

What you may have missed . . .

Editor's note: While Texas A&M students have been on spring break, the Aggie sports teams have been hard at play. Charean Williams and Ken Sury, assistant sports editors, and Tom Tagliabue, sports writer, compiled a few Aggie Notes to catch you up.

Women's Tennis

Texas A&M women's tennis team was astounding everyone, including themselves, as they knocked off 10th-ranked Texas and No. 6 Northwestern over spring break before losing to No. 18 Kentucky Wednesday.

"It's almost like we needed (the loss to Kentucky)," A&M women's tennis coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "We're not a Top 10 team even though we defeated two Top 10 teams. It brought us back to reality."

The 5-4 win against Texas upped the Aggies' Southwest Conference record to 4-0. It also marked the first time the Aggie women have ever defeated the Longhorns, who came into A&M's Omar Smith Tennis Center with a 27-match SWC win streak.

That confidence-building win carried into the Aggies 6-3 match victory over Northwestern.

Paced by Gaye Lynne Gensler's win over Stephanie Lighvoet, the No. 44 singles player, the Aggies were ahead 4-2 after the end of singles play.

Gensler and Vanne Akagi, A&M's 18th-ranked doubles team, lost to the third-ranked duo of Katrina Adams and Diane Donnelly. However, the Aggies' No. 2 tandem of Kim Labuschagne and Karen Marshall and the No. 3 team of Laura Long and Julie Vaughan sewed up the victory.

But the giant-slaying didn't last as too many Aggie mistakes enabled Kentucky to beat the Aggies, 6-3.

Kleinecke said the loss will probably help the team as it heads into the second half of SWC play.

"There's a long road ahead of us," Kleinecke said. "But so far we've improved as a team after losing — we learn from our mistakes."

The Aggies play No. 15 Brigham Young Thursday in the Brigham Young Invitational at Provo, Utah.

Men's Tennis

Despite dropping a 7-2 decision to seventh-ranked Texas in Austin March 15, the Texas A&M men's tennis team rebounded at home last Tuesday to defeat 19th-ranked Michigan 6-3.

Against Texas, only Dean Goldfine and Chris Stanich posted victories in the singles competition. Even more disappointing for the No. 21 Aggies was the loss of No. 2 singles player Mark Smith who aggravated his back during the singles play and may be lost for the entire year.

"It's really a crushing blow," A&M men's tennis coach David Kent said. "He's had a problem with a shifting in his back and it was just too painful for him to play. He's played in pain all year."

"We'll really miss him, especially in doubles, but we've got good replacements in Brent Haygarth and Chris Stanich."

In A&M's win over Michigan, the Aggies swept the singles matches, but dropped all three of the doubles matches.

"We were a little flat after going 6-0 in singles," Kent said, "but it was still a good win against Michigan."

The men travel to Montgomery, Ala., this week for the Blue-Gray Team Tennis Tournament. They open play against No. 16 Georgia Thursday.

Baseball

The Texas A&M baseball team went to bask in the Hawaiian sun over spring break, but came away a little burned.

The Aggies could only muster a 1-4 record on the islands.

The nationally-ranked Hawaii Rainbows handed the Aggies their third loss in a row with a 14-4 beating. Russ Swan (1-3) took the loss. The Aggies and Dale Barry ended the losing streak by beating the Rainbows 4-3. But Hawaii rebounded and handed the Ags another loss, this time 7-6 as Darryl Fry fell to 5-3.

The Aggies took on Hawaii-Hilo and got swept in a two-game series, 3-1 and 1-0. Kyle Atkinson and Gary Geiger took the losses.

Softball

The No. 6 Texas A&M softball team went on a West Coast swing this past week.

Highlight of the trip came when

Austin, but had to settle for its familiar fourth-place finish.

The Aggies were only behind Arkansas by one and a half points after the second day of competition, but the Razorbacks pulled away with 17 more points than the Aggies on the final day of the meet.

Texas won the meet for the seventh straight year, with 973 points to Arkansas' 702. Arkansas scored 428.5, while A&M finished at 410 points.

A&M's Chris O'Neil won the 100-yard butterfly for the second year in a row. His time of 47.59 seconds was .01 off his SWC record. O'Neil also finished sixth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Behind O'Neil, the Aggies' next best finish in the meet was Rance Boren's third place in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a personal best of 15:34.51.

Scott McDonald set two A&M records in the individual medley (IM) swims. His time of 3:59.15 in the 400-yard IM earned him a fifth-place finish and his 1:51.69 in the 200-yard IM netted seventh.

