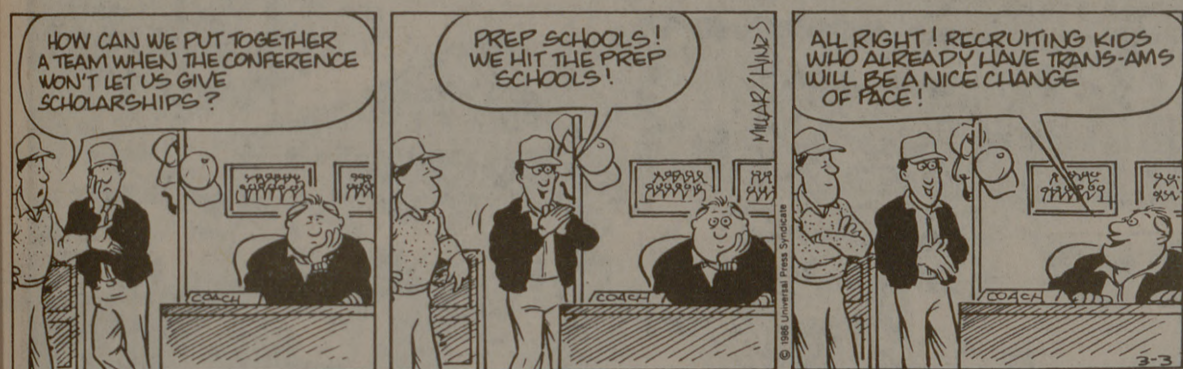


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# No. 18 A&M trips Trinity with strong singles play

Aggies rebound from early SWC loss, tag Tigers 6-3

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The No. 18 Texas A&M men's tennis team bounced back from a disappointing Southwest Conference loss to Baylor last Thursday to stop No. 21 Trinity, 6-3, Saturday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

The Aggies won four of their six singles matches as Kimmo Alkio, Mark Smith, Marcel Vos and Chris Stanich all won in straight sets.

Alkio, A&M's No. 1 singles player, defeated Trinity's Fanie Reinach 6-1, 6-4 to improve his spring singles record to 12-0.

"It's amazing at this point of the

**Men's Tennis**

season to have someone undefeated." A&M Men's Tennis Coach David Kent said of Alkio. "That shows the credit you have to give to his play."

Alkio is currently ranked the No. 27 singles player in the country.

Smith, ranked 71st in singles, helped set the tone for the day's wins, Kent said, with his 6-2, 7-6 victory over Trinity's Dexter McBride.

But McBride received some satisfaction in the No. 1 doubles match as he and Reinach handed Smith and

teammate Russ Simmons a 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 loss in the most exciting match of the day.

Smith and Simmons twice battled back from match-point games to head into a tiebreaker. The two tandems fought back and forth until Reinach and McBride won the last game and the match on points, 10-8.

Alkio and Vos beat Trinity's Frank Grannis and Chris Greer 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 2 doubles match, while A&M's Dean Johnson and Dean Goldfine, who both had lost their singles matches, defeated Grayson Underwood and Chad Marsh 6-3, 6-4.

The A&M men will compete in the 18th Annual H.E.B. College Tennis Team Championships in Corpus Christi Wednesday through Saturday.

**Women's Tennis**

The 23rd-ranked A&M women's tennis team, meanwhile, looked unstoppable this weekend as they blasted both Southwest Texas State and Baylor with 9-0 victories.

At the Omar Smith Tennis Center Friday, the only match to go three sets was the No. 1 singles as Vane Akagi beat SWTSU's Maria Ledezma 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. Akagi also posted a three-set win over BU's Jennifer Forti Saturday at the Royal Oaks Racquet Club in Bryan to up her spring singles record to 9-2.

A&M's No. 3 singles player, Gaye Lynne Gensler, helped pace the team's strong performance Saturday with a 6-0, 6-0 win over BU's Shelly Fowler.

"Gaye Lynne really played great," A&M Women's Tennis Coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "Any time you win 6-0 in college, that's fine playing."

Gensler's singles record moves to 8-2 in spring action.

Akagi and Gensler, A&M's 16th-ranked doubles team, evened its SWC mark at 1-1, with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over BU's Jean Carder and Jennifer Forti.

More importantly for the A&M women, the 9-0 win keeps them in the early SWC title race, since Baylor took two matches from No. 4 Texas Wednesday.

The SWC champion is determined by which team earns the most points in match and tournament play. Each match win is worth one point toward that goal.

Kleinecke said the win over Baylor and the 7-2 victory over Houston Tuesday has the team on its way.

