

## A&M track team runs into UT in Quadrangle

From Staff Reports

Texas A&M's track team, despite many first-place performances, was no match for the Texas Longhorns in the Texas Quadrangular Track and Field Meet last night at Memorial Stadium in Austin.

The Longhorns won going away with 223 points while A&M finished in second with 165 points. Minnesota's 127 points was good enough for third, and Indiana State rounded out the scoring with 123 points.

The Aggies had six first-place finishes overall including a victory in the sprint relay. The team of Aaron Hargrove, Nic Pollard, Kevin Dozier, and Tracy Bryant had a time of 40.85 to edge out the Texas' second-place time of 41.23.

Pollard and Bryant went on to score victories of their own. Pollard won in the

110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.38, one-hundredth of a second over the second-place time. Bryant also picked up a win in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.55.

George Vendolia led an A&M one-two punch in the 400-meter hurdles. He won the event while Richard Murphy placed second.

Scott Garvin won the 1500-meter dash for A&M by less than two-tenths of a second with a time of 3:49.45. Larry Taylor scored a first in the discus throw with a toss of 170 feet, four inches.

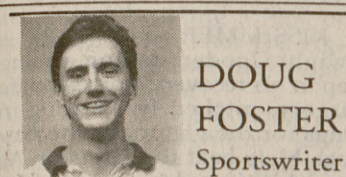
Texas had ten first-place finishes in the meet and six second-place finishes. Indiana State had wins in the high jump and the shot put. Minnesota failed to win an event.

The mile relay team was less than a third of a second away from victory. Texas' team timed a 3:10.94 while A&M had a 3:11.26.



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**A&M sprinter Aaron Hargrove** heads toward the finish line in the 100-meter dash. Hargrove finished fourth out of seven in the race held Wednesday at the Texas Quadrangular Track and Field Meet in Austin's Memorial Stadium.



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## Golfer Couples quickly making name for himself

**R**un for your lives, the Fred Couples locomotive is coming through!

If the sixties belonged to Arnold Palmer, the seventies to the Golden Bear and the eighties to Ben Crenshaw and Greg Norman, then the nineties will one day be remembered as the "Boom-Boom Years."

For the past few years, Freddy "Boom-Boom" Couples has been one of the most quietly dominant players on the tour. Most of his awesome ability was known only to those who are directly involved with the tour. He was not as well known for his explosive ability as, say, Norman, but a few things are starting to change.

Since entering the tour, Couples has been known for his ability to crank out vicious drives. But his talent goes far past the tee box. He has proven that when he is playing well, he can compete with just about anyone. And this year, not only is he playing well, he is on fire. 1992 could be the year that Fred separates himself from the rest of the tour members, and earning a spot among the elite golfers in history.

Lately, it seems every time the sports page is opened to the golf section, Couples' name is in the headlines leading a tournament. In the last four weeks, he has finished first, second, tied for first and lost in a playoff, and first again this past week in the Nestle Invitational. He won the Nestle with an overall score of 19 under par, a

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## 'A COACH'S DREAM'

By Steve O'Brien  
The Battalion

**A**&M tennis player Mark Weaver has a bit of an identity crisis.

As a sophomore, Weaver is the Aggies No. 1 seed and has beaten five players ranked among the nations top 30. But as the No. 46 player in the country, Weaver remains somewhat forgotten.

"I'm disappointed with the rankings," Weaver said. "I've beaten some really good players, and the two matches I've lost, I should have won. I had three match points against one of the guys."

But regardless of how Weaver is viewed by pollsters, A&M head coach David Kent is more than happy with his young star.

"Mark is just an exceptional player," Kent said. "Besides



Mark Weaver

(former A&M All-America) Grant Connell, he's probably one of the best players I've ever had here. What's good is that he keeps getting better and better.

"He has the ability to hit great shots at the right time."

Weaver is off to a 21-7 start and hopes to be one of the Southwest Conference's top players this season.

But what he brought to the A&M tennis team was, in a way, luck.

Weaver was with a friend, who was visiting A&M, and decided to walk over to the Omar Smith Tennis Center for a minute to watch the Aggies practice.

"My girlfriend was coming to look at A&M," Weaver said. "Coach Kent hadn't even recruited me."

Actually, Kent hardly knew who Weaver was.

"I had heard of him, but I didn't know much about him. I wasn't recruiting him at the time," Kent said. "I didn't realize he'd be this good. He's beaten some of the top players in the nation as a sophomore."

"He's very talented. He has a tremendous serve and a power game. He can do spectacular things at the right time. He's a coach's dream."

## Women's tennis set for Mustangs

The Battalion News Services

The Texas A&M women's tennis team will try to get back on the winning track in Southwest Conference play with a dual match against Southern Methodist today at 5 p.m. at Omar Smith Tennis Center.

The Lady Aggies, who own a 7-8 record overall and 2-1 record in SWC action, lost their last conference match to Baylor last week. A&M head coach Bobby Kleinecke said a win over SMU would be the boost the team needs.

"We need to start playing better and beating some people, and against SMU would be a good place to start," Kleinecke said. "We've been getting good play from parts of the lineup, but we have to put it all together to be successful."

"SMU has a talented team, and we'll have to play well to get a victory."

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