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# No. 7 Aggie netters see red as Cougars blush at home

By MARYBETH ROHSNER  
Sports Writer

The University of Houston is big on red. In Houston's University Park area, you can find red UH shirts, red UH banners and red UH backpacks. And, after the Texas A&M men's tennis team left Houston Tuesday, there were quite a few red UH faces — especially around the tennis courts.

The No. 7 Aggies trounced the Cougars 9-0 in dual-match play, bringing the team's overall record to 17-6. The match, which was rained out last Saturday, was the Ags' first in Southwest Conference.

"It's important to get off to a good start in the conference," said A&M Men's Coach David Kent. "We played well right across the board."

Unexpectedly, Houston's top doubles team, Steve Couch and Gerald Marzenell, did not play together Tuesday. The nation's No. 2-ranked tandem was split up for the match because of disciplinary problems with Couch.

Due to Couch's absence, the Ags' duo of Grant Connell and Kimmo Alkio, ranked No. 8 nationally, played Brent Saigeon and Greg Thyfault instead.

A&M senior Greg Hill finished with only three losses in singles, a more than adequate showing for the country's No. 86-ranked singles player.

"Greg has really been playing well lately," Kent said of the 1984 consensus All-American.

Kent reshuffled the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams after recent "embarrassing defeats," but Kent said he's satisfied with his newly-found "Dean's List." Dean Goldfine and Dean Johnson have been paired to form the Ags' No. 3 doubles team and Kent intends to "stick with it for a while."

Kent's netters, even the previously worrisome doubles, had no problems pulling off a victory away from the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

"It's difficult to beat someone 9-0 in their home courts," Kent said, "but a good team has to be able to win away from home."

The Aggies will finish the SWC season with a series of road trips, but for now, they're home to stay. A&M hosts Baylor Friday and No. 8 Texas on Saturday.

"We're used to playing two tough matches on successive days," Kent said. "We get hyped up and stay hyped up."

Back in College Station, the A&M women netters started out hyped against TCU, but just couldn't stay hyped the entire match.

The Horned Frogs edged the Aggies 4-5 in dual-match play. The women finished singles play leading 4-2, but didn't pull out enough of the three remaining doubles matches to take the match.

"We were very even with TCU," said A&M Women's Coach Jan Baldwin. "The breaks just went (TCU's) way."

Despite losses in the all three doubles matches, Baldwin won't adjust the alignment.

"We've had some losses in doubles, but we've also had some very good wins," Baldwin said.

The No. 25 A&M women will host Oklahoma City at the Royal Oaks Racquet Club on Saturday. But first, the women will have to recover from yesterday's loss.

"We wanted to win very badly," Baldwin said. "When you come that close and don't win, it's disappointing."

