

A&M finishes third at Aggie Invitational

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The Texas A&M Softball Team's home debut was spoiled by some tough competition as Colorado State, Creighton University and Sam Houston State University competed at the Aggie Invitational tournament at the Lady Aggie Softball Complex this weekend.

Although the Lady Aggies started the weekend with a bang, their overall tournament record of 2-4 and a third place finish showed that the team still has some kinks to work out before they start Big 12 Conference play.

Head Coach Jo Evans said the Lady Aggies were disappointed with their performance the first two days of the tournament.

"We definitely could have played better defense on Friday and Saturday," Evans said. "Our hitting was all right against Sam Houston in the first game, but our defense let us down the next three games against Colorado and Creighton. It took us until Sunday to come back after being discouraged the first two days."

In its first game, A&M improved its overall record to 3-4 as they slid by the Sam Houston Lady Kats 3-2. The Lady Aggies were down 2-1

until junior catcher Amy Schmaltz smashed a two-run triple in the sixth inning.

Schmaltz said the Lady Aggies had trouble getting key hits throughout the game.

"We needed to get the key hits at the right time," Schmaltz said. "We would make mistakes on defense, but would have trouble bouncing back from them."

Not only did the loss put the Lady Kats on a six-game losing streak which spanned the entire weekend, but it also put their record at 4-10, giving them a last place finish in the tournament.

Meanwhile, Colorado and Creighton battled it out for first place, but each ended up going 5-1 for the weekend.

Colorado earned first place by run differential with 37 overall runs, to finish three runs over Creighton.

Evans said Colorado played well and were the toughest team the Lady Aggies played.

"They were the most consistent team out here," Evans said. "Their pitcher did a nice job, and the team hit the ball really well. They really didn't outplay us, but were aggressive and got the big hits at the right time." Despite the four losses the Lady Aggies suffered, the team wrapped up the tournament with a 13-0 shutout over Sam Houston.

Senior center-fielder Gina Perez scored an infield home run and senior pitcher Lori Gioco hit a home run over the right field fence.

Sophomore Kami Tucker put herself on the RBI charts as well, hitting her first career grand slam home run early in the first inning.

Senior left fielder Heather Hayden said the Lady Aggies worked together as a team and learned a lot about what they need to improve on in the future.

"It is still the beginning of the season, and as each game goes by, we get better and better," Hayden said. "We were able to get more key hits in a row to earn runs towards the end. If we cut down the mistakes in the field we should be doing fine."

The Lady Aggies will enjoy more time at home as they host Stephen F. Austin University Wednesday at the Lady Aggie Softball Complex.



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Freshman shortstop **Jamie Smith** questions the umpire's call after she catches the ball against Colorado.

Lady Ags pick up first conference win, 7-2

BY SARA DUESING
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In its first Big 12 Conference match, the Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team overcame the University of Nebraska Saturday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center, 7-2.

Wrapping up a six-game homestand, the Lady Aggies (5-1 overall, 1-0 Big 12) defeated the Cornhuskers (4-1, 1-1) with a strong singles showing.

The Lady Netters shut out Nebraska in singles with senior captain Nancy Dingwall leading the way with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Nebraska freshman star Sandra Noetzel. Freshman Lisa Dingwall beat Annie Yang 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, as senior Vanessa Rooks defeated Lisa Hart 6-3, 6-1.

Although this was the first meeting between the two teams, Rooks said the Aggies did not waste time pondering what they were up against. "We didn't really think about how they would play before the match," Rooks said. "We just played our own game, did really well and I'm proud of everyone."

Following Rooks' victory, sophomore Monica San Miguel routed Jennifer Hoste 6-4, 7-5. Junior Monica Rebolledo beat Adrianna Dulic 6-2, 6-2 and senior Julie Beahm wrapped things up with a 6-

0, 6-3 victory over Gina Pelazini.

A&M Head Coach Bobby Kleinecke said he was excited about the singles performance.

