

# Sports

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## Aggies overheat in SWC tourney

From Staff and Wire Reports

AUSTIN - Saturday's tennis match between Texas A&M and the University of Texas at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center displayed intensity more common to an Aggie-Longhorn football game than to tennis. Unfortunately for the Aggies, Texas made the most of the intensity by defeating A&M 5-1 in the semifinals of the Southwest Conference Championships.

After rainfall postponed Friday's first-round competition, A&M was forced to play two matches on Saturday. The Aggies defeated Texas Tech 6-0 early in the day, but could not hold the momentum to counter the Longhorns and their home crowd.

A&M head coach David Kent said the

### Texas drops A&M in second round

rivalry between the two schools made Saturday's match a memorable one.

"It is a hot rivalry between us, we love this type of competition," Kent said. "Before the match we are all friends, but

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when we play they don't like us and we don't like them. Afterwards we are friends again, we'll go out and get a Coke with them and laugh. That's what makes tennis the game it is."

Before the match, the officials informed both teams they would be installing a new rule which forbid yelling between the players. Kent said he did not

think that was a necessary or effective rule.

"The hollering between the teams and the crowd is what makes tennis fun," Kent said. "If you take it out of the game it won't be fun anymore."

Fans joined the UT players as they jawed back and forth with the Aggies. A&M senior captain Doug Brown said the loss to Texas was the worst feeling he's had in his tennis career.

"It's bad enough to lose to them (the Longhorns)," Brown said. "But to lose to them and the referees makes it even worse."

"With the exception of a few guys on their team, they act like a bunch of losers.

They try to influence the game by making cheap calls and as soon as the score gets tight, they will rob you blind and not even think twice."

Brown accused the Head Tournament Referee Ben Ball of showing favoritism towards the Longhorns.

"The referees are intimidated by him and they won't go out on a limb and make a tight call," Brown said. "Before the tournament, in the banquet, he gave us a 'Hook'em Horns' when he was talking. He is definitely for Texas and it shows."

The only A&M player to score a victory against Texas was Bernardo Martinez, who defeated Ali McDonald, 7-5, 6-3.

A&M's top three singles players, Mark Weaver, Brown and Scott Phillips all

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### Aggies, Bears try again today

Texas A&M will make up its Southwest Conference series with Baylor today and tomorrow at Ferrell Field in Waco.

The Aggies will play a double-header against the Bears today 4 p.m.

The series will continue with a single game Tuesday beginning at 1 p.m.

The series was postponed Saturday after rain hit Waco and the rest of Central Texas.

The Aggies are 13-11 and hold onto second place in the SWC standings. Baylor is 12-13 and currently in fourth place.

A&M's game against Sam Houston State scheduled for Tuesday at Olsen Field has been postponed until a later date.

### Track teams find success at Waco meet

The Battalion News Services

WACO - Texas A&M's men's and women's track teams picked up five first-place finishes in Saturday's Baylor/Dr. Pepper Invitational.

The Lady Aggies earned four of the firsts in the 12-team meet. Cassandra McDaniel won the 400 meters with a time of 56.03. Rosa Baker's time of 13.55 in the 100-meter hurdles was good enough for the win.

Amy Pratt won the javelin throw with a 147-foot-11. Gwen Buck took first in the high jump with a 5-foot-10 1/2.

Richard Murphy owned the only men's victory with a personal best in the 400-meter hurdles. His winning time was 51.26, and it was good enough for a provisional NCAA qualifying spot.

The women's sprint relay team dropped the baton on the exchange from Baker to anchor Twylana Harrison. The team was second at the time.

Kalleen Madden had two second-place finishes. She had a 5 foot, 9 inch attempt in the high jump, placing her behind Buck. She also finished behind Baker in the 100-meter hurdles, posting a time of 14.02.

Baker finished second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:00.01.

Sheryl Pavelka also came in second in the 400 meters with a personal-best time of 56.34.

The men had a host of second-place finishes. Scott Garvin had a 3:53.52 in the 1500 meters, Matt Priest in the 5000 meters timed a 15:01.61.

The sprint relay team of Aaron Hargrove, Gerry Woodberry, Dante Bolden, and Tracy Bryant received second place for their time of 40.06. The team of Winston Chambers, Bolden, Bryant, and Kiley Anglin also was runner-up in the mile relay with a 3:10.39.

The Baylor/Dr. Pepper Invitational in Waco was a tuneup for the Aggies before the Southwest Conference Track and Field Championships on May 1-2 in College Station.

A&M will compete in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia next weekend.

### The waiting game . . .

## Smith sizes up first round chances

By Anthony Andro  
The Battalion

Kevin Smith has been playing sports all of his life.

He played just about every sport growing up. For a time, though, football was little more than an afterthought.

"Football was the last sport on my list because of my size," Smith said. "Baseball was No. 1, then basketball and then came football because I was never given the opportunity to play."

At Texas A&M, Smith was given the opportunity to play cornerback. And play cornerback he did.

He finished his career at A&M as the Southwest Conference's all-time interception leader with 20. He was named All-SWC three times and was named to various All-America teams after his senior season.

Now Kevin Smith waits to see where he figures on other people's lists, mainly National Football League scouts and coaches.

Sunday will be the day Smith finds out what the NFL thinks of him. He is projected to be taken anywhere from the middle of the first round to the beginning of the second round.

When the NFL draft occurs that day, Smith will sit with his family in Orange and wait and see what the NFL thinks.

"Somedays I go to bed thinking that I'm a top 15 pick," he said. "Then I read something that says I'm a top 20 pick or maybe a second-round pick."

"It's those kind of things that make you wonder and keep you curious all the time."

Smith, along with Florida State's Terrell Buckley and Wisconsin's Troy Vincent, figure to be the top three cornerbacks taken in the draft.

Smith knows how his abilities match up with the rest of the competition.

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A&M's Kevin Smith says production, not size, determines NFL draft status.

Troy Vincent, who's rated higher than me, or a Terrell Buckley, who's a step ahead of me," he said. "I feel like I'm better than those guys."

Throughout his career, Smith's critics have noted his lack of size, 6 feet, and his speed. Smith thinks the draft will quiet those critics.

"If I go in the first round, that means I'm one of the top 28 players in the country," he said. "That doesn't mean I'm a step slow or too small."

"That's been the thing ever since I've started. The key is, it's not appearance, it's production. It doesn't matter how you size it up or what category you put it in. It's stats that tell the tale at the end of the season."

Smith does not really seem to mind where in the draft he is picked. But he does have preferences on the location.

"I would love to stay in the state of Texas," he said. "The possibility of me going to Houston is slim, but the possibility of me going to Dallas is real good."

"Other than that, anywhere where it is warm. I'm not too high on cold weather."

Although he wants to stay close to home, he understands the system.

"I'd like to stay around here," he said. "But if the Cleveland Browns came and asked me to play for them, naturally I'm going to say I'd love to be a Cleveland Brown."

Smith took time off from school this semester to focus his attention toward the draft.

"I withdrew from school because I was traveling quite a bit at the beginning of the semester," Smith said.

There were different All-America trips, the NFL combine and different teams flying me into their camps. That's all I've been doing really."

The NFL's combine was high on Smith's list of priorities. He knew a good showing at the combine in February could improve his draft stock.

"Because of the NFL combine, I really worked out hard and trained twice a day," he said. "Once I went down there and showed well, afterwards it's been sort of iffy-andy, how do I feel this day."

He liked the traveling, but admitted it could be tiring.

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