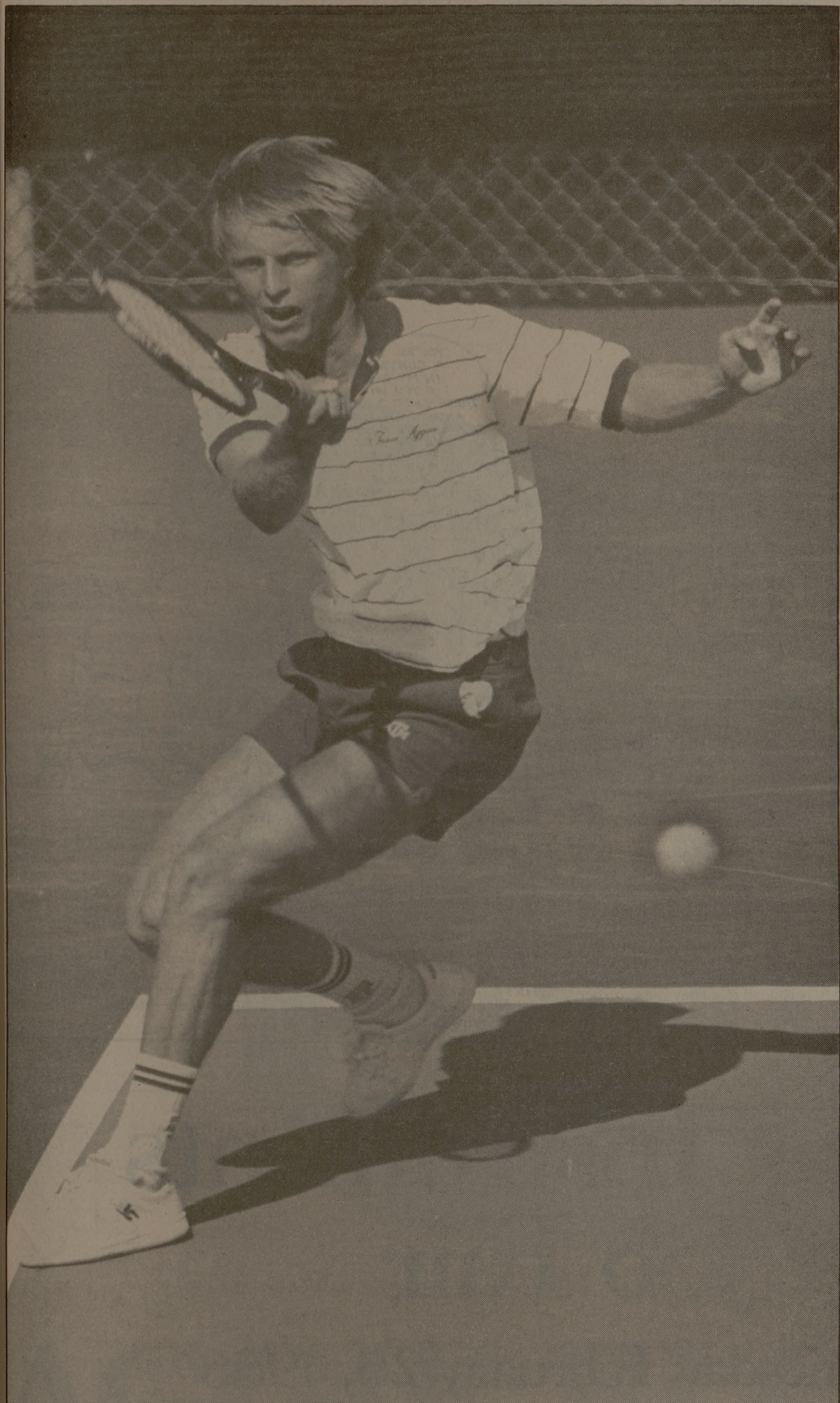


Ag netters go 3-1 over weekend



A&M's No. 1 singles player, Kimmo Alkio, returns a volley during his 6-1, 6-1 victory Saturday

over Arkansas-Little Rock's Anders Mansson. Alkio's record is now 10-0 in spring singles play.

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No. 3 Trinity blanks A&M women, 9-0

By KEN SURY
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The Texas A&M tennis teams stayed undefeated at home this weekend, but the Aggie women were trounced in San Antonio by the nation's third-ranked team.

