

## It has been a good year for one Lady Aggie

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Janine Burton-Durham came to Texas A&M for many of the reasons anyone would, even though she had to travel across the Atlantic Ocean to get here.

"Traditions, school spirit, facilities, the academic programs, and a really nice scholarship," she said.

That, however, is not all the 23 year old from Henley-on-Klip, South Africa has come to do.

She came from her small town to pursue her love of playing tennis and she has done just that.

The junior Co-Captain, who is currently the number one player on the women's tennis team, has chalked up a 21-13 record en route to her number 46 ranking nationally in singles competition. Her tennis excellence doesn't stop there as she also is ranked 28th in doubles.

Burton-Durham describes her play as unusual.

"I have kind of my own style of play, but then again everyone's is unique," Burton-Durham said. "(I'm) an aggressive power player."

The team as a whole has struggled in recent weeks as they have lost their last eight matches, dropping them to 6-11 overall. Burton-Durham's explanation was that the team consists of predominantly young players and that they must be given time to mature.

"Obviously we must improve our win-loss record, but more importantly, we have to develop the ability to win key matches," she said. "Right now we are really close to beating the Notre Dame's, the Indiana's and the Oklahoma's, but they have the confidence and experience to pull out the

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## Aggies set to tame Mavericks

A&M will put 33-3 record on the line against UTA squad

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After sweeping Lubbock Christian last weekend, the Aggies now have the second best start in school history with a 33-3 record and are ranked the number two team in the nation by Collegiate Baseball. They find themselves in a lock for first place with the University of Texas with Texas Tech close behind, but they still have to go on the road to play the University of Texas at Arlington.

"We've done a good job of not overlooking our Tuesday night games," Head Coach Mark Johnson said. "Sometimes though when you're in the heat of a conference race you can look ahead and maybe get beat."

The Mavericks are hoping just that happens as they bring a 20-12 record into tonight's game. Earlier this season they beat 24th ranked Oklahoma State and lost of couple of close games to Texas.

"They are a really good team and they always play us tough," Johnson said. "They have made it to the regionals the last couple of years so we are not expecting anything easy."