"It seems like we're peaking at the right time," Kleinecke said.

Thursday through Saturday the women will play matches in Florida. The Aggie women battle Rollins Thursday, No. 24 South Florida Friday and Mississippi Saturday.

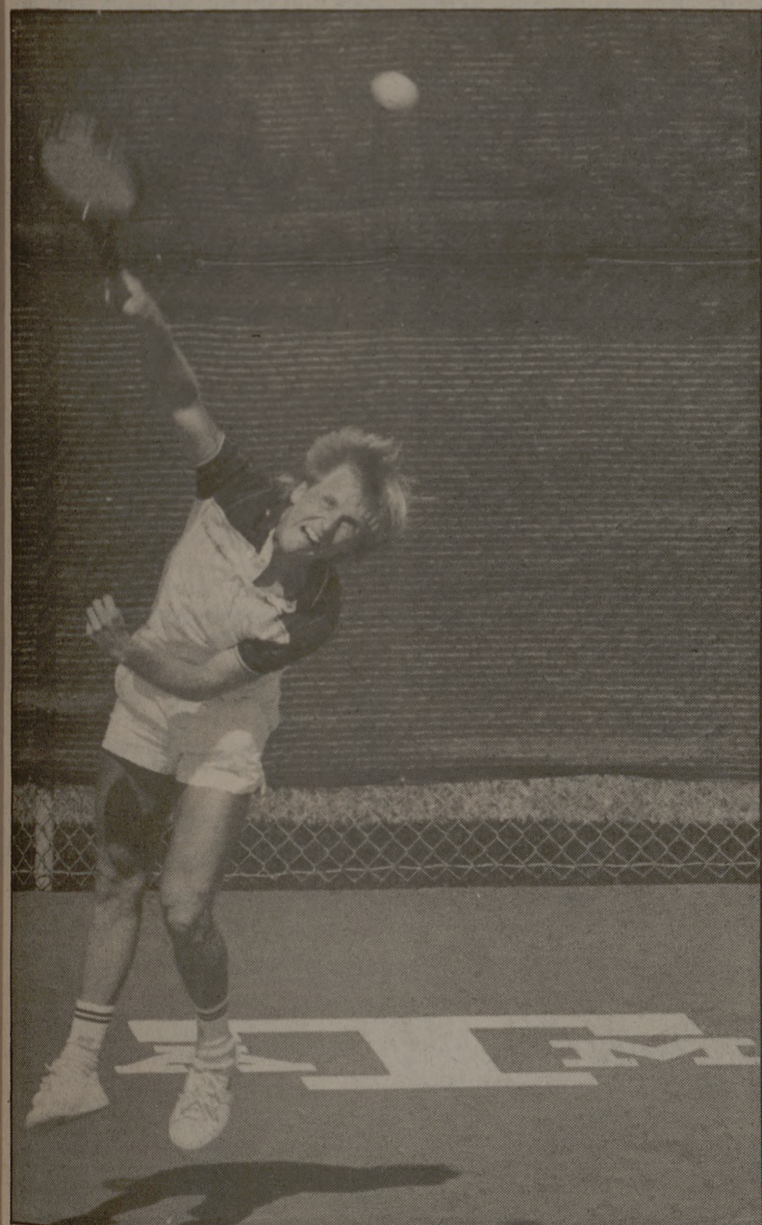


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A&M's Kimmo Alkio, who remains undefeated in spring singles play at 12-0, blasts a serve over the net Saturday against Trinity.

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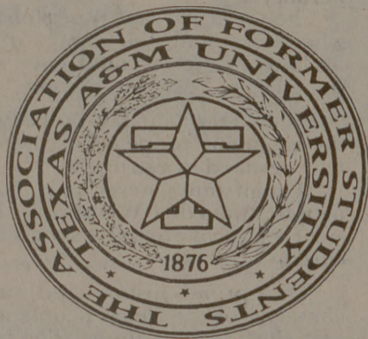
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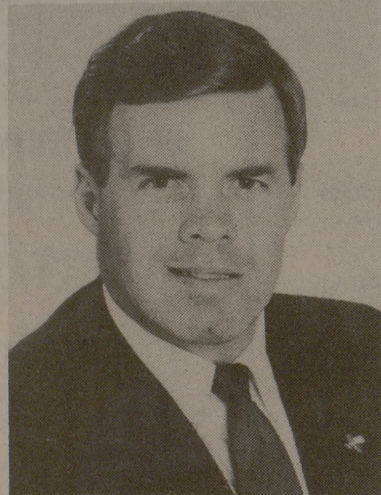
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