

# Aggies

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bench to score 11 points, hitting 5 of 6 from the field.

The Aggies got 20 points from Riley and 15 from guard Reggie Roberts, but the other three starters chipped in for only 12 points.

UH shot 53.9 percent from the field compared to the Aggies' 38.5, but much of that was caused by the Cougars' defensive pressure.

Metcalf said he thought the Cougars should go far this season.

"I've been playing Houston ever since I got this job," he said. "We've been playing them home and home for twenty years and that's the best I've ever seen the University of Houston play up here — and it may be the best I've seen them play ever."

"If they continue to play like they did today, they're definitely a final-four ball club. They've got a class act. It was a tremendous performance by Houston."

"But hey, I'm proud of our team. It was a well-played ball game, but there's just no ties in basketball."

Riley said the Aggies have to forget about the loss.

"A lot of things can still happen the rest of the season," he said. "This game's over — we just have to forget about it and keep working hard."

"As far as I'm concerned, it's a long season. Maybe on down the road, in the conference tournament, we'll meet 'em again."

Aggie guard Tyren Naulls said the game was important, but that it was just one of many.

"We've faced some tough teams this year, and they're right up there with them," Naulls said.

"But this is A&M's toughest schedule ever, and they're just a part of that tough schedule. We've got to throw this game behind us and start over from square one."

Houston raised its record to 18-2 (9-0 in the SWC) with the victory. It was the Cougars' 13th straight victory, but it was their first win in College Station since Jan. 12, 1978, when they defeated the Aggies 80-73.

Texas A&M fell to 11-11 with the loss, 5-4 in conference play. The Aggies had a two-game winning streak snapped, having defeated Texas and Texas Tech before falling to UH.

The Aggies travel to Houston Wednesday to play the Rice Owls, who won their first conference game of the season Saturday, defeating Baylor 54-48.

# Aggie results

## Men's tennis team posts two shutouts

by John P. Lopez  
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It was a terrible weekend to play tennis — cold, misty, windy and generally miserable.

Who would want to play tennis in such bad conditions? The Texas A&M men's tennis team sure didn't; consequently the Aggies quickly disposed of McNeese State on Friday, 9-0, and Stephen F. Austin on Sunday, 9-0.

The Aggies went about their business in workman-like fashion, without losing a single set to either team.

In Saturday's match, No. 1 singles player Brian Joelson started off slowly but came back to defeat Jack Sheehy 7-6, 6-3. No. 2 singles player Kimmo Alkio had a similar match with SFA's Scott Koth, but Alkio ultimately disposed of Koth 7-6, 6-0.

From that point, the Aggies

simply went through the motions, as not one of the other matches was closer than 6-4.

As a matter of fact, the Aggies have been going through the motions for four matches now. Texas A&M is undefeated against four opponents this year and has won all four by identical 9-0 scores.

Next weekend, however, the Aggies should prepare themselves for a little more of a test as Lamar and nationally-ranked

Southwest Louisiana come to town to challenge Texas A&M.

Head Coach David Kent said, "We're really off to a fast start," Kent said. "Of course, the bubble will probably burst against the Cougars Saturday, but I'm just hoping we don't overlook Lamar."

"Southwest Louisiana is a rival of ours so we really want to get after them. I just hope we don't overlook Lamar."

## Tolson, Perry lead track squad

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Most of the 13,000 fans who attended this weekend's Dallas Times-Herald Invitational Track and Field Meet went to Reunion Arena to cheer on such legendary track stars as Carl Lewis and Mary Decker Tabb.

But before the meet was over, several Aggie track stars received their share of applause.

The meet was separated into two parts: In the evening, the world-class stars competed head-to-head, while in the afternoon, colleges and universities

competed against one another.

In both divisions, Texas A&M was well-represented. Tony Tolson finished first Saturday afternoon in the collegiate division's 600-yard run, as he finished with a time of 1:10.69 — almost two seconds faster than the second-place finisher.

In the elite evening division, Texas A&M's mile relay team of Tolson, Cliff Chatham, Tony Grier and Bill Shelton topped their division with a time of 3:16.8 seconds. The foursome's time was almost two seconds slower than their fastest clocking

this year, but it was good enough to bring home first place.

Aggie high jumper Jimmy Howard placed fourth in the evening division, but Aggie head coach Charlie Thomas said Howard should do better in the future.

"He just didn't have his timing down and didn't get up around 7-4 or 7-5 like he would like," Thomas said, "but he should get it down soon. Overall, I was pleased with our performance in both divisions. I think we did pretty good. This meet gave us a lot of good experience and we need it going into the Southwest Conference meet in two weeks."

Other Aggies who placed in

the collegiate division of meet were Craig Moody and Chappelle Hendrix (sixth) in the 60-yard dash, Larry Kerr placing fifth in the 440-yard dash, Bart Fichaux placing fourth in the 200-yard dash and the second-team relay team coming in second with a time of 3:18.63.

In the field events, Windsor put the shot farther than he has all year, as he shot 56-9/4 — good enough to place fourth. Pole vaulter Mark Bruce placed fourth in the high jumpers Chuck Perry and Ethan Glass took two places in their event. Perry finished second and Glass captured

## Swimmers give UH scare; lose 64-49

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It's been a long time coming, but Texas A&M has finally arrived — scratch that, docked in the world of competitive swimming.

The Aggie swimmers turned in perhaps their best effort of the year against perennial powerhouse Texas Friday as the Aggies pushed the Horns to the limit before losing by 15 points, 64-49.

Texas A&M head coach Mel Nash said the Aggies could have won the meet were it not for a couple of bad breaks.

"We've been coming real close to the big boys, but we haven't quite pulled one out yet," Nash said. "But I guess if you were going to lose a close one, Texas is a good team to lose to."

And that's an understatement.

Texas is regarded as one of the best teams in the country and is consistently among the top five finishers at the NCAA national meet. But the Aggies weren't intimidated by the Longhorns. In fact, one Aggie swimmer defeated a world record holder who swims for Texas.

Chris O'Neil captured first place in the 100-yard butterfly and in the process defeated William Paulus, who owns the world mark in that event.

Other first-place finishers for the Aggies were Rick Walker,

who set a season's best in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:32.52, Mark Viminitz in the 100-yard breaststroke, another season's best in pool record, and Craig Lemmann in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.46.

The Texas A&M 400-yard freestyle relay team also captured first place with a time of 3:06.91.

The Aggies will meet Houston Saturday in what Nash is an important meet.

"Our goal all year long has been to pass Houston in conference and I think we have a chance to do it," he said. "I like to think that it's a very rivalry. We consider ourselves a clean-cut program built on home-grown swimmers, and they're a team that gets most of their players from another country. They're like the University of Houston at Great Britain."

Whether or not the Aggies defeat Houston Saturday, Texas A&M has made vast improvements in the past two years level of competition they've had. And Nash has taken

"I'm real pleased with progress," Nash said. "I've been getting better and better every time we swim. I think we have a good chance of finishing in front of Houston at the conference meet."

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