

Rice remains in next-to-last place at 5-8, but the Owls are suddenly only a game out of sixth place which, if they could obtain it, would carry a home-court advantage in the conference's post-season tournament.

Jay Shakir made nine of 10 free throws against Texas Tuesday night, including six during the last 3:39 of the contest while the Bears were running a delay game.

Texas has now lost seven of its last nine — all of the losses in conference play — and stands in jeopardy of falling all the way to eighth place before the season is over.

"We just couldn't get any offense generated," said Longhorns coach Abe Lemons. "The defense was all right, but we just couldn't get anything going on offense. We're just struggling, that's about all you can say. We're playing close but just don't have the velocity to get over it."

TCU coach Jim Killingsworth didn't linger on the loss to Houston, even though it cost the Horned Frogs three places in the conference standings.

"This is not a let down for us," he said. "We have two games to go. We knew Houston could possibly beat us when we came down here. We wanted to win the game, but we also have the conference tournament to look forward to."

The conference takes a rest until Saturday when Texas will travel to Texas A&M for an televised afternoon game. Meanwhile, Arkansas will be at Rice, Houston goes to Baylor and Texas Tech hosts SMU.

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