## sports

Mustangs romp Aggies, 8-1

### Tennis team falls to SMU

by John P. Lopez

Battalion Staff
Texas A&M has played the rt of David several times while ocking off tennis Goliaths on way to an impressive 18-4 red, but the No. 2-ranked SMU istangs threw a few stones of ir own Tuesday in an 8-1 win er the Aggies.

There was no one weapon at wiped out Texas A&M, ther the entire SMU arsenal s lethal. From top to bottom Mustangs flexed their muss in an impressive win over a sty Aggie team that didn't wout without a battle.

Nationally-ranked No. 1 gles player Rodney Harmon wed why he is worthy of his status as he defeated the 1.1 Aggie singles player Brian elson in straight sets 6-0, 6-1.



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

Eric Korita and Jerome Vanier

The doubles win was espe-Texas A&M got its win in the cially sweet for Judson who went like this:

I doubles match when Joel- barely lost to Korita in the No. 2 Vanier defe n and Tom Judson defeated singles match. Judson gave 6-3.



Tom Judson and partner Brian Joelson won for A&M

Korita a scare, but finally lost to

The rest of the SMU wins

in the 400 individual medley;

in fifth. Houston is seeking its

15th national title and second straight. Cougar sophomore Billy Ray Brown will defend his individual NCAA title;

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

Vanier defeated Judson 6-4,

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-

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

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

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

"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.

in the nation; TENNIS: The only varsity

sport in which the SWC doesn't

poll the Mustangs scored a 7-2 victory over No. 1 Pepperdine

and then followed with convinc-

ing victories over No. 3 UCLA and No. 5 USC — all on the Cali-

ninth home loss by a Bruin team

in the last 24 seasons. The SWC

has four teams in the top 20 and

# Southwest Conference officials bragging on athletic programs

OALLAS — Southwest Connce officials are claiming gging rights among the ntry's athletic conferences having the most successful

In its 1982-83 seasons, the WC produced the only undefed major-college football team the country, won the NCAA door track championship, and

FOOTBALL: SMU was the cords ly undefeated major-college m in the country as three VC teams made it to postseabowl play and won two;

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

SWIMMING: Texas is favored to win the NCAA cham-BASKETBALL: Houston lis with SMU expected to be ranked No. 1 nationally in among four schools challenging the final wire-service polls of the the Longhorn swimmers. Sason, with Arkansas also in the Among the SWC standouts are p five. Well into postseason three world record holders play, Houston, Arkansas and TCU are among the 32 teams still alive in the NCAA and Na-Steve Lundquist in the 100

GOLF: Houston is ranked No. 1 in the most recent national poll of golf coaches with two have a champion or national other SWC entries in the top five leader — and that should — Texas in fourth place after winning four straight tournaments this year and Texas A&M currently No. 2, but since the last

Robert Weir holds the world re-I the No. I teams in basked. I, golf, swimming and based. The SWC also expects to the top tennis team when the triple jump until last winter. And SWC athletes have been resible for five of the last 11 NCAA indoor and outdoor re-

pionships scheduled Thursday through Saturday in Indianapo-

#### Rockets crash in San Diego, 128-98

United Press International
SAN DIEGO — San Diego entire fourth quarter. nd Houston are going nowhere is season but the Rockets seem

o be getting there faster With the worst record in the NBA, 12-56, Houston ran into a uzzsaw Tuesday night in San Diego, where the Clippers are only 23-46.

San Diego blew out Houston 28-98 behind Michael Brooks' ame-high 25 points to hand the Rockets their 10th loss in 11

San Diego led by as many as 5 points at 109-74 with 9:42 left

Lionel Hollins added 23 oints, while rookie Terry Cumnings had 18 and Tom Cham-

bers had 16. All three sat out the

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

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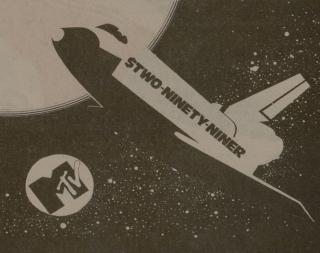
breaststroke and Ricardo Pradò Texas A&M is now ranked 17th

BASEBALL: Texas is ranked est and Houston fourth in the attional poll of baseball coaches.

BASEBALL: Texas is ranked round in the call form a schools's home courts. The sweep gave SMU the ITCA national team title and the victory over UCLA was only the

string of 20 straight victories. six of the top 50 singles players.





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