

Ags falter against Texas

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As the skies opened up Saturday afternoon, so did the hearts of the Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team as they came up short 6-1 against their rival, the University of Texas.

The Aggies now fall to 8-12 on the season and 3-5 in conference play, while the 14th-ranked Longhorns won the Big 12 Conference with a perfect 9-0 mark and 19-5 overall.

From the minute doubles play was postponed because of Mother Nature, to when the match finally got underway at 2:30 p.m., frustration was the pace for the Aggies.

"It was just a nightmare," sophomore Carlos Tori said. "Everything

that could have gone wrong did and they (Texas) are a good team once that happens. We had a lot of expectations going into the match today, but we were simply not ourselves."

No matter what seemed to go wrong for the Longhorns, they always found a way to salvage the point. The Longhorns captured all the doubles and singles matches in straight sets, the only Aggie victory was senior Aggie netter Robbie Krause coming up with the win against UT's B. J. Stearns.

While Stearns took the first set in the long and grueling match that stretched almost three hours, Krause was able to remain composed and come back to take the match.

"It was all about pride," Krause said. "I am sincerely disappointed with the team loss because we had an up-and-down season and I thought today might have a different outcome. As for me, I could not have dreamt it better, I beat Texas on my last chance here at home and

I am proud of that." While the loss hurt and will help the Aggies' run at an NCAA bid, the team will take the loss in stride, they have throughout the season. Head Coach Tim Cass said he was delighted with Krause's performance and offered his thoughts on the team's loss.

"I am really proud of Robbie and that is the type of effort we want to build our program on," Cass said. "It was a tough and match, but that is the type year it's been for us. For us, it was a measuring stick for our program and as you can see, we had a long way to go because it was one-sided match. To be honest, it is my job to make sure they compete with these guys day and day out, and that's what we plan on doing."

The Aggies return to action Wednesday against Texas Tech in a makeup match at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.



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"We have a really good chance of winning it," Kirchner said. "We're finally playing the way that we've hoped to. We are all playing pretty well, so it's nice for it to all come together at the end when it's really important."

Representing A&M at the tournament will be senior Wendi Wight, juniors Jamie Hullett, Isabelle Rosberg and Kirchner and freshman Anna Becker.

Hullett leads the way for A&M, ranking third in Big 12 standings and 30th in the nation, with a 76.79 average. Hullett said the team is eager

to square off with the other Big 12 schools.

"We are really excited to see how we match up against them, because we know we can play with any of those schools," Hullett said. "We're trying not to focus so much on it being the Big 12, because that makes us a little nervous."

Sutherland said it would be nice to win the first Big 12 Championship, but despite the conference, a win is a win.

"Conference tournaments are exciting no matter what conference you are in," Sutherland said. "Every athlete at A&M wants to win a (championship) ring, no matter if it's the Big 12 or the Southwest Conference. There's no more importance placed upon it for us that it's the Big 12. We still want to win."

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The Aggies began the three-game series Friday night on a good note, winning their ninth consecutive conference matchup, gunning down the Longhorns 6-3. Junior pitcher Ryan Rupe (8-2) tossed a complete game, surrendering three runs on seven hits. Hunter led the Aggies' offensive attack going 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. In the victory, Hunter smashed

his team-leading 15th home run.

Garrido, who felt the Longhorns needed to win nine of their next 12 coming into the series, said the two-game winning streak will take some of the pressure off his team.

"Without a question it will make us feel better about things," Garrido said. "Winning and losing really affects your attitude. Baseball is supposed to be fun. When you get beaten, it [the loss] frequently takes the fun out of it. They haven't given up. This could be the momentum we need to turn things around."

A&M volleyball finishes 17th at national tournament

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The Texas A&M Men's Volleyball Team travelled to the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. this weekend in hopes of capturing the national title.

However, the Aggies came short and finished 17th. Junior Scott Simons said the team was disappointed with their finish.

"We were kind of in shock," Simons said. "We knew we should have been in the top 16, but didn't come through."

The Aggies were knocked out by the University of Illinois. Simons said overall, the players are happy with their year.

"Next year, we will have returning starters and eight returning players," Simons said. "We will have a better season."

The women's club team also participated in the tournament. They finished third out of 20 teams.

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