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Mustangs romp Aggies, 8-1

Tennis team falls to SMU

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Texas A&M has played the part of David several times while knocking off tennis Goliaths on its way to an impressive 18-4 record, but the No. 2-ranked SMU Mustangs threw a few stones of their own Tuesday in an 8-1 win over the Aggies.

There was no one weapon that wiped out Texas A&M, rather the entire SMU arsenal was lethal. From top to bottom the Mustangs flexed their muscles in an impressive win over a fiery Aggie team that didn't bow out without a battle.

Nationally-ranked No. 1 singles player Rodney Harmon showed why he is worthy of his lofty status as he defeated the No. 1 Aggie singles player Brian Joelson in straight sets 6-0, 6-1.

Texas A&M got its win in the No. 1 doubles match when Joelson and Tom Judson defeated



A&M's Kimmo Alkio lost close match against SMU

Eric Korita and Jerome Vanier 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

The doubles win was especially sweet for Judson who barely lost to Korita in the No. 2 singles match. Judson gave



Tom Judson and partner Brian Joelson won for A&M

Korita a scare, but finally lost to Korita 7-6, 7-6.

The rest of the SMU wins went like this:

Vanier defeated Judson 6-4, 6-3.

John Ross defeated Greg Hill 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

Erick Van't Hof defeated Ron Kowal 6-1, 6-3.

Mark Styslinger defeated Arnold Kettenacker 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.

Harmon and Van't Hof defeated Kowal and Hill 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

and Ross and Forsythe defeated Alkio and Barry 6-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Despite the convincing loss to SMU, Aggie head coach David Kent said Texas A&M did themselves proud against a great team.

"I feel the score is misleading," Kent said. "We played well today. Kimmo Alkio had a great match up against Eric Korita. We can make no excuses. We lost to an excellent team."

The Aggies' next match will be at home against Baylor March 31 at 1:30 p.m.

Southwest Conference officials bragging on athletic programs

United Press International
DALLAS — Southwest Conference officials are claiming bragging rights among the country's athletic conferences for having the most successful programs.

In its 1982-83 seasons, the SWC produced the only undefeated major-college football team in the country, won the NCAA indoor track championship, and had the No. 1 teams in basketball, golf, swimming and baseball. The SWC also expects to have the top tennis team when the new rankings come out next week. Highlights of the year include:

FOOTBALL: SMU was the only undefeated major-college team in the country as three SWC teams made it to post-season bowl play and won two.

BASKETBALL: Houston was ranked No. 1 nationally in the final wire-service polls of the season, with Arkansas also in the top five. Well into postseason play, Houston, Arkansas and TCU are among the 32 teams still alive in the NCAA and Na-

tional Invitational tournaments;

TRACK AND FIELD: SMU is the 1983 NCAA indoor champion as the SWC placed three teams in the top six and five in the top 32 finishers of the national meet two weeks ago. Arkansas finished third, Houston sixth, Texas Tech 26th and Baylor 32nd among the nation's 267 Division I schools. SMU's Robert Weir holds the world record in the 35-pound weight and teammate Keith Connor held the world indoor record in the triple jump until last winter. And SWC athletes have been responsible for five of the last 11 NCAA indoor and outdoor records.

SWIMMING: Texas is favored to win the NCAA championships scheduled Thursday through Saturday in Indianapolis with SMU expected to be among four schools challenging the Longhorn swimmers. Among the SWC standouts are three world record holders — Texas' William Paulus in the 100 butterfly and SMU teammates Steve Lundquist in the 100

breaststroke and Ricardo Prado in the 400 individual medley.

GOLF: Houston is ranked No. 1 in the most recent national poll of golf coaches with two other SWC entries in the top five — Texas in fourth place after winning four straight tournaments this year and Texas A&M in fifth. Houston is seeking its 15th national title and second straight. Cougar sophomore Billy Ray Brown will defend his individual NCAA title.

BASEBALL: Texas is ranked first and Houston fourth in the national poll of baseball coaches. The Longhorns are 25-7 for the season and Houston has a 27-2 record after reeling off a record string of 20 straight victories.

Texas A&M is now ranked 17th in the nation;

TENNIS: The only varsity sport in which the SWC doesn't have a champion or national leader — and that should change in the next poll of coaches due Monday. SMU is currently No. 2, but since the last poll the Mustangs scored a 7-2 victory over No. 1 Pepperdine and then followed with convincing victories over No. 3 UCLA and No. 5 USC — all on the California schools' home courts. The sweep gave SMU the ITCA national team title and the victory over UCLA was only the ninth home loss by a Bruin team in the last 24 seasons. The SWC has four teams in the top 20 and six of the top 50 singles players.

Rockets crash in San Diego, 128-98

United Press International
SAN DIEGO — San Diego and Houston are going nowhere this season but the Rockets seem to be getting there faster.

With the worst record in the NBA, 12-56, Houston ran into a buzzsaw Tuesday night in San Diego, where the Clippers are only 23-46.

San Diego blew out Houston 128-98 behind Michael Brooks' game-high 25 points to hand the Rockets their 10th loss in 11 games.

San Diego led by as many as 35 points at 109-74 with 9:42 left to play.

Lionel Hollins added 23 points, while rookie Terry Cummings had 18 and Tom Cham-

bers had 16. All three sat out the entire fourth quarter.

Houston managed to get within 12 points at 59-47 early in the second half but the Clippers went on a 27-6 scoring binge to put the game away.

Elvin Hayes had 22 points and Joe Bryant had 21, both in reserve, but only one other Rocket was in double figures.

"When you're a team that people consider poor, it seems you come into play with nothing to lose," San Diego rookie Terry Cummings said. "We played hard and it was fun. That's the way it should be. I don't think we have any quitters on this team. We could win 30 games or more this year."

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