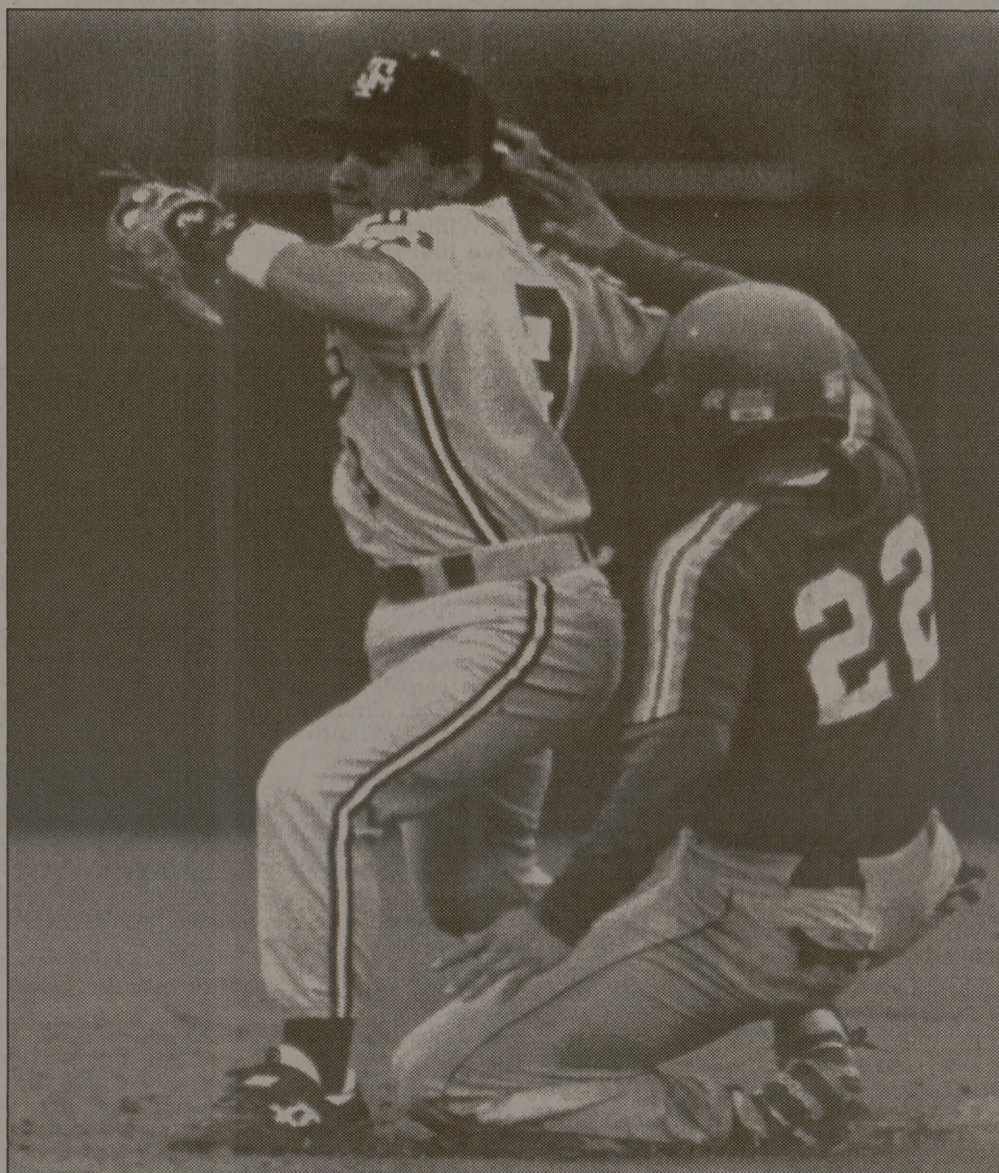
The Aggies will start lefthander Kelly Wunsch but other pitchers are expected to see action.

"We're going to start Wunsch but we'll get some looks at some other guys later in the game," Johnson said.

For his performance last week against Lubbock Christian Jeff Granger was named the Mizuno National Player of the Week by Collegiate Baseball. Granger struck out a school and Southwest Conference record 21 batters while only allowing two singles. He struck out the side in the third, fifth and sixth innings.

"I thought his performance was out-

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A&M's Eric Gonzalez relays the ball to first base during the LCU series last weekend. The Aggies will face the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks today on the road.

## Except for Bo, Bush, Kevin and The Express

Bo is back; Terry is gone. A Kennedy is working for a Bush. Nolan will play his final season. The Dodgers still have not found a shortstop. The Braves have everything but a closer.



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The annual rites of spring have come to an end and the words Play ball rang throughout stadiums across the country as baseball got under way Monday. But there are still those lingering doubts and questions that must be answered.

Bo Jackson, with his artificial hip in tow, has returned to the limelight, thanks to the Chicago White Sox. Of course, not everyone was pleased. Sox designated hitter George Bell demanded to be traded.

With George's diminishing skills, his only real option is to be traded. To a team in Mexico.

While Bo's comeback is uplifting to Sox fans, the Texas Rangers made one of the best moves in the history of the organization that could only pique the interest of a Rangers' fanatic. They cut relief pitcher Terry Mathews. Mathews was once described as a pitcher who could not get anybody out...in batting practice.

The Kennedy is the Rangers' new manager Kevin, who is employed by the former president's son, George Bush, Jr. What a strange world.

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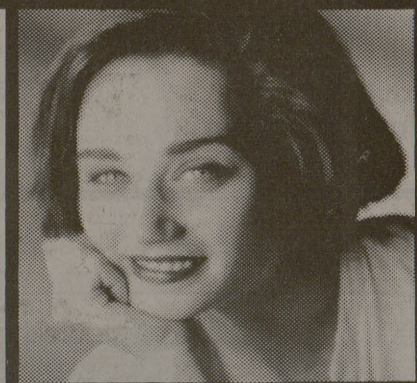
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