Holt, Wesley, Pervis and Dunn picked up a third-place finish with a time of 7:26.46.

A&M landed another third-place finish as Craig Calkran a 51.82 in the 400 meter hurdles.

The Aggies 4x100 meter relay team qualified for the NCAA national meet when they sprinted to a 39.84 in the pre-lims, but the team of Laurence Felton, Heard, Archie Roberts and Kerr failed to place when they dropped the baton in the finals.

Francisco Oliveras placed fifth in the triple jump.

The Aggie women's team placed in five different events.

Cassandra Perkins claimed second in the discus with a throw of 143 feet. Teammate Kay McMurray placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 138 feet.

Vernell Dunn placed fourth in the shot with a put of 45 feet, 5 inches.

Beth Drees earned a third place finish in the 5,000 meters, while Michelle Rosynek placed fifth in the 10,000 meters.

A&M Assistant Coach Ted Nelson was pleased with the team effort.

"We're very pleased with all the relays we ran," Nelson said. "We felt like we really competed well in those events — we were within three or four yards of winning those relays."

We were very pleased that our young kids did a good job for us competing for the first time we had gone outdoors."

Men's Golf

The Texas A&M men golfers finished third in the Rafael Alarcon Intercollegiate Golf Tournament March 14-16 in Guadalajara, Mexico, with a three-day 846 total.

The Aggies' top finisher was Jeff Marget who came in fourth with a 79-71-69 — 209, three strokes behind individual champion Chris Kite of Wake Forest.

No. 1-ranked Oklahoma State won the tourney with a 839 while Texas finished second with a 842.

A&M played the first round of the Louisiana Classic in Lafayette, La., Sunday and will close out the two-day tourney today.

Women's Golf

The Texas A&M women golfers finished 17th in the McDonalds-Betsy Rawls Classic March 14-16 in Austin, finishing with a three-day total of 896.

Angela Atkins was the Aggies' top finisher, coming in ninth with a 226.

Fiona Connor fired a 235, Hollie Frizzell a 242, Ann Thompson a 252, and Adriana Penuela a 265 for the defending Southwest Conference Champions.

Tulsa won the event for the fifth straight year.

The Aggies next play in the Lady Mustang Roundup at Dallas' Lake-wood Country Club Wednesday.

Rifle Team

Texas A&M freshman Annette Tyler and sophomore Eric Uptagrafft were named small-bore All-Americans and Maj. Richard Pitts was named coach of the year at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., March 14-16.

The A&M rifle team, which had the only non-scholarship squad in the eight-team competition, took eighth in the championships.

"They worked really hard to get (to the championships)," Pitts said. "It's quite an honor just to be allowed to go."

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the Aggies battled No. 1 Cal-State Fullerton last Monday, coming away with a split of the double-header.

The first game was a 1-0 win for the Titans, but the second game belonged to the Ags and pitcher Shawn Andaya.

Andaya tossed a two-hitter, struck out 12 and didn't issue a walk. And with the game scoreless in the top of the 12th, Andaya got things rolling with a lead-off single and then scored the only run of the game on a passed ball.

Bob Brock's Ags play at home for the first time this season when they take on Minnesota in a double-header beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Men's Swimming

The Texas A&M men's swimming team hoped to claim its highest placing ever in the Southwest Conference Swimming Championships in

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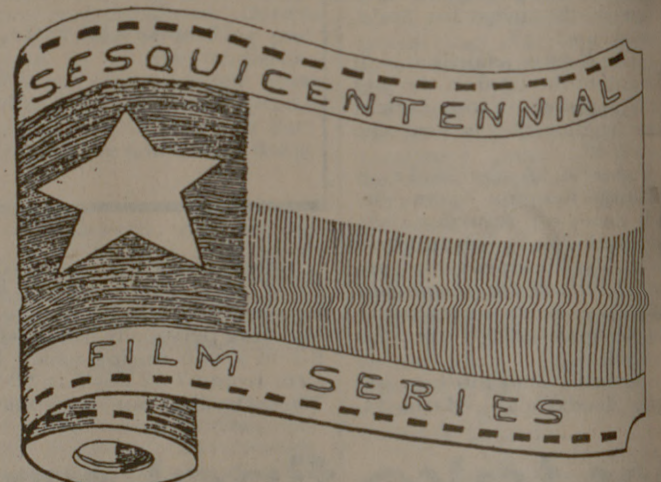
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