

# Texas A&M The Battalion Sports

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## Aggie tennis team falls short in upset bid

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The Texas A&M women's tennis team came one victory short of an upset over Rice here Monday, but the Owls held on to a 5-4 victory.

Teresa Landry was a double loser in the dual meet at Omar Smith Tennis Center, as she defeated Eileen Curreri, 6-3, 6-2, then teamed up with junior Wendy Brockman to lose to Wendy Wood, 6-3, 6-2. Freshman Wendy Brockman, 4-6, 7-6, and Landry have now lost three in a row.

Coach Jan Cannon said the Aggie Ladies were only a victory shy of upsetting one of the Southwest Conference's top two teams.

The Aggies' senior standout, Hanna Fernandez, fell to Rice's singles star Tracy Blumentritt, 6-3, 6-1. But Texas A&M's surprising freshman, Vanna Kite, raised her individual record to an impressive 17-3 with a 2-6, 6-1 victory over Susan Rudd.

In other singles action, Closs, 6-3, 6-2 to Wendy Wood, while Laura Hanna lost to Wendy Brockman, 6-4, 6-4. Freshman Cathy Nutt dropped a 6-1, 1-6 decision to Tamara Ray.

In doubles action, Texas A&M's No. 1 combo of Fernan-

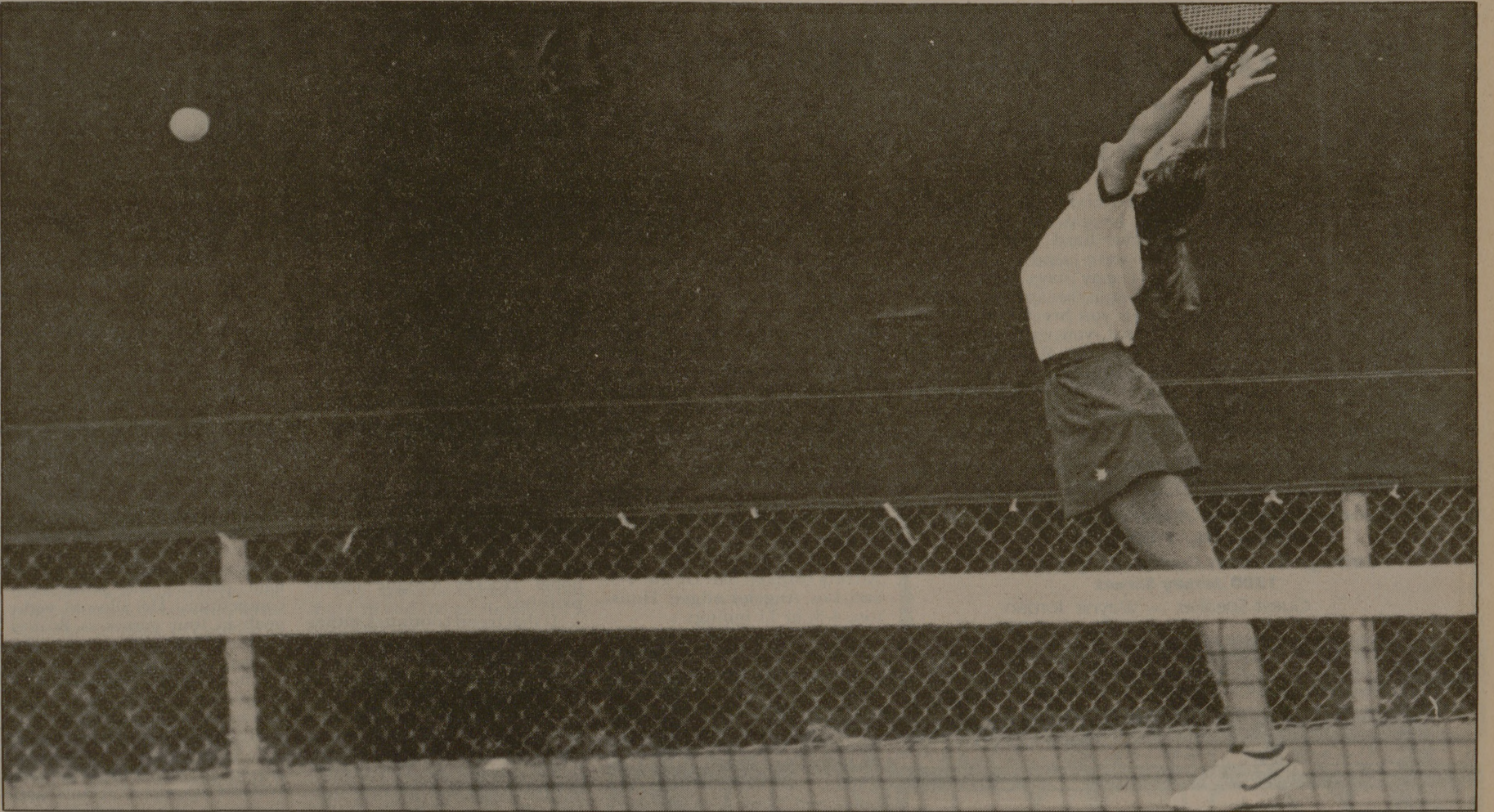
dez and Hanna toppled Blumentritt and Rudd, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, while Akagi and Nutt fell 6-4, 6-1 to Wood and Wanna Hadnot in the battle of the No. 3 doubles teams.

