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## Sports

## A&M women smash NTSU in tennis play

## By Hal L. Hammons Sports Writer

The Texas A&M women's tennis team continued its impressive season-opening week Tuesday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center by

thrashing North Texas State 8-1. A&M Coach Bobby Kleinecke said the team looked strong overall. Al-though No. 1 player Kim Labus-chagne had difficulty in her match, the other five players had little difficulty

Labuschagne, still fighting off the flu, still managed to win in straight sets over Lidwien Loonen 6-4, 7-5. No. 2 Laura Liong defeated Cara Paparhonis 6-1, 6-3. Cindy Craw-ford, playing No. 3 singles, also won easily, beating Terry Johnson 6-1, 6-

In other singles play, No. 4 Kellie Dorman beat Alex Liske 6-2, 6-3; No. 5 Lisa Keller won over Holly Pugsley 6-0, 6-1, and Jenifer Jones defeated Holly Ricker 6-4, 6-0.

In the No. 1 doubles match, La-buschagne teamed up with Keller to defeat Loonen and Paparhonis 6-1, 6-1

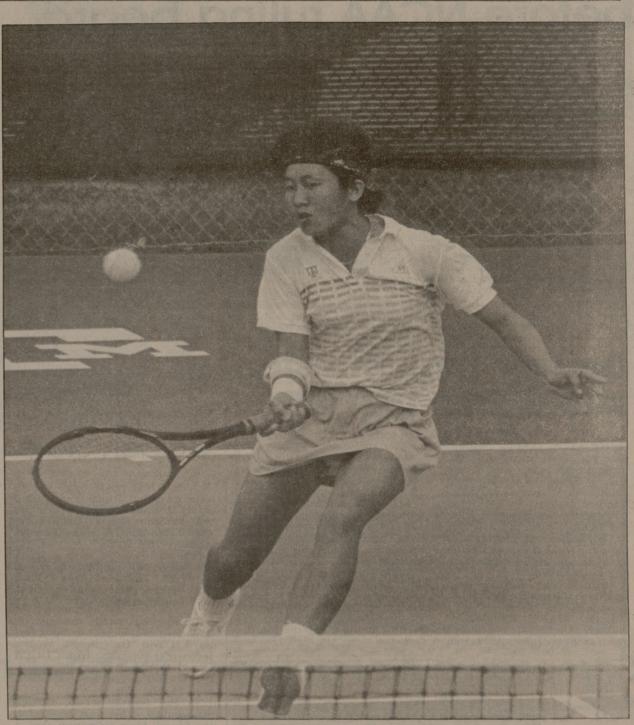
The only defeat for A&M came in No. 2 doubles, where Liske and Ricker won over Liong and Jones 7-. 5, 2-6, 7-5

In No. 3 doubles, Dorman and Crawford beat Pugsley and Johnson-6-2, 6-3.

Kleinecke said the doubles matches were more shaky than sin-gles because all three pairs were playing their first match as a team.

He said he was happy with the play of Labuschagne and Liong in the first two positions. He also said the other four positions were still be-ing fought over by the other players.

The next action for the team is on Feb. 10 when the Aggies host the University of Texas-San Antonio. Labuschagne, however, will be play-ing in the ITCA Indoor Championships in Richmond, Va., which start Thursday. The tournament is only for the top 32 players in the country.



Texas A&M's Laura Liong attempts a volley in women's tennis action at the Omar Smith Tennis

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Center Tuesday. The Aggies won their third dual match of the year downing North Texas State 8-1.



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