

A&M locks horns with TCU NCAA's hopefuls list led by Wade, Sawyer



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nitru Caradima will lead A&M's attack versus 30th-ranked Texas Christian.

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After a stunning 4-1 upset over No. 12 Pepperdine and a 6-1 thrashing of No. 50 Miami, the No. 27 Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team (6-2) will continue its March home stand when they play the No. 30 TCU Horned Frogs Saturday at noon at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

"This is a very important regional match for us," Texas A&M Coach Tim Cass said. "They're very good and dangerous. We're four and 26 against them. It's been very one-sided."

Cass said the player that worries him and the team the most is Estaban Carril.

"He's their number one player," he said. "He's 24 and six in singles match play this year, and he is ranked No. 21 in the country. He's definitely very good."

However, Cass believes playing at home will be a big factor for the team.

"In all sports, you prefer to play at home," Cass said. "We usually play better when we're at home. You have more fan support and the comforts of playing on your court."

After its match with TCU, the tennis team will play conference foe Oklahoma State on Saturday, March 21 at the Omar Smith Center.

"This is a very important conference match for us," Cass said. "Our goal at the beginning of the year was to win the Big 12; if we lose this match, we'll have two losses in conference and would probably take us out of the Big 12 title hunt."

"They (OSU) are undefeated in the Big 12," he added. "They have the number one singles player in the country. If they win this match, they will be in the driver's seat for the title. If we win, we'll be able to control our own destiny."

The Aggies will play at home all during March and it could provide them an excellent opportunity to fulfill their goals.

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After sending just one representative to the NCAA Championships a year ago, the Texas A&M Track and Field Team is aglow after finding that six Aggies will be traveling to Indianapolis this weekend to compete in this year's indoor national championships. Although six Aggies will be making the trip, they will be competing in eight events, with senior Adrien Sawyer competing in three.

After completing highly successful indoor seasons, "just happy to be there" becomes a phrase no longer synonymous with Texas A&M. The men will be looking to improve on their current *Trackwire USA* national ranking of 12 while the women will look to better their ranking of 24.

Leading the charge for the Aggies will be senior Adrien Sawyer, whose remarkable season earned her a berth in the 55-meter hurdles, long jump and the triple jump. Coach Abe Brown spoke about Adrien's potential of placing in at least one of the three events.

"Like Adrien Sawyer's chances, especially in the long jump," Brown said. "Adrien has come a long way and has a lot of confidence right now."

Also competing for the women will be sophomore Chimika Carter in the 55-meter hurdles and junior Detirch Clariett, who is the only provisional qualifier to reach the NCAA Championships, in the triple jump.

For the men, senior Larry Wade enters the meet as the odds-on favorite to win the 55-meter hurdles. Wade will look to continue his indoor unbeaten streak against the best competition in the nation. However, Wade will still approach the NCAA Championships as if it were any other meet.

"I'm still going into this meet with the same attitude I have towards every meet," Wade said. "I'm just going to go out there and do my best."

Coach Brown spoke about the down side of entering the meet as the favorite.

"When you're at the level like Larry is, then everybody's chasing you," Brown said. "They're all trying to knock Larry Wade off. He's the guy to beat."

Nonetheless, Larry has been the favorite going into every meet this season, and has become accustomed to the pressures associated with it.

Senior Billy Fobbs, coming off of his victories in both the 55-meter dash and 200-meter dash in the Big 12 Indoor Conference Champi-

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Surprises highlight first round of Big Dance

SC upset by Richmond

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richmond did it again and so did South Carolina.

Harold Stevenson scored 24 points as 14th-ranked Richmond added another NCAA tournament upset to its resume by beating third-seed South Carolina 62-61 Thursday.

Richmond (23-7) held the Gamecocks helpless over the final 76 seconds to secure victory and set up a second-round East regional meeting with the 11th-seeded Washington Huskies.

As soon as a drive by South Carolina's BJ McKie and subsequent tap-in attempt went awry at buzzer, the Spiders gathered at midcourt to celebrate yet another upset.

McKie scored 24 points for South Carolina (23-10) which hasn't won an NCAA first-round game since in four tries since 1973. The Gamecocks were ousted from the tournament in the opening round last year by unheralded Coppin State — the third time a No. 15 seed beat a No. 2.

West Virginia bests Temple

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Temple's trademark matchup zone proved no match for West Virginia.

The taller 10th-seeded Mountaineers passed the ball through, over and around the No. 7 Owls and used an effective full-court press to hand Temple its most lopsided loss of the season, 82-52, Thursday in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

West Virginia (23-8) advanced to Saturday's second round against the winner of tonight's game between No. 2 Cincinnati and No. 15 Northern Arizona.

The Mountaineers' best tournament showing came in the 1959 title game, a 71-70 loss to California. They haven't been to the second round since 1989, when Duke beat them.

The younger Owls (21-9) never got untracked against West Virginia's five senior starters, who helped the Mountaineers to the Big East's only perfect non-conference record (11-0) this season.

Washington stuns Xavier

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deon Luton's 17-foot jumper from the left wing with 11.2 seconds to play gave 11th-seeded Washington its first NCAA victory since 1984, a 69-68 victory Thursday over sixth-seeded Xavier.

Luton, who had missed two free throws when Washington led 67-66 with 53.2 seconds left, hit his game-winner after Gary Lumpkin's two free throws had given Xavier the lead with 42.5 remaining.

Xavier, which made one basket in the final 9:53, had two shots to win it in the waning seconds, but Lumpkin threw up an air ball and T.J. Johnson's layup attempt off an inbounds pass was blocked as time expired.

Washington overcame 26 turnovers and 10-for-21 free-throw shooting to win its first NCAA game since Detlef Schrempf led a victory over Duke 14 years ago.

Luton and Donald Watts scored 17 points apiece to lead Washington. Darnell Williams and James Posey both had 17 for Atlantic 10 champ Xavier.

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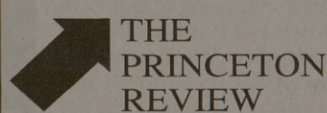
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