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Esters wins Big 12 Player of the Week

Texas A&M centerfielder Tiffany Esters has been named the Big 12 Softball Player of the Week, the league announced Tuesday.

nered the honor after compiling a .500 batting average in five games last week and extending her hitting streak to eight games. In 14 plate appearances, Estes recorded five runs, four RBI and seven hits, including the first home run of her career in A&M's 3-2 win over Texas-Arlington. Esters also posted a .714 slugging percentage and a .533 onbase percentage.

Lady netters roll to win over SHSU

The No. 35-ranked Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team handed the Sam Houston State Bearkats a 9-0 defeat Wednesday at the Omar

The Aggies improve to 10-4 overall, while Bearkats fall to 4-6.

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so it was good to

Kleinecke said. The Aggies wil road as they face Friday in Lubbock.

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The Texas A&M team is ranked N Rankings released being ranked No. 16i

A&M won the February 23-24 in and finished fifth Invitational Wedne Calif., against a fie five teams in the top

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By AL LAZARUS Staff writer

The No. 27 Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team will take on No. 58 University of Southwestern Louisiana today at 2 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center. The Aggies defeated USL, 4-3,

last year in College Station. Texas A&M (6-2, 1-1) is com-

ing off two big victories over strong opponents, Pepperdine and Miami.

Although USL is not as highly ranked as the Aggies' last few opponents, Texas A&M Coach Tim Cass said the Ragin' Cajuns can hold their own against strong opposition.

"They are a very strong team," Cass said. - "Southwest Louisiana's top three players can play with anyone in the country. A&M freshman Shuon

Senior Carlos To with Madden to nation's 44th-rank saying the Aggies v

"USL has a very with four or five ver ers," Tori said, " b

State (25-7); Illinois (22

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Madden, who is 8-0 in singles ready for them. The Big Dance sta

\$10,000 fine, Princeton is finally a favorite and North Carolina is doing quite nicely without Dean Smith. emerge when the NCAA's 64-team Sacramento, Calif.

A top seed has never lost to a 16th seed, but plenty have struggled in shaking the butterflies.

The Tar Heels (30-3) are now coached by Bill Guthridge, the

The Middies and Tar heels tip off the tournament at Hartford Conn., at 12:20 p.m. EST on Thursday, five minutes before Xavier (22-7) takes on the University of Washington

Oklahoma (22-10) in an early evening game.

Knight agreed Wednesday to pay a \$10,000 fine levied by the Big Ten for his barbs at referee

Thursday's games are in the East and West. The South and Midwest regionals start Friday.

Washington; South Carolina (23-7) vs. Richmond (22-7): Indiana-Oklahoma; and Connecticut (29-4)

five years ago. "Their players haven" ta ed Temple says of the lon Mountaineers. "Maybe the ce know, but the kids don't ble ing. They're just happy to on the merry-go-round." \fr

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