A&M Women's Tennis Coach Bobby Kleinecke said the Aggies were outclassed Saturday, 9-0, by No. 3 Trinity, which has five of its six singles players ranked among the country's Top 50.

"It's difficult to judge where we stand after those matches," Kleinecke said. "We played a little flat, but then Trinity has a really good team. They beat (No. 5) Texas 7-2."

Kleinecke said his biggest concern now is the team's opening conference matches at Houston Tuesday.

"I think (the loss to Trinity) will make them a little hungry," he said. "The matches against Houston will probably go 5-4 — one way or the other."

"They're just barely ahead of us in the rankings (UH is No. 22, while A&M is No. 25). We'll just have to see who plays better Tuesday."

At home Friday, the Aggie women had little problems in stopping Louisiana Tech, winning 9-0. The only match to go to three sets was the No. 2 doubles contest which Kim Labuschagne and Karen Marshall won 5-7, 6-0, 6-2 over Tech's Jill Urban and Pam Arledge.

In the other half of Friday's dual meet, the No. 15 A&M men defeated Tech 5-2 before darkness forced the cancellation of the No. 1 and 3 doubles matches.

In the No. 2 doubles match, freshman Brent Haygarth and senior Kimmo Alkio beat Tech's Mike Whittington and Franz Kaiser 6-3, 6-1.

The only singles defeats for the Aggies Friday were Haygarth's 6-3, 0-6, 6-3 loss to Trevor Salton, and sophomore Chris Stanich's loss to Alan Trivett 6-2, 6-4.

But Haygarth and Stanich came through against Arkansas-Little Rock Saturday, helping the Aggies post a 5-4 victory.

Haygarth defeated Robert McCluskey 7-5, 7-5 in the No. 5 singles match, while Stanich handed Maganus Mobius a 6-4, 6-1 setback.

On Saturday's win, A&M Men's Tennis Coach David Kent said, "We played good, scrappy tennis. . . We won a lot of the close matches, which you have to do when you play the tough teams."

Alkio, despite tendinitis in his right shoulder, stretched his unbeaten spring singles mark to 10-0 with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Anders Mansson.

A&M's No. 1 singles player dropped only three games the entire day as he and doubles partner Haygarth beat Mobius and McCluskey 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 2 doubles match.

Alkio and junior Marcel Vos usually are the Aggies' No. 2 tandem, but pulled muscles have sidelined Vos the past two weeks.

Kent said he hopes Vos is healthy for Thursday's Southwest Conference opener in Waco against Baylor.

N.C. State, Purdue trip up top-ranked teams

Associated Press

No. 20 North Carolina State and unranked Purdue sprang upsets in college basketball Sunday, while No. 9 Syracuse escaped with a 64-63 victory over No. 13 Georgetown.

Led by sophomore Chris Washburn's 26 points, N.C. State sent top-ranked North Carolina to its second straight loss, 76-65, in Atlantic Coast Conference play at Raleigh.

N.C. State raised its record to 18-9, 7-6, while North Carolina, 25-3, 9-

3, dropped into a second-place ACC tie with Georgia Tech behind Duke, which the Tar Heels visit next Sunday.

Host Purdue tripped No. 15 Indiana 85-68, as the Hoosiers lost sole possession of first place in the Big Ten. Todd Mitchell scored 24 points as Purdue pulled to within a half-game of Indiana and Michigan for the Big Ten lead.

At Syracuse, Dwayne Washington's 24 points, including a free

throw for the game-winner, paced the Orangemen, who solidified their hold on first place in the Big East with a 13-1 mark, 22-3 overall.

Three Top 20 teams were upset Saturday — Florida State beat No. 4 Memphis State 82-80, DePaul tripped No. 6 St. John's 81-72, and Southern Mississippi beat No. 18 Virginia Tech 69-66.

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 2 Duke defeated No. 10

Oklahoma 93-84; No. 3 Kansas stopped Kansas State 84-69; No. 5 Georgia Tech trimmed Maryland 77-70; No. 7 Michigan whipped Alabama-Birmingham 62-54; No. 8 Kentucky whipped Georgia 80-75; No. 11 Nevada-Las Vegas rolled past Fresno State 72-56; No. 12 Bradley beat Wichita State 74-64; No. 14 Notre Dame crushed Miami, Fla., 126-73; No. 16 Louisville routed Houston 76-59, and Navy defeated Army 55-52 in overtime.

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