

Tune up

A&M Tennis travels to Corpus Christi this weekend to prepare for Big 12 play

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Most coaches say the fastest way young players to grow and mature is through game experience. The Texas A&M Men's and Women's Tennis Teams are subscribing to that theory for the Pre-Big 12 Mixed tournament Friday and Saturday in Corpus Christi.

The Aggies will face former Southwest Conference opponent Texas Christian University, current Big 12 rival Texas Tech University, and the nationally ranked University of Texas. The Aggies will compete to gain a six-member team with three representatives from both the men's and women's squads.

The men's squad will be composed of sophomore Brent Horan and freshmen Juan Aramburo and Gonzalo Anderson. The last season will send senior Michelle Prejean, sophomore Monica San Miguel and an undetermined starting candidate.

Each match will begin with

three mixed doubles matches. Then the men and women will split up into singles competition.

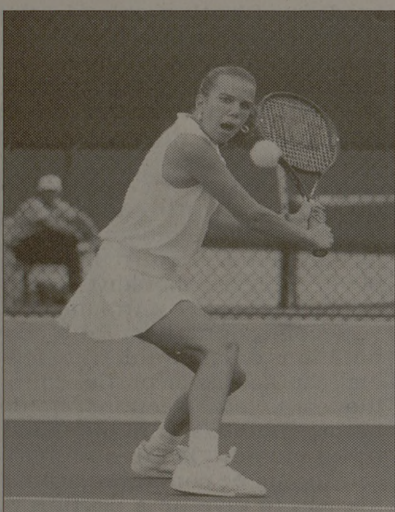
Several of the Aggie netters competing have experience playing in Corpus Christi. Prejean, a native of Corpus, played on the coast through her senior year at King High School. Horan won the Corpus Christi Major Zone tournament when he was 16 years old, as well as the Buck Days event when he was 6 years old.

Horan said his prior playing experience will give him an advantage over his opponents.

"A lot of people don't know how the wind works," Horan said. "It's windy pretty much the whole time. I think I'll have an advantage because I've played there once or twice a year since the age of 6."

Men's Assistant Coach Kel Lange said the experience the players will gain this weekend is invaluable.

"I don't think there is any substitute for going out and playing matches," Lange said. "The opportunity to get out there and play, to



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Senior Julie Beahm practices her backhand at Omar Smith.

take the things we have worked on in practice and translate them into a competitive situation in an environment that is not pressure-packed will help immensely."

The Corpus tournament will serve as the final tune up for the ITA Southwest Regional Rolex Championships Nov. 8-10.

UT investigating possible players meeting with agent

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas has said the Big 12 Conference and NCAA it is investigating reports that at least three football players have met with an agent.

"We are launching a complete investigation to reports that some of our players allegedly had meeting with an agent this weekend," Texas coach John Mackovic said Wednesday.

"At this point, we cannot make any determination on the players. We will try to get to the bottom of the report as quickly as possible, but cannot make any decisions until we complete the investigation," Mackovic said.

According to a source close to the university, investigation centers on a reported meeting Saturday at an Austin luxury hotel that included receiver Mike Adams, safety Tre Thomas and cornerback Bryant Westbrook.

The source told The Associated Press that more than one report began to surface Tuesday that the players had met with a man in the hotel's restaurant who discussed such topics as the NFL salary cap and how contracts in the NFL work before handing them some papers.

The University of Texas has notified the Big 12 Conference and NCAA that we are investigating an allegation," Texas assistant sports information director John Bianco said.

Mackovic said the players would remain eligible to play in Saturday's game against Baylor in Austin while the investigation proceeds.

David Berst, head of the NCAA's enforcement division, said, "Student athletes are permitted to meet with agents but are not permitted to agree orally or in writing to be represented by an agent, and they may not receive any cash or material benefits from agents."

There was no answer at phone numbers listed for Carter and Westbrook. Thomas didn't immediately return a message left on his answering machine and Adams' number is unlisted.

A&M golfers take Roadrunner title

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The 10th-ranked Texas A&M Women's Golf Team captured its second tournament title of the season by shooting a final round 305 Wednesday at the 20th annual Diet Coke/Roadrunner Invitational hosted by New Mexico State University.

A&M, which shot rounds of 325, 310 and 305, finished three strokes ahead of the host team to capture the crown. Big 12 opponent Oklahoma State (336-305-309 — 950) trailed New Mexico State by seven shots to finish third, followed by fourth-ranked Tennessee (328-318-305 — 951). No. 25 New Mexico (342-305-308 — 955) rounded out the top five in the final team standings.

"I was really proud of the team and how they played today," A&M Head Coach Jeanne Sutherland said. "We were really focused and everybody was really positive all day. The pin-placements were a little tough today, but we hung in and putted well."

New Mexico State's Sarah Comstock (78-77-73 — 228) brought home the individual championship with a final round of one under par. Three Aggies finished among the top 10, led by freshman Anna Becker (80-75-76 — 231) who tied for fifth, junior Aurora Kirchner (81-77-74 — 232) who finished one stroke back for a tie for seventh, and junior Isabelle Rosberg (80-77-76 — 233) who finished 10th.

"I was pleased for Anna in her first career top-five finish," Sutherland said. "Aurora played really well, too. Her tournament went as her summer went — she played well and stayed focused and had fun. Having three players finish in the top 10 is great, and I am really pleased."

The Lady Aggies will have a three-month break before starting a six-tournament spring schedule beginning in February.

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