

## AGGIE SPORTS BRIEFS

from staff and wire reports

### Tennis team gigs CU Horned Frogs

The No. 36 Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team (15-8) defeated the No. 31 CU Horned Frogs 5-4 Thursday at the Potlatch Lard Tennis Center.

"It's good to get any win, especially on the road," Coach Bobby Kleineckle said. "All we have are tough matches in here on out."

The match was tied at three after singles play concluded, but A&M was able to take two out of three in doubles play for the win.

In doubles, the Aggies were led by teams of Eva Marcial and Kathryn Holt and Lisa Dingwall and Vanessa Brooks who won their matches 8-4 and 9-7 respectively.

In singles play, A&M was led by Monica Robolledo who won 6-2 and 7-5 to improve her overall record to 15 and 18-4 in dual match play.

The Aggies will host No. 5 Texas Wednesday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center at 5:30 p.m.

### Baseball wins two against Nebraska

The No. 14 Texas A&M Baseball team took two out of three from Nebraska this weekend in Lincoln and improved to 31-13 overall and 14-7 conference.

The Aggies lost game one 4-3 on a double-bases-loaded double off starter Dan Rupe who falls to 7-3 on the year.

The Aggies would bounce back on Saturday to sweep the doubleheader 5-5 and 9-4. Casey Fossum threw eight innings and struck out 11 to pick up his seventh win of the season. Chance Caple threw 5.2 innings in relief to pick up his seventh win of the season in game three.

In the doubleheader, first baseman John Scheschuk hit three home runs, including a grand slam and drove in nine runs. Scheschuk has 12 homers for the season.

Head Coach Mark Johnson picked up his 800th career win with A&M's first victory on Saturday.

### Men's tennis wins match against NU

The No. 17-ranked Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team experienced a rocky visit to the mountains in Colorado as they fell to the No. 41-ranked Buffaloes, 5-2, Friday in Big 12 conference play at the Kittridge Tennis Center on the CU campus.

The Aggies' loss ranks as their first of the season in terms of their opponent's ranking. The previous three of the Aggies' dual match losses have been to teams in the top 15 nationally and all on the road. A&M fell to No. 6-ranked Louisiana State, 3-1 in Baton Rouge, La., in early February and fell to No. 8-ranked Texas, 3-1 in Austin in early March.

The Aggies bounced back from Friday's loss to beat the No. 72-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers, 4-3, on Sunday at the Devaney Sports Center on the Nebraska campus. The Aggies improved to 12-4 overall and 5-2 in Big 12 Conference play.

The Aggies continue league play as they face the No. 25-ranked Baylor Bears on Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Waco.

# Texas two-steps all over Texas A&M

Aggies were unable to defeat opponent's supply of pitching in 0-2 weekend series with Longhorns

By Robert Hollier  
Staff writer

Coming off a 3-1 home stand last weekend, including a two-game sweep over No. 11 Missouri, the Texas A&M Softball Team (28-20-1, 4-6) was looking to build on the momentum and improve its conference standing. Unfortunately, the Aggies were unable to do either as they lost a pair to the No. 9 Texas Longhorns (38-11, 6-4) this weekend.

On Friday, the Aggies lost game one 4-0 in Austin with Christa Williams, a former Olympian and UCLA standout, throwing a complete game shutout. She scattered four hits over seven innings, striking out 11 and only walking one.

The Longhorns scored one run in the second, two in the fifth and one in the sixth for the victory.

Williams improved her record to 20-2 while freshman Amy Vining fell to 9-4 on the season with the loss.

In game two at the Aggie Softball Field, things did not get much better for the Aggies as they fell to the Longhorns again by the score of 8-2 in front of 796 fans.

Texas started the scoring in the top of the first when second baseman Nikki Cockrell belted a solo home run over the left center field fence to give them a 1-0 lead.

The Aggies would answer right back in the bottom of the first when sophomore left fielder Angie Long singled, stole second and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt. Sophomore shortstop Jamie Smith ground-



Sophomore outfielder Angie Long slides into home plate safely in the first inning against Texas. The Aggies lost both weekend games to the Longhorns to drop their Big 12 record to 4-6.

ed out to short to score Long and drive in her 14th RBI of the season.

