

Sports

Aggies set to return to conference action

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After a few so-so non-conference showings the past two weeks, the Texas A&M men's tennis team finds itself back in the thick of the Southwest Conference schedule this weekend.

No. 24 A&M hosts Texas Tech today at 1:30 p.m. at the Omar Smith

Men's Tennis

Tennis Center. But the big matches here will be Saturday when No. 10 Texas Christian faces A&M, again at 1:30 p.m.

"We're determined this weekend to get off the ground," A&M Men's Tennis Coach David Kent said.

"We're currently 24th (in the national H.I.T.S. List). They only rank 25 teams, so if we don't get busy it's, 'Adios, A&M.'"

The Aggies are off to an 0-2 SWC start after dropping dual matches to Baylor and Texas. The Red Raiders likewise are 0-2 with losses to SMU and Arkansas.

TCU currently is 1-0 with a victory over Houston.

Kent said the Aggies need to play consistent tennis in their SWC matches.

"We've been up and down too much," Kent said. "To win in the conference, you have to have six guys playing well all the time."

"But I think we can win both matches this weekend. I'm excited about it."

The No. 23 A&M women's tennis team was rained out at the Omar Smith Tennis Center Thursday in its matches with Southwestern Louisiana.

Only A&M's Kim Labuschagne finished her match, a 6-3, 6-0 win over Mandy Webber in the No. 2 singles spot. In four of the five other singles matches, the Aggies won the first set before rain canceled the matches.

Because the other matches weren't completed, Labuschagne's win does not count.

The Aggies are in action at 9:30 a.m. Saturday against New Mexico at Bryan's Royal Oaks Racquet Club.

A&M trio's hitting hexes Baylor

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Texas A&M's Mary Schwind, Judy Trussell and Carrie Heightly combined to deliver just what Coach Bob Brock had ordered — hits.

The three punched out nine of the Aggies' 18 hits in a 3-0, 3-0 sweep of Baylor Thursday night at the A&M

Softball

Field. Having given up only two earned runs all season, the No. 3 Aggies went into the game against the Bears looking for hits, runs and two wins. And three was a charm.

"I was really pleased with the way we hit the ball," Brock said. "Our big gun, Liz (Mizera), didn't hit the ball well tonight, but they picked her up. If we keep hitting the ball like this, we'll be in good shape."

In the first game, both Heightly and Schwind went 3-for-3 in the Aggies' 11-hit barrage off Baylor pitcher Misty Davis, 3-11.

Schwind got things started in the second with a single and was sent home by right fielder Debbie Rollman's single to left.

In the fourth inning, it was Heightly's turn.

The Aggie catcher tripled into right-center field and put A&M up 2-0 when shortstop Donna Pilant overthrew third baseman Jenny Campbell.

A&M's final run came in the sixth after left fielder Cindy Foster singled, stole second and moved to third on a fielder's choice. Heightly then punched a RBI single up the middle for the final 3-0 margin.

And as if anyone didn't notice, pitcher Shawn Andaya tossed her third no-hitter of the year.

"Shawn has been awfully tough," Brock said. "She hasn't given up an earned run this year even though she has four losses."



Photo by Anthony S. Casper

A&M's Judy Trussell eyes Baylor first baseman Stephanie Zohar (9) in a rundown during Thursday's first game. The Ags banged out 11 hits while only giving up one in a sweep of the Bears.

As hard as it was for Andaya, 12-4, to hold onto the rain-soaked ball, the junior All-American made sure the Baylor hitters had an even harder time.

Andaya ended the game with 11 strikeouts and gave up two walks.

"I was worried about the rain," Andaya said. "The ball was so slick, I was having kind of a hard time."

In the second game, Schwind again got the Aggie engine running smoothly, this time with a

double. A Foster sacrifice fly gave A&M a 1-0 lead.

Another Schwind double to left-center field scored Mizera in the fourth for a 2-0 score.

The Aggies' final run came in the sixth when A&M third baseman Cindy Cooper slapped a single to left and scored on a Heightly sacrifice fly.

"We really needed the hits," said Trussell who went 3-for-3 in the second game. "Our pitching has been there. We just haven't been getting the hitting."

A&M pitcher Julie Carpenter,

who no-hit Baylor earlier in the season, used her renowned change up to leave the Bears hitters literally falling on their faces in the second game.

The freshman, 10-3, pitched a one-hitter and struck out seven.

But the big story was the senior Schwind who broke out of her hitting slump. "Mary has been one of our big sticks over the years," Brock said. "But this year, she's had a hard time hitting the ball. We worked really hard with her this week and she responded."

Ags 10th in Houston tourney

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas A&M stands in 10th place out of 24 teams after Thursday's first round of the 32nd All-American Intercollegiate Invitational golf tournament.

A 2-under-par 70 by freshman Craig Perks gave Oklahoma a one-shot lead over Oklahoma State and third-ranked Houston.

Men's Golf

UH junior Tray Tyner tied Perks for the individual lead. Both were a stroke ahead of Oklahoma State senior Scott Verplank, winner of last year's PGA Western Open.

Arkansas was fourth in team rankings at 295 and Texas Christian fifth at 296. Next were Arizona at

300, Lamar at 301, Sam Houston State at 303, Texas at 305, A&M at 306, and Rice and Missouri at 307.

Thursday's 20 mph-plus winds made play challenging on the Bear Creek Golf World layout.

Tyner did well on the first nine holes and held on at the end of his round despite the onset of darkness, which brought on eye strain, he said.

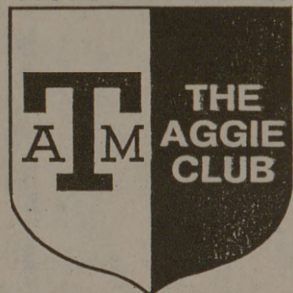
Tyner birdied the sixth and ninth holes, and only an 11th-hole bogey prevented him from claiming the lead outright.

Perks, a New Zealand native, said the wind didn't bother him.

"I seem to be able to cope better in the wind," Perks said.

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