"Nebraska is a good team," Kleinecke said. "They really make you work hard and make you hit the balls. Winning the singles was real important."

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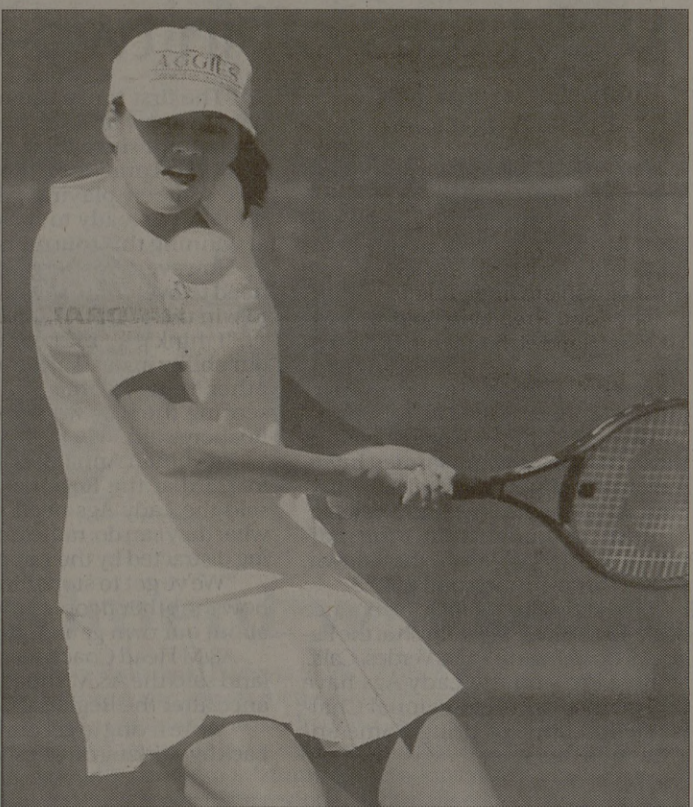
Bobby Kleinecke
A&M head coach

The doubles competition brought two match losses for the Lady Aggies as the sister duo of Dingwall and Dingwall fell to Noetzel and Thoste 8-5. Likewise, freshmen Leslie Dees and partner Kathryn Scott, were defeated 8-5 by the team of Hart and Yang. However, Beahm and Rooks were able to overcome Dulic and Pelazini for a 8-3 win.

"They (Nebraska) play a different type of doubles, and we did not adjust," Kleinecke said. "If they had played normally, we would have had a better chance. But, you have to give them credit because they did what they had to do to win."

The Lady Aggies now prepare themselves to travel to San Diego, Calif., where they will face San Diego State University and the University of San Diego before returning home for another four-game stretch.

"Overall, I feel really good about the way we played," Kleinecke said. "We came out and did a good job."



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Senior **Nancy Dingwall** backhands the ball against the University of Nebraska at the Omar Smith Tennis Center Saturday.

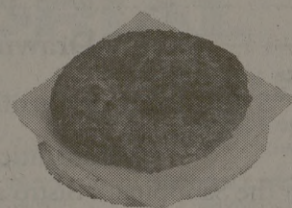
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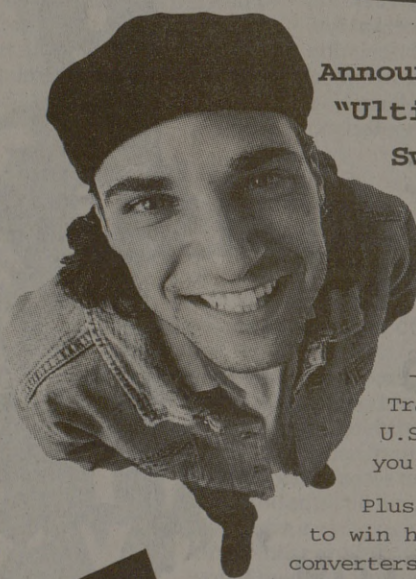
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