

Near-extinct SWC finally getting respect

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The Big 12 merger is still two years off, but in the last two weeks, Southwest Conference football fans have caught a glimpse of what the competition is going to be like. Surprisingly, it looks like the leftovers from the SWC are going to be able to hold their own when they lock horns with their new enemies from the heartland.

In the last two weeks, the SWC has played five games with the Big 8, and has a solid 3-3 record to show for it. Take into account that one of those losses came via the University of Houston at the hands of Missouri Saturday at the Astrodome.

Despite drawing an overflow crowd of 18,310 (that's a joke) and only giving up 393 yards of total offense, the Coogs just couldn't score any points, and lost 16-0. That was Missouri's first road win against a team outside their conference since 1981. You remember Missouri, don't you? They're the ones A&M beat 73-0 last year. The Tigers aren't that good, but the Cougars are infinitely worse. UH is 0-11 material.

So, we're looking at a 3-2 record against the Big 8. A&M thrashed Oklahoma last week in a convincing fashion, but the Sooners figured to have it easy this past weekend against Texas Tech at home in Norman. Even after losing to the Aggies, OU was still ranked 21st in the nation, and went into their home opener Saturday as a 21-point favorite.

Tech is rebuilding this season. Their offense was pretty much devastated in the off-season, having lost quarterback Robert Hall and wide receiver Lloyd Hill to graduation, and super-back Byron "Bam" Morris to early departure to the NFL draft and subsequently, the Pittsburgh Steelers. Before 60,000+ fans in Norman, the game had all the elements of a classic blowout.

But Tech held their own against the Sooners in losing 17-11. They were behind 14-0 early in the second quarter, but were as close as 14-11 late in the game. Tech had the ball on the Oklahoma 37 after recovers in the region.

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Lady Aggies need one goal to win

Early score by Robinson guarantees victory for soccer team

Stewart Doreen
THE BATTALION

A goal by sophomore forward Tina Robinson thirty seconds into the match was all the scoring the Texas A&M women's soccer team needed in their 1-0 win over the University of Tulsa Friday at the Aggie Soccer Complex.

"This game proves our girls can come out, score early and maintain our concentration for 90 minutes," A&M head coach G. Guerrieri said.

Robinson's header in front of the goal was the result of a crossing pass from sophomore midfielder Kim Duda. Robinson said that it was important for the Aggies, 4-1-1, to get off to the quick start.

"Before the game, G. (Guerrieri) told us that we were going to have to start out fast," Robinson said. "He knew they

(Tulsa) were going to start out fired up."

The Aggies offense cooled off as far as goals scored, but not from the lack of opportunities. The Aggies kept the offensive pressure on the Golden Hurricane by firing 18 shots on goal. This was a concern to Guerrieri who said the team's productivity will improve with experience.

"It's frustrating when you outshoot a team 18-6 and only win by one goal," Guerrieri said. "With our youth, composure in front of the goal comes with experience. It is something we'll be working on."

With a one-goal lead to protect, the Aggies used heavy defensive pressure to limit Tulsa, 2-3-0, to seven shots, despite an injury to freshman sweeper Diana Rowe. Sophomore Allison Buckley moved back from her usual midfield po-

sition to help keep the Golden Hurricane away from the goal.

"I'm really confident with Allison back there (at sweeper)," said A&M sophomore goalkeeper Sunny McConnell. "She's a very intimidating player and she's always there."

McConnell recorded the shutout, and has only allowed one goal in the last two and a half games. McConnell says the team's communication is a big reason for the recent success.

"The defense is coming together better," McConnell said. "We're talking better and making it easier for me to read the offense so I know when to expect shots. With every practice and every game, my confidence goes even higher."

The Aggies will end their three-game homestand when they host the University of Texas Sunday at 3 p.m.

Aggie cross country teams compete in Nebraska Invitational

Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M men's and women's cross country teams competed in their first official meet of the year over the weekend, taking part in the Nebraska Invitational cross country meet.

"Overall, considering that we are coming off of a high mileage week, and considering the difficulty of the course, I felt we competed well," A&M cross country coach Greg Hinze said.

In the overall standings, the women's team finished third out of the six squads competing. The women's team was led by Cecille Sangalang who finished 12th in the overall standings, freshman Traci Clark who finished 16th and junior Shannon Etchberger, who ended up 18th.

While Hinze said he was pleased by the women's performances, he sees plenty of room for improvement.