Fernandez and Hanna improved the No. 1 doubles team's record to 15-3 with Monday's victory.

As a team, the Aggie Ladies now stand at 14-9 this spring. Cannon said she's needed the new faces to fill in for some talent lost last year.

Cannon said she was impressed with the play Monday, as the Aggie Ladies were only a victory shy of upsetting one of the Southwest Conference's top two teams.

Next for the Aggie Ladies is TCU. That meet will begin Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Omar Smith Tennis Center. Texas A&M will then have one more dual meet against Texas in Austin before the SWC holds its tournament in Corpus Christi April 22-24. In that meet, the SWC will give championships for each team position, so there will be a champion No. 2 doubles team, No. 1 singles player, No. 2 singles player and a champion on each level.



Texas A&M tennis team member Teresa Landry throws up her hands in frustration

after missing a shot in a recent match. Landry enjoyed a more successful outing

Monday as the Aggie Lady tennis team gave the Rice Owls a scare in losing 5-4.

staff photo by Irene Mees

## Ballesteros' 69 wins Masters

United Press International

AUGUSTA, Ga. — It's a good thing Seve Ballesteros doesn't like playing on this side of the ocean.

If he did, he'd take lots of money away from American golfers.

Ballesteros earned \$90,000 Monday, by winning the Masters the second time. But he says he'll make only three more U.S. appearances this year — the Westchester Classic, the U.S. Open and the PGA Championship — because of his commitments in Europe.

"I won't even be able to play the Tournament of Champions because it's the same week as the Madrid Open," he said. "I don't like that commitment before I finish the Masters."

Tom Watson, Ballesteros' long-time partner Monday and at times his closest pursuer, said he'd like to see the long-hitting Spaniard play the U.S. tour.

"I've obviously has his reasons for not doing so," Watson said. "I get guarantees in Europe but I have to limit his play because of his back."

"One of these days," said Ballesteros, who makes his home in Santander, Spain, "I'll come over and play the tour for a year and see how good I am."

He showed that Monday

when, starting the day one shot behind co-leaders Ray Floyd and Craig Stadler, he played the first four holes in 4-under to vault into a three-stroke lead, then coasted home with a 3-under-par 69 that gave him a total of 8-under 280 and a four-shot victory over runners-up Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite, who had 68 and 69 respectively.

"To go birdie, eagle, par, birdie; to go 4 under in the first four holes, that was the key," Ballesteros said. "I don't know if that's the best start I ever had, but it was the most important."

Kite, who has been sixth or better seven times in the past eight Masters but never a winner, said: "Ballesteros got off to such a great start it put a damper on everyone's spirit. It was like he was driving a Ferrari and everyone else was driving a Chevrolet."

When he heard that, Ballesteros quipped, "Back home, I ride a bicycle."

Ballesteros, who turned 26 Saturday, said he wasn't surprised no one made a run at him after he jumped into a commanding lead. "The key on this course is you have to wait for the birdies," he said. "Try to play aggressive and this course will kill you."

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## Baseball squad drops another to Raiders

The Aggie baseball team lost its ninth Southwest Conference game in a row Monday, dropping an 11-10 decision to the Texas Tech Red Raiders in Lubbock.

For the second time in two games, Texas A&M blew a big lead in the late innings to lose. The Aggies, in last place and two games behind seventh-place TCU, now have a 2-10 league record and a 21-14 season record.

The three-game sweep gave Texas Tech a 6-6 conference record and a 16-14 overall mark.

Texas A&M, which had blown an 8-0 lead in the second game of Sunday's double-header with the Red Raiders, lost a 9-3 lead when Texas Tech pounded senior pitcher Rick Luecken with two runs in the fifth inning, two runs in the sixth and four runs in the eighth for the victory.

Luecken, whose record fell to 4-6 overall and 0-4 in the SWC, pitched 7 2/3 innings, giving up 16 of the Raiders' 17 hits and all 11 runs (10 earned). Luecken walked one and struck out four.

Texas A&M committed four errors and left 12 men on base.

Texas Tech struck first with a run in the second inning, but the Aggies tied the score in their half of the third. Texas A&M then took a 4-1 lead in the fourth, but the Raiders came

back to within 4-3 in the bottom of the fourth.

Then the Aggies broke loose for five runs in the fifth, giving them a 9-3 lead and what seemed like an easy victory. But Luecken, who's struggled all season, couldn't hold off the Texas Tech offense, as it chip-

ped away and scored the winning run in the eighth.

Jimmy Zachry, who had two home runs in Sunday's double-header, had a three-run homer in the eighth to tie the game at 10-10. For the Aggies, Tim Cartwright and Todd Edwards each had three hits, while first base-

man Buddy Haney had two hits and three RBIs.

Texas A&M hosts the Baylor Bears this weekend in a three-game series, with Friday's game scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. start and Saturday's double-header beginning at 1 p.m.

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