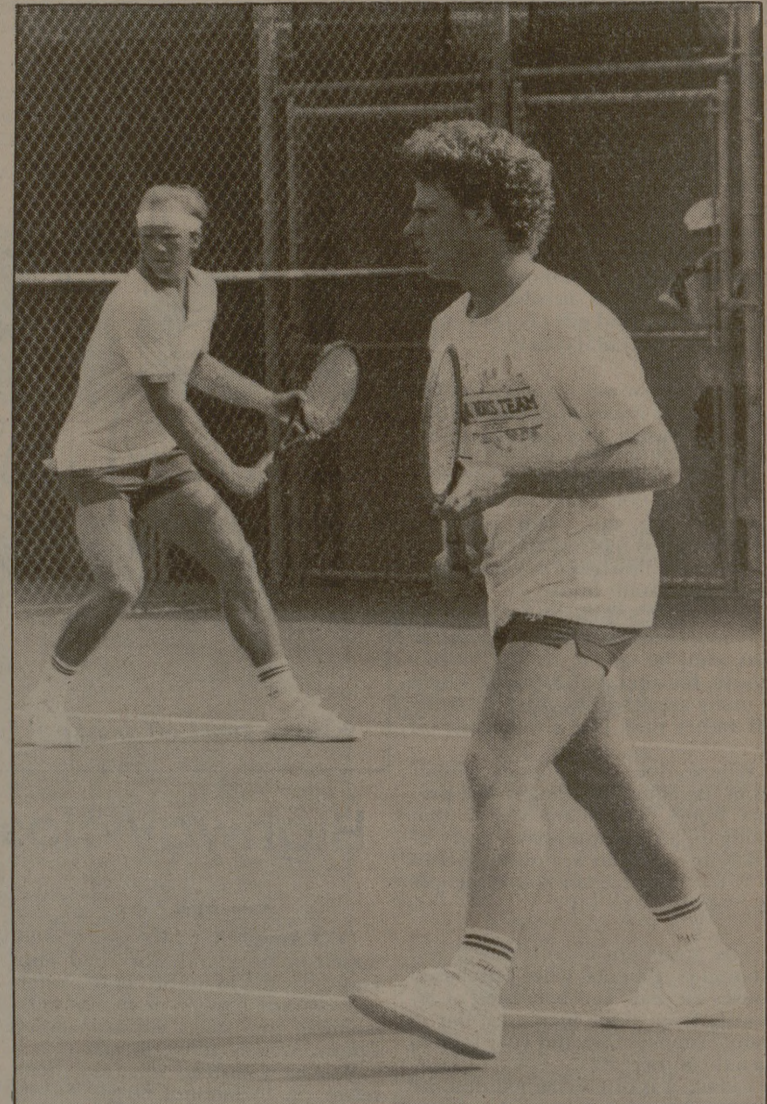


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A&M's doubles team of Greg Hill (left) and Marcel Vos (right) had no trouble with their Houston counterparts Tuesday, easily winning in No. 2 doubles. The No. 7 Ags downed the Cougars 9-0 in Houston, improving their record to 17-6.

**A&M 9, Houston 0**

**Men's Singles Results:**  
No. 1 singles — A&M's Grant Connell defeated UH's Gerald Marzenell, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; No. 2 singles — A&M's Greg Hill def. UH's Brent Saigeon, 6-0, 6-3; No. 3 singles — A&M's Kimmo Alkio def. UH's Earl Zinn, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4 singles — A&M's Marcel Vos def. UH's Greg Thyfault, 6-2, 6-3; No. 5 singles — A&M's Mark Smith def. UH's Ilmar Multi, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; No. 6 singles — A&M's Dean Goldfine def. UH's Alex Stevens, 6-0, 7-6.

**Men's Doubles Results:**  
No. 1 doubles — A&M's Connell-Alkio def. UH's Saigeon-Thyfault, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2 doubles — A&M's Vos-Hill def. UH's Multi-Stevens, 6-3, 7-6; No. 3 doubles — A&M's Goldfine-Johnson def. UH's Marzenell-Zinn, 6-4, 6-3.

