

## Late-season struggles to cost A&M

The pressure is on the Texas A&M men's basketball team.



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In what has become a Cinderella season for the Aggies, misfortune reared its ugly head in Moody Coliseum Sunday.

Misfortune looked like Southern Methodist freshman point guard Troy Matthews, who had 20 points.

Amid shouts of "SMU... SWC!", the Aggies could have played themselves out of contention for a NCAA berth.

By losing to the 5-19 Mustangs, A&M cannot reach the mythical 20-win plateau that virtually ensures a NCAA invitation.

Only the "top" 64 teams in the country get into the tournament and, because of the poor reputation of basketball in the Southwest Conference, it is almost a necessity for a SWC team to win 20 regular season games. Or win the Dr

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## Coming up Aces

The No. 30 A&M's men's tennis team struggles past Tulane University

By Stewart Doreen

The Battalion

The No. 30-ranked Texas A&M men's tennis team defeated Tulane University 5-2 on Friday afternoon and raised their season record to 6-0.

After taking a 1-0 lead after sweeping the three doubles matches, the Aggies used three third-set victories to defeat the Green Wave in the singles matches by a 4-2 margin.

The Aggies claimed victory despite the Mark Weaver's three-set loss that ended his 10-match winning streak.

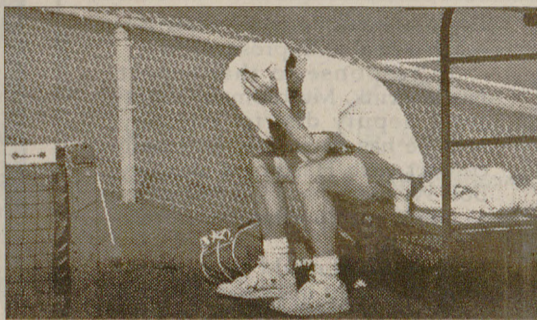
The team was pleased with the win that they feel was due to a display of fortitude.

"It was important for the team, because we didn't play well," said Bernardo Martinez, the Aggie's No. 2

ranked player. "We pull it out by character and we were really focused. We never gave up."

Head coach David Kent said happy with the experience that his team received with this character-building win.

"If you're going to be a good team, you have to win matches like we did today," Kent said. "These matches will give us confidence and experience. The bottom line is we won the match."



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• Shelly Halsell, a member of the 30-Loves, keeps score during the men's tennis match against Tulane University on Friday at Omar Smith Tennis Center.

• Mark Weaver, left, reacts to his first loss of the season. Weaver, an All-American and A&M No. 1 player, lost 3-6, 6-3, 3-6 on Friday.

## A&M looks to rebound against Baylor Bears

By Drew Diener

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M men's basketball team returns home to G. Rollie White Coliseum tonight to face Baylor University at 7:30 p.m.

The Aggies (17-7, 10-2 in the Southwest conference) will try to get back on the winning track after falling victim to Southern Methodist University 64-57 in Dallas Sunday.

The loss forced A&M into a tie for first place in the SWC with the Universi-

ty of Texas. "We just didn't play very well," A&M head coach Tony Barone said. "One of the things we try to do is play to our ability level and when we don't do that, we're not going to win most of the time."

A&M senior point-guard David Edwards said that the Aggies need to put the loss to SMU behind them.

"You have nights like that," Edwards said. "But you don't dwell on it, you can't afford to."

A victory over Baylor

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## Aggies lose another coach to NFL ranks

From staff and wire reports

Texas A&M's defensive back Trent Walters will announce today that he will leave the Aggies to coach the same position for the NFL's Minnesota Vikings.

Walters came to A&M in 1991 to coach the defensive backfield for the Aggies. During his tenure at A&M, the Aggies have been among the premier pass defenses in college football, finishing last season ranked No. 1 in pass efficiency defense.

Walters previously coached at the professional level with the Cincinnati Bengals in 1984. Walters began his coaching career in 1968 with the University of Indiana, where he received his master's degree in physical education administration.

Walters came to A&M after coaching at the University of Louisville from 1986 to 1990.

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