

staff photo by Guy Hood

Texas A&M's Ron Kowal

## Tennis team whips Bears by 9-0 count

If Thursday's matches are any indication of things to come, the Texas A&M tennis team should have no trouble handling Houston this weekend in a key Southwestern Conference match up.

The Aggies played consistently on both offense and defense Thursday in what ended up being an easy match for Texas A&M. Aggie coach David Kent said the convincing win over Baylor came at the perfect time.

"Our team played really well today," he said. "Today's win was a good confidence builder for the Saturday match against Houston."

The win was the most impressive triumph thus far for the Aggies in conference play. Texas A&M defeated the Bears 9-0 and was never challenged as the Aggies won every game except one in the No. 4 singles match.

In that match, Aggie Greg Hill got out of the blocks fast and defeated York Strother of Baylor 6-1, but Strother caught fire in the second game to defeat Hill by a 6-4 count. In the third game, however, Hill woke up and put Strother away 6-1 to win the match.

The rest of the matches went to Texas A&M in straight sets. Aggie No. 1 singles player Brian Joelson continued his strong play with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Baylor's Don Woods. Kimmo

Alkio and Tom Judson, the No. 2 and No. 3 singles players for Texas A&M also had good outings for the Aggies.

Alkio defeated Eddie Stricker 6-2, 6-4 and Judson defeated Mark Slingo 6-0, 6-1. The rest of the Aggie results follow:

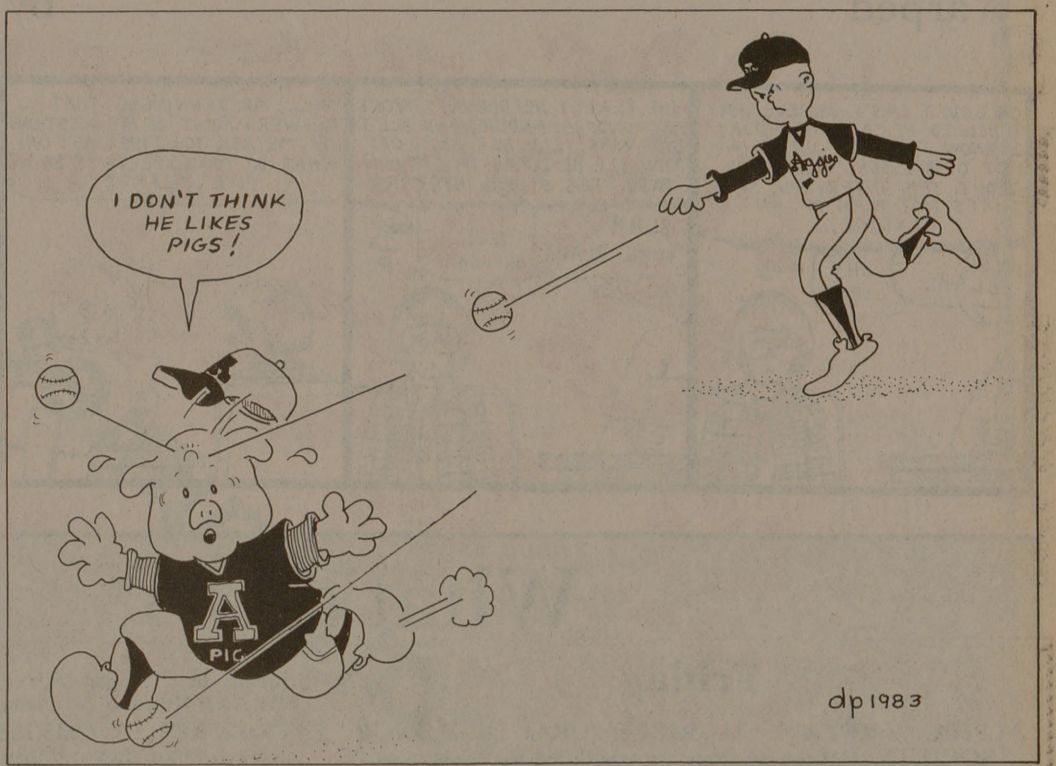
No. 5 singles — Ron Kowal (A&M) defeated Don Tittle (BU) 6-1, 6-1

No. 6 singles — Arnold Kettenacker (A&M) defeated Doug Mackinnon (BU) 6-1, 6-2

No. 1 doubles — Joelson-Judson (A&M) defeated Woods-Stricker (BU) 6-2, 7-6

No. 2 doubles — Kowal-Hill (A&M) defeated Strother-Mackinnon (BU) 6-3, 6-1

No. 3 doubles — Alkio-Van Barry (A&M) defeated Jackson-Tittle (BU) 6-2, 6-0



## Aggies

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elder Billy Cannon (.368) and right fielder Kevin Smith (.360). "We're swinging the bat pretty good," Chandler said, "but we need to blow hot and cold. Houston's pitching stopped us, and I was disappointed in that. Hopefully we can handle Arkansas a little bit better than we did Houston's pitching."

The Aggies are coming off a

5-1 victory over Lamar Tuesday in Beaumont, a victory in which Chandler praised his squad's performance. But he said that victory is no indicator of whether the Aggies are prepared for the Hogs.

## Iowa

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dine and the comforts of Malibu, Calif.

"Although it's 85 degrees today and I'm looking at the ocean and I'm in my shorts — (the Iowa job) does interest me," he said. "It's an awfully nice program with good players and a new arena."

Grant, 50, who guided a Cinderella Fresno State team to the NIT crown Wednesday, said he would consider the post if contacted by Iowa officials.

McAndrews served as Olson's assistant at Iowa from 1975-80 and attended college at St. Ambrose before moving on to Colorado Springs. He said re-

turning to Iowa would be a "great chance."

"I'm at Colorado State now and I'm just so involved here now with recruiting, I haven't had a chance to think of much else," McAndrews said. "But I would be interested if they wanted to talk with me."

Barnett, who guided VCU to a 24-7 record this season, said that, if offered, he would be "interested" in replacing Olson.

At least one coach from the high school ranks has voiced more than a mild interest in succeeding Olson — Quincy's Jerry Leggett.

An Illinois coaching legend, Leggett has graced Quincy with

a Class 2A state title and a seven-year record of 185-24. He said a move to Iowa would be a "logical step" and he said "I owe it to myself" to apply for the job.

"Iowa is on the verge of winning a national championship," Leggett said. "I think I can give Iowa a national championship in two years."

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## Press

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says. And two on one fast breaks sometimes provides dunks.

That theory has Houston's "Phi Slama Jama" front line taking notes.

Lewis has harped all week about getting his ballhandlers to look up the court first and pass first, dribble second. He tells his players by dribbling, they probably will step into a Louisville double-team.

That Cardinal sin is doubly offensive to the Cougars because — besides freshman starting guard Alvin Franklin — the Houston players are sloppy ballhandlers.

"A press usually works where you've got good dribblers," Lewis said. "Because a guy is a good dribbler, he thinks he can beat a double-team. And that's when he gets in trouble."

Louisville has used a press effectively to wear down teams and produce key steals in NCAA Tournament games.

On the other hand, the Cougars — aided by Villanova's trend to fill the backcourt with pressing defenders — heeded Lewis' admonishment and passed over the Wildcats en route to an 87-71 win in the Midwest Regional semifinal.

Even with that success, however, the Cougars still get into bad habits, Lewis said.

"You tell a kid a thousand times to look up the court first. But then there's that one time that he doesn't. He just turns around and dribbles right into it. I'm talking about any team. If you execute correctly, you can beat a press," he said.

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