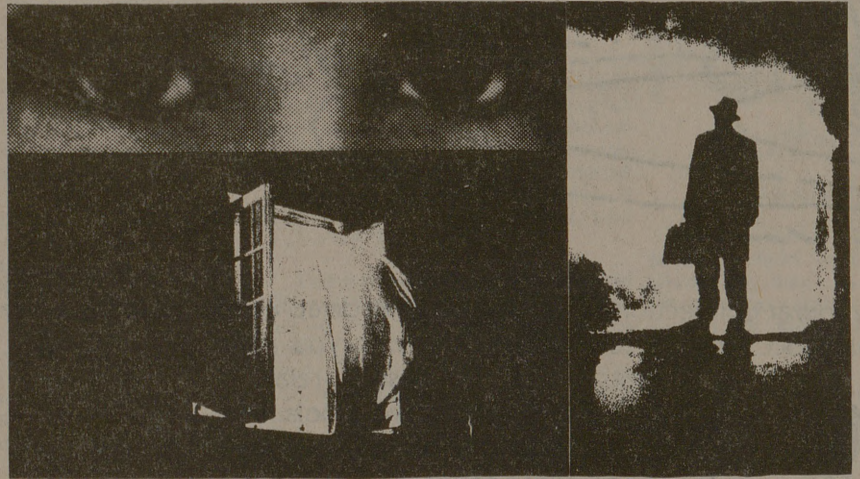
**A&M 4, TCU 5**

**Women's Singles Results:**  
No. 1 singles — TCU's Teresa Dobson defeated A&M's Vanne Akagi, 7-5, 6-3; No. 2 singles — A&M's Nandini Rangarajan def. TCU's Rene Simpson, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; No. 3 singles — A&M's Kim Lambuschagne def. TCU's Lisa Riefkohl, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; No. 4 singles — A&M's Gaye Lynn Gensler def. TCU's Laurie Rapp, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; No. 5 singles — A&M's Helen Christiaanse def. TCU's Marnie Ochoa, 6-1, 6-3; No. 6 singles — A&M's Laura Liong def. TCU's Molly Mourigan, 7-6, 6-1.

**Women's Doubles Results:**  
No. 1 doubles — TCU's Simpson-Dobson def. A&M's Akagi-Gensler, 7-6, 6-4; No. 2 doubles — TCU's Olmeda-Rapp def. A&M's Rangarajan-Liong, 6-2, 7-5; No. 3 doubles — TCU's Ochoa-Riefkohl def. A&M's Christiaanse-Labuschagne, 7-6, 7-5.

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# Villanova proves it's difficult to repeat as NCAA champs

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The NCAA basketball tournament again has shown that winning successive national titles is not easy, no matter how good the team.

Defending champion Georgetown, the top-ranked team in the nation led by All-America Patrick Ewing, found that out Monday night in losing to unranked Villanova, a 9½-point underdog, 66-64.

Before a frenzied crowd of 23,124 in Rupp Arena, it took a superb effort by the Wildcats — a tournament record 78.6 field goal percentage against the nation's best defensive team — to upend the Hoyas.

"I knew we were going good," said Villanova forward Dwayne McClain, the game's high scorer with 17 points, "but it was really incredible shooting 90 percent in the second half."

The Wildcats, beaten twice by Georgetown in close games during the Big East Conference regular season (52-50 in overtime and 57-50), connected on nine of 10 shots in the second half, and hit 22 of 28 overall, while sinking 22 of 27 shots from the free-throw line for the game.

"Were they perfect?" asked Hoyas Coach John Thompson, who got his team into the championship game in

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— Villanova Basketball Coach Rollie Massimino

three of the four years during the Ewing era and won the Big East tournament this season. "Look at the percentage. They couldn't get much better."

Georgetown came closer than any team in recent years seeking to become the first school in 12 years to win two consecutive national titles.

UCLA was the last to do it, running off seven in a row through 1973. Oklahoma A&M and Kentucky each won two straight during the 1940s and San Francisco, 1955-56, and Cincinnati, 1961-62, matched them.

"Everyone of you people said we had no shot, we shouldn't even have played," said Rollie Massimino, the Wildcats' coach, "but we were the only one to hold them under 60 (points) all year."

"I wanted my players to think of two things before the game," Massimino said. "One, not to play with the idea not to lose, but play to win. And second, I wanted them to tell themselves they were good enough to win. In a one-shot deal, you can beat anyone in the United States."

Only Big East rivals St. John's and Syracuse had beaten the Hoyas this season — by a total of three points. Georgetown, which had a 17-game winning streak snapped by the Wildcats, finished at 35-3.

Villanova, 25-10, was the only team not ranked in The Associated Press Top 20 ever to win the crown. The upset ranked with North Carolina State (26-10) beating Houston's Phi Slama Jama squad 54-52 in the 1983 championship game.

During Ewing's career, the Hoyas won 121 games and lost only 23. Included among the setbacks was a 63-62 loss to North Carolina in the 1982 NCAA title game.

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