"I was encouraged with Shannon Etchberger's performance, along with our three freshman, Traci Clark, Abby Mudroch and Milli Ondras," Hinze said. "Cecille Sangalang is running extremely well right now, but the women still have some work to do."

The men's team also finished third among the six teams, and was led senior Brian Piper, who finished tenth overall. Seven members of the men's team were among the top 20 competitors.

Despite the loss of one of the team's top performers, Hinze said the men ran well and got some valuable experience from the race.

"Our number three runner dropped out with a cramp with less than a mile to go, so that hurt us," Hinze said. "But I thought Piper and Al Hernandez ran well, and the two freshmen, Coby Bullard and Dustin Stephens, got a taste of Division I with their first 8,000 meter race."

Next up, the teams travel to Lubbock to compete in the Red Raider Open, hosted by Texas Tech on Saturday, Sept. 24th.

Men's tennis dominates 5-Way Invitational

Unseeded Martinez wins singles final 6-2, 6-3 over teammate Krause

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The Texas A&M men's tennis team dominated their own 5-Way Invitational this weekend, capped by junior Ed Martinez's 6-2, 6-3 win in the singles final over teammate Robbie Krause. All four of the participants in the singles semifinals were Aggies.

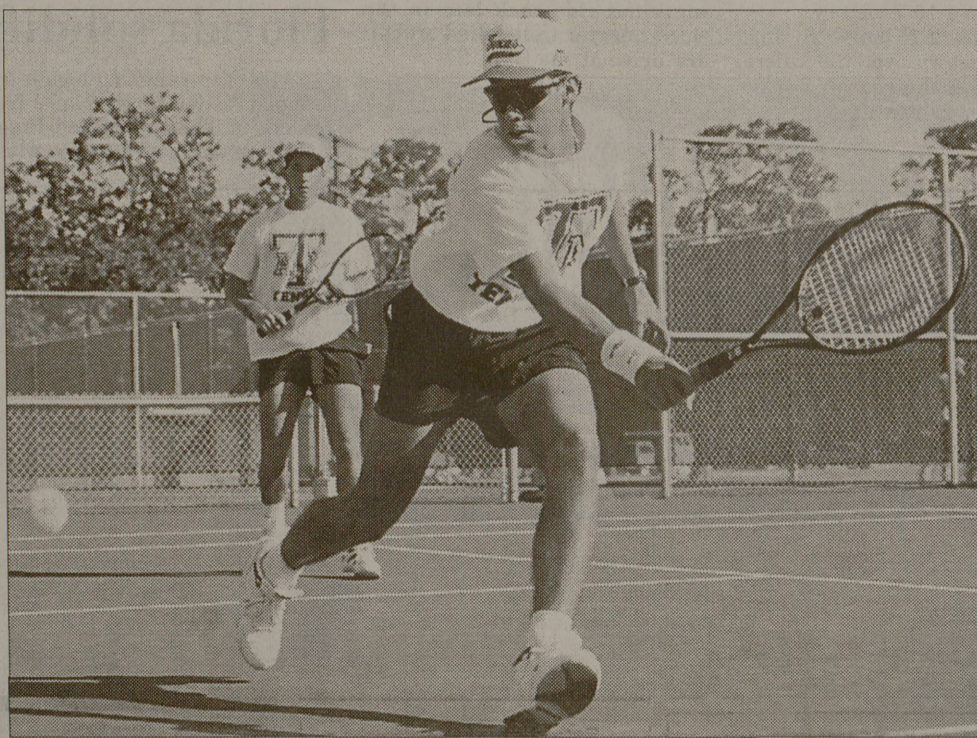
Martinez, who was unseeded, said he was extremely pleased with the way he played over the weekend.

"I played well and expected to do good in the tournament, but I didn't know how good," Martinez said. "I played some close matches, and it feels great to win those."

Martinez reached the semifinals by defeating junior Eric Horan, the seventh seed in the tournament. 4-6, 6-2, 7-6, while Krause, the fourth seed knocked off junior Blake Arrant, the top seed, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

In the doubles competition, A&M had two teams reach the semifinals, but both were eliminated. Also competing in the tournament were players representing Baylor, Rice, Texas Tech and Texas Christian University.

Texas A&M men's tennis coach



Bernardo Martinez (front) and Carlos Tori (back) play doubles during this weekend's tennis tournament at Omar-Smith Center.

David Kent said he is pleased with the number of good players that will comprise the team this season.

"We have good depth on the team, I feel confident about our young players

as we get ready for the spring," Kent said. "We played power tennis and controlled the tournament."

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