

Martinez leads Aggie netters at home tourney

By Nick Georgandis
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Texas A&M junior Berney Martinez led the A&M men's tennis team as he strung together four straight victories before losing 7-6, 6-5 to top seed Marcus Hilpert in the final round Sunday of the Texas A&M 5-Way Invitational.

The University of Arkansas' Hilpert, the 17th-ranked player in the nation, knocked off four A&M players in a row to claim the title.

Along with Martinez, junior Rico Rodarte and sophomores Ed Martinez and Blake Arrant all made the quarterfinals. A&M men's tennis coach David Kent said he was very pleased with the team's performance in the singles competition.

"We had some good singles wins; we probably did as good in this tournament as we ever have," Kent said.

"This tournament is definitely something to build on."

Despite finishing second, Martinez said he felt the tournament was a learning experience for him.

"Playing in the finals is the greatest feeling," Martinez said. "(But) I didn't take advantage of my opportunities."

"I had (Hilpert), I really did. But that's why he's ranked 17th in the nation. He takes care of the big points and those big points are always a difference."

The A&M men's tennis team kicked off their 1993-94 season with the invitational, hosting the three-day tournament with players from Arkansas, Rice, Texas Christian and Texas Tech. There were 32 players competing in the singles division along with 16 doubles teams.

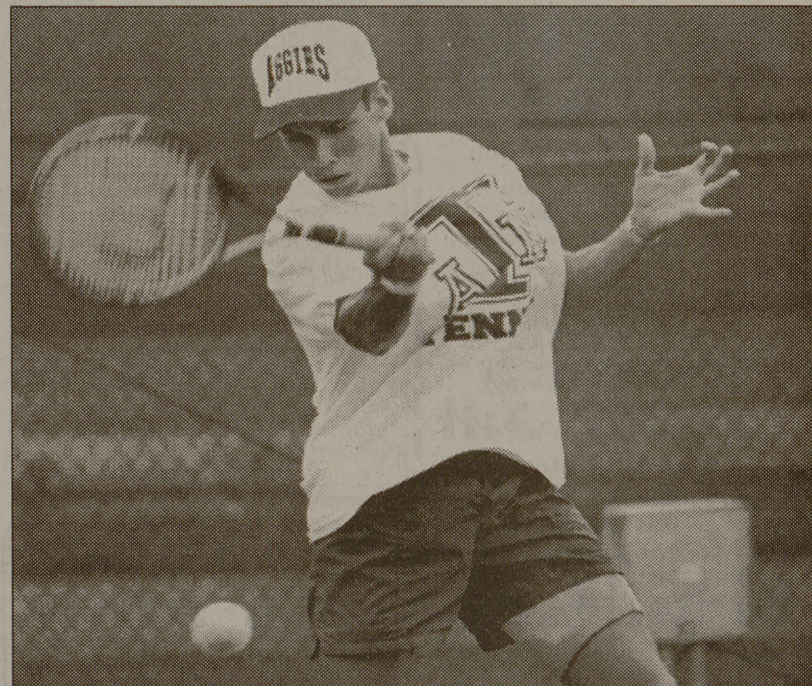
The Aggies achieved their success in the tournament despite the absence of the team's number one player, senior Mark Weaver. Coach Kent explained Weaver's absence from the team's opener because Weaver would be needed for crucial tournaments later in the season, such as the Rice Tournament scheduled for November 12-14.

"You can only play in four tournaments in the fall and we want Mark to play later on in the season so it will be closer to the duel matches," Kent said. "In the fall, the tournaments are more just for practice."

The doubles semi-finals and finals scheduled for Sunday afternoon were called due to rain.

The unseeded duo of Rodarte and freshman Chad Raymond were one of the four semifinalist teams and said they felt good about their play in the tournament despite its abrupt ending.

