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said. "Fortunately enough, this year he has come through in crucial times. He really doesn't overpower people - he gets out. He does the job that he's out there to do."

Moore opened the season with a streak of 27 innings without an earned run until giving up two to Maine, and as a designated hitter is batting .349, the third-best average on the team.

A&M players have earned SWC Player of the Week honors the past two weeks, with Fedora taking this week's honors, following teammate Eric Gonzalez by batting .636 and digging out sharp defensive gems.

Fedora attributed his success to tinkering with his batting - shortening his swing, trying not to pull the ball, and going down to a shorter, 33-inch bat from a 34-inch.

The only thing that's been hampering Fedora recently is a sore hamstring muscle, which has plagued him since his freshman year when the injury caused him to abandon a second A&M sport in football and concentrate on refining his baseball game.

"Since the TCU game, and a little before that, I've really felt loose and relaxed, and I've been making good plays, not worrying about making errors because everybody's going to make errors," he said.

"When you worry about it too much, that's when you make a lot of them."

At just past the mid-point of the season, Granger said that the pitchers were concerned about maintaining mastery of pitch location, while the overall team was concentrating on the basics of defense.

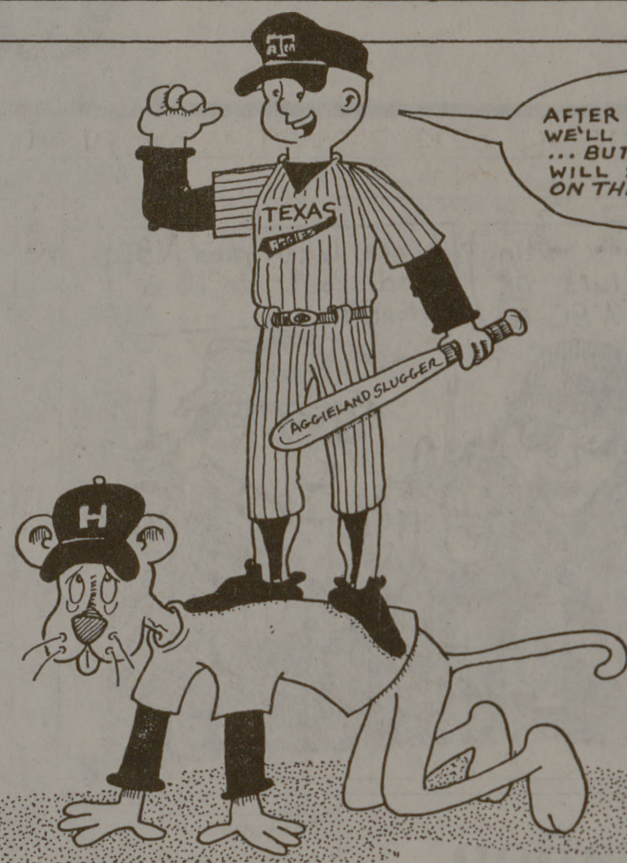
"I slacked a little after the doubles match, and when I came around, it was too late. We've got to get regrouped and get ready for New Mexico tomorrow."

"We have tried to work on our defensive fundamentals and not really worry about the trick plays and diving catches, just worry about the routine ground balls. Those more than not are going to kill you more than the fancy plays," Granger said.

"It's always humid down there and it gets us a little tired, so we're going to have to jump out early to get to a lead."

Jeff Wright will start for the Cougars today, with Brett Jones and Matt Beech slated to appear Saturday.

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Tennis

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day, so I took advantage of that and put him away."

Scott Phillips was unable to follow suit as he was defeated 2-6, 2-6 in his match against UT's Trey Phillips.

"To maintain a consistent emotional level throughout the day against Texas is hard, but it was really up for grabs today," said Phillips of today's matches.

"I slacked a little after the doubles match, and when I came around, it was too late. We've got to get regrouped and get ready for New Mexico tomorrow."

The most exciting match of the day saw a hard-fought battle between third seeds Bernardo Martinez of A&M and Ian Williams of Texas.

After losing the first set 6-7, Martinez willed his way back into the match by scoring a 7-6 victory in the second set, and as the match wore on, both players gave it their all with only victory on their mind.

Martinez turned in a gutsy per-

formance but could not pull it out as he dropped the third set, 3-6.

Ricardo Rodarte and Eric Horan played tough and inspired tennis but their matches ended with similar outcomes. Rodarte lost to Davis Draper 2-6, 4-6, and Horan lost 4-6, 3-6. The only other win came from freshman Blake Arrant who took two straight sets from Chad Clark, 6-4 and 7-6.

Doubles action, played earlier in the day, unfortunately saw much of the same luck for

A&M. The day began quickly with the second-seeded team of Scott Phillips and Blake Arrant starting their match in a deadlock through four games, but eventually they pulled away to take the pro set match from Williams and Draper by a score of 8-4.

Unfortunately, the winning could not be duplicated in close losses to the first and third-seeded teams. Weaver and Martinez fought hard and kept their match close throughout, only to lose a tough 8-6 match to the tandem of Eriksson and Trey Phillips.

The third and deciding match of doubles competition pitted Horan and Rodarte against Ernesto Ponce and Clark. The Texas pair jumped out early and had a 7-3

edge, but the Aggie duo fought back hard, only to come up short in an 8-5 loss.

"Today was fun, and overall I am excited about how we played," said A&M coach David Kent. "There are no excuses. They just simply outplayed us today."

"We gave it our all, but they are a quality team, no doubt about it. We were one inch from beating them, but they are ranked 10th, and they played that way."

"This is a good barometer for us. We're getting better and better as play goes on, and we hope to peak in April as we have the last couple of years."

Playing a tough New Mexico team today after an emotional and hard-played match against the rivals from Austin would drain most teams, but Kent said his team would rebound.

"If we were playing anyone else, we might be tired, but I guarantee, we'll be ready," Kent said. "Especially if we want to stay in the Top 25."

The Aggies will play host to the Lobos of New Mexico under the lights today as play begins at 7 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

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