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A&M cross country men take 4th



Photo by Mike Sanchez

A&M's Jeanette Reed completes the 5,000-meter women's race in Thursday's Aggie Invitational.

The Texas A&M men grabbed fourth place and the Aggie women took fifth in the rain-soaked Aggie Invitational held at the A&M polo fields Thursday.

The meet was originally scheduled for the A&M golf course, but the weather conditions forced the move to the polo grounds.

North Texas State University won the 11-team men's competition behind the running of winner Jonah Ngeny who finished with a time of 25 minutes and 20 seconds.

North Texas State scored 63 points under the inverted scoring system. Baylor University and Houston Baptist University were tied for second with 96 points apiece, while host A&M scored 123 points for its fourth-place finish.

Top individuals for A&M were Calvin Gaziano, who grabbed fourth with a 25:45 clocking, and Huey Treat, who took sixth at 25:59.

In the women's competition, Michelle Dekkers of the University of Houston won the 5,000-meter race with a time of 17:25. She paced a Houston squad that took four of the top six places in the event.

Houston had 35 points, while the University of Texas at San Antonio was second at 51. Rice University came in third at 66; Pan American University finished fourth at 85 and A&M's 151 points netted fifth.

A&M tennis teams in tournament action

By Loyd Brumfield
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The Texas A&M men's and women's tennis teams have a busy weekend ahead of them as both are involved in important tournaments. The men's team travels to Lubbock to compete in the Southwest Conference Indoor Tennis Tournament while the women's team is at the Louisiana State University Invitational Tennis Tournament.

A&M men's coach David Kent said his team should be ready for the tournament, which begins today and runs through Sunday.

"We'll have an outstanding team (for the spring)," he said. "Workouts have been great."

Kent said the only problem with the team is that senior Marcel Vos, the team's No. 1 player, will miss the

tournament because of a groin injury.

Seniors Dean Goldfine and Dean Johnson, and sophomore Brent Haygarth enter the tournament in A&M's top three positions, Kent said.

Kent said he expects Texas to be the stiffest challenge for his team. Other teams in the six-team field include Baylor, Rice, Houston, and Texas Tech.

Bobby Kleinecke, coach of the women's team, said he expects his squad to have its hands full in Baton Rouge.

"It's going to be a very strong tournament," he said. "This will give us a chance to really see what we've got."

Injuries have plagued the team recently, but Kleinecke said the team

should be well enough to play.

"We have only four players who are completely healthy," he said. "The other half is playable."

The only seeded entry for A&M is the doubles team of sophomore Karen Marshall and senior Kim Labuschagne, which is the No. 3 seed in the tournament.

"They (tournament officials) just went by the rankings last year," Kleinecke said. "If they knew how well Kim (Labuschagne) has played this year, I think she would be seeded in the singles tournament."

Teams in the this weekend's tournament include host LSU, No. 5 Trinity, No. 10 Oklahoma State, Houston, Rice, South Carolina, Furman, and members of the University of Southwestern Louisiana tennis team.



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