"We played good considering it was only our first tournament," Rodarte said. "Once you start playing with a guy, you have to get used to



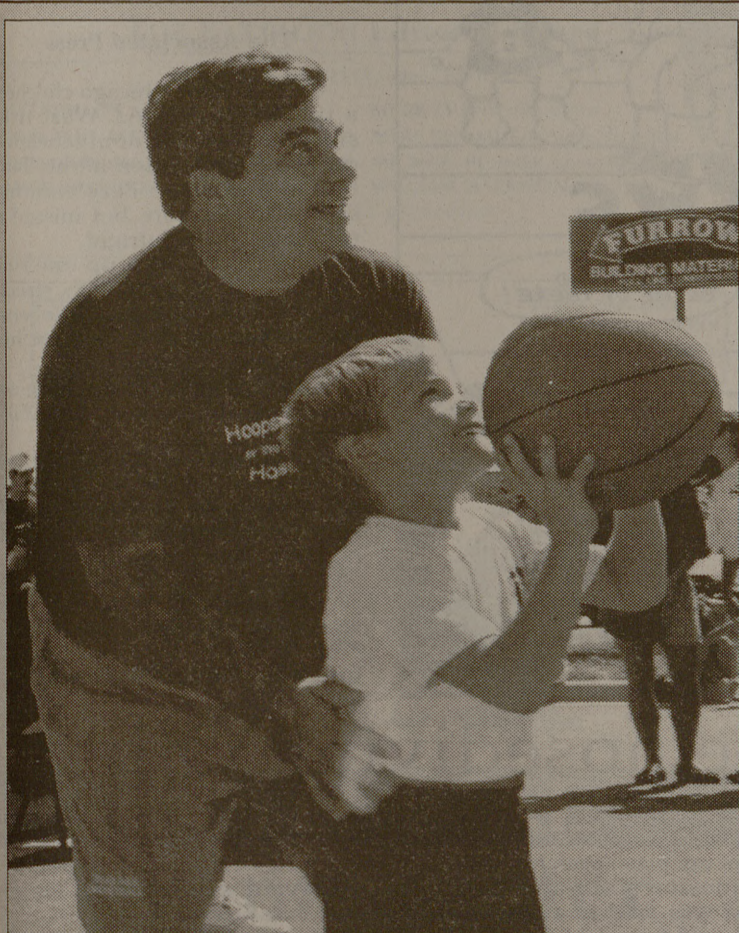
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A&M junior Berney Martinez concentrates on a return Saturday at the Texas A&M 5-Way Invitational. Martinez lost the singles final 7-6, 6-5.

the way he plays. Then after a while it gets to be kind of mental; like you always know what he's going to do."

Despite losing his first singles match, sophomore Eric Horan stormed back in the consolation bracket, winning three matches total on Friday and Saturday before losing to the tournament's number five seed, Willie Dann of Rice, 6-3, 7-5.

Dann said he felt the Aggies would be a team to watch this season. "A&M is going to be solid," Dann said. "They gave us a real battle last year and I expect more of the same."



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A&M head basketball coach Tony Barone assists Justin from Cavitt Street Church of Christ as he prepares for a free throw shot.

Barone, A&M basketball team take it to the 'House'

By Matthew J. Rush
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The Texas A&M men's basketball team spent Saturday practicing its free throws - but not just for the upcoming season.

The Aggie basketball team and Brazos County law enforcement agencies participated in "Hoops for the House," a fund-raising event for Scotty's House.

Scotty's House, a child advocacy center, provides a neutral location where child victims and non-offending family members can be interviewed in comfortable surroundings and begin receiving treatment.

Senior guard Chuck Henderson said he thought the event was

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A&M Sports Briefs

Lady Aggie volleyball breezes through Southern Premiere

The Texas A&M women's volleyball team won four straight matches in the Southern Premiere this weekend, improving to 13-3, their best start since 1986.

A&M defeated Alabama, Stephen F. Austin, Arkansas State and Southwest Texas State, losing only one game in their initial match to Alabama.

A&M defeated SWTS in the championship game Saturday 15-11, 15-11, 15-7. Senior outside hitter Sheila Morgan and junior outside

hitter Jennifer Bronner each had 17 kills in the match, pacing the team's blistering .368 hitting percentage to SWTS's .149.

Morgan and senior utility player Genny Wood took all-tournament honors.

Ground level seats go on sale for Texas-Texas A&M game

Ground level seats located on the track for the Texas-Texas A&M game on November 25 will go on sale today at 8 a.m. at the athletic ticket office inside of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The tickets cost \$25 and can be ordered by phone with Visa or Mastercard.

Southwest Conference signs two-year pact with ESPN2

The Southwest Conference announced that eleven men's basketball games and two women's basketball games will be televised this season on ESPN2, and a minimum of 50 SWC games will be televised on other networks, up 56 percent from last season.

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