

## Weaver leads A&M into Austin

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Like Weaver, the Aggies have jumped out to tremendous start this season, winning 12-of-15 matches and boasting a No. 19 ranking. This weekend, The Aggies get to prove that they're as good as their ranking.

They travel to Austin Friday to play the Texas Longhorns. Last spring, the Aggies defeated the Longhorns for the first time in Kent's career as head coach at A&M.

A victory over Texas may have been the highlight of the last season for the A&M team, but Weaver's biggest moment as a freshman came against Greg Seilkop of Clemson. At the time, Seilkop was ranked No. 30 in the nation.

"I was down double match point to him and came back to win," Weaver said. "That victory got everything going for me last year."

It got things going so well that Weaver entered this season as the Aggies' No. 1 player. As the

Southwest Conference season approaches, Weaver maintains a tight grip on the top spot.

Holding the top position at such an early stage in his career has Weaver thinking he about more than college tennis.

"Hopefully, (playing in the No. 1 spot) will make me a better player, advance me quicker and get me ready for the pro tour," Weaver said. "I definitely want to finish my four years here and then try the pro tour."

Kent said Weaver has a realistic shot at making it on the pro tour.

"He has the talent to beat anyone in the country," Kent said. "He's got a pro-style serve-and-volley game and a tremendous forehand. Mark is at his best with the match on the line."

"I tell the other players that some day we may have to pay to watch him play, so we better pay a little attention to what he's doing."

This weekend, Weaver will try to keep his attention focused on the Longhorns even though he may be thinking of bigger and better things down the road.



A&M Sports Information

Mark Weaver is an integral part of the success the A&M men's tennis team has had this year.

## 12th Man Notebook

**TEXAS A&M POWERLIFTING TEAM:** The Collegiate National Powerlifting Championships will be held March 28-29 in Dallas. Teams and individuals from across the nation will compete in a drug-free national championship. A&M will send nine men and two women to the Championships. For more information contact Chris Hines at 774-7960.

**TINMAN TRIATHLON AT AEROFIT:** Sign-ups for the spring Tinman Triathlon have begun at Aerofit. The event will be held Saturday, April 11, at 8 a.m. Individuals or teams of one, two or three participants will compete in a 500-yard swim, 5 km run and a 12-mile bike ride.

Teams will compete in age categories determined by adding the ages of the team members completing each leg of the race. All participants receive a commemorative T-shirt. Entry fees are \$11 for individuals and \$20 for teams if received by March 28. Fees increase each week thereafter. For more information contact Aerofit at 823-0971.

**11TH ANNUAL COLLEGE STATION BIATHLON:** College Station Parks and Recreation and the Brazos Valley Fitness Association are sponsoring a 1000-yard swim/10 km run and 5 km Fun Run open to people of all ages. The Biathlon will take place on Saturday, April 11, 1992 at Southwood Poll, located at 1600 Rock Prairie Road. The entry fee is \$8.00 if registered before 5 p.m., April 8, and will be \$10.00 thereafter. Entries are available at 1000 Krenek Tap Rd. For more information call 764-3486.

The 12th Man Notebook runs every Thursday in the Battalion. Submissions are available in Room 013 of the Reed McDonald Building. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, 5 p.m. the previous Wednesday. Questions? Call 845-2665.

## Rangers fall to White Sox in exhibition

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — American League batting champion Julio Franco, sidelined this spring because of bursitis in his right knee, played in his first exhibition game and went 0-for-2 Wednesday night in Texas' 4-1 loss to the Chicago White Sox.

Franco grounded out twice and moved slowly to first base, favoring his knee. He served as Texas' designated hitter.

Kirk McCaskill (2-1) pitched six shutout innings. He gave up two hits and struck out five.

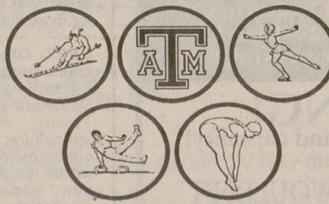
Steve Fireovid (1-1) allowed three runs on four hits in five innings.

It was the worst of the spring for Fireovid, a 14-year minor leaguer.

The White Sox scored three times in the second inning on a two-run single by Ozzie Guillen and an RBI single by Sammy Sosa.

Monty Fariss homered for Texas in the ninth.

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## Foster

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whopping nine strokes ahead of the second place finisher.

Statistically, he is leading the tour in scoring, is third in greens in regulation, second in putting, and first in birdies.

Couples is nearly \$300,000 ahead of the nearest competitor on the money list. Fred has made more than \$700,000 this year.

One of the strongest reflections of Couples' talent is his recent move into the No. 1 spot in the Sony World Rankings. This ranking system, which is sanctioned by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, is one of the hardest places for an American golfer to get respect.

Several years ago, when Curtis Strange was playing as well as anyone in the world, he was constantly left out of the top spot in this poll. He could never seem to surpass Europeans Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros and Jose

Maria-Olazabal in the rankings. Let's just say it's a good thing the Europeans finally opened their eyes and acknowledged that an American is, by far, the best player in the world.

In last year's Ryder Cup competition, Couples was a vital part of Team USA's victory over the Europeans.

In the final round of competition, he and teammate Paul Azinger were paired in individual matches against Spaniards Olazabal and Ballesteros, who were thought to be the two best players in the world.

Couples and Azinger both recorded victories against their Spanish counterparts, solidifying a lead that was just large enough to deny the Europeans a comeback victory.

One of the most interesting aspects of Couples' game is his nonchalant approach to competition. He seems to make incredible shots with the greatest of ease, and never gets too worked up about a bad shot. When the

pressure is on, he stands tall above the rest of the field.

When Corey Pavin holed a long wedge for an eagle to gain a stroke on Couples during the final hole of a tournament two weeks ago, Fred was more than willing to answer the call. He calmly stepped up and hit his second shot within a foot of the pin for an easy birdie to force a playoff. That's what you call handling pressure.

The only thing keeping Couples from elite status on the PGA Tour is the lack of a major championship. That's a thorn that won't take long to remove from his side.

Consistent talent like Couples' will keep him in many tournaments, and it won't be long before one of his hot streaks comes right in the middle of the Master's or the U.S. Open.

When it does, look out. He is just the kind of player who could replace names like Nicklaus, Palmer, Nelson and Hogan in the PGA record books.

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