The score would remain tied at one until the fifth when Cockrell singled in her second run of the game to give the Longhorns a 2-1 lead.

In the top of the sixth, everything fell apart for the Aggies as the Longhorns sent 11 batters to the plate and scored six runs to give them an 8-1 lead. In the inning, the

Longhorns had five hits, including two doubles, two walks and an Aggie error to plate the runs.

Most of the damage came against freshman starting pitcher Ashley Lewis who threw five innings, giving up five runs on seven hits, striking out four and walking five in the loss. Lewis' record fell to 11-7 on the year.

"I couldn't find the strike zone," Lewis

said. "I went flat on the mound and my pitches weren't breaking. I just lost some of my control."

"I was very disappointed with myself after the home run," she added. "It was supposed to be an inside fast ball, but I left it over the plate."

The Aggies would add another run in the seventh when sophomore third baseman Stephanie Trumbull singled home Amy Lawler, but it was too little, too late.

Head Coach Jo Evans was not pleased with her team's offensive performance as A&M only managed a total of seven hits and two runs in the series.

"That's not going to get it done," Evans said. "We were out-pitched and we were out-hit. It's discouraging; we didn't show up to play today. I give them a lot of credit; they outplayed us."

Senior catcher and captain Marianne McGuire agreed, adding the team couldn't get the big clutch hits.

"We didn't get the hits when we needed them the most," she said. "We just couldn't put two hits together and we didn't score."

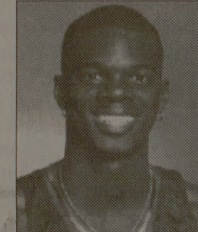
Evans also said the most frustrating thing about the series was watching Nikki Cockrell, a former Aggie, have a great series against her former team. Cockrell went a combined 3-7 with four RBI and two runs scored.

Next, the Aggies will take a short break from their conference schedule when they travel to Huntsville on Tuesday to play a doubleheader against Sam Houston State.

## Aggies dominate at Invitational

By Michael Ferguson  
Staff writer

The spectators began to gather in the stands of the Frank G. Anderson complex Saturday evening, eagerly awaiting the return of Larry Wade, who had not competed since winning the National Championship in the indoor hurdles. Expectations were high, and the senior All-American did not disappoint, smacking the competition with a NCAA automatic qualifying time of 13.50 seconds for a victory in the 110-meter hurdles.



Wade

That is how the majority of the day went for the Texas A&M Track and Field Team, who at the A&M Invitational this past weekend, compiled over 20 top-3 finishes in their best all-around performance of the season.

Following the race, Wade spoke about his return to competition after the lengthy absence.

"It feels really great to finally get a race under my belt," Wade said. "Qualifying for Nationals takes a little pressure off of me for the rest of the season."

Coach Ted Nelson further alluded to Wade's return. "It was a real plus getting Larry Wade back," Nelson said. "13.50 for the first meet is just outstanding."

Sophomore Desmond Powell and freshman Bashir Ramzy rounded out the crew of hurdlers, finishing 3-4 in the 110-meter hurdles.

Sophomore Jason Jacob won the men's hammer throw with a throw of 176 feet, 7 inches. Junior Mike Lowrance finished second in the discus. Sophomore Jon Nance placed second in the pole vault, with fellow sophomore Travis Grasha placing fourth (first among collegiate competition) in the javelin.

In the jumps, junior Toya Jones finished third (second collegiately) in the long jump and Ramzy finished second in the triple jump.

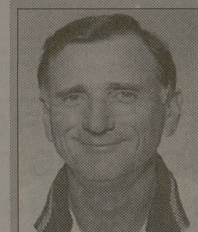
Sophomore Jonan Lannefors and junior Derrick Woods placed 2-3 in the 400-meter dash, and sophomore Travis McAshen finished third in the 400-meter hurdles.

The women continued to dominate their events with many impressive performances. One of those performances was turned in by senior All-American Adrien Sawyer. Sawyer placed third in her first long jump competition of the outdoor season and fin-

ished second in the 100-meter hurdles, just behind Angie Vaughn of Texas, one of the top hurdlers in the nation. Sawyer's time of 13.07 seconds in the hurdles is not only a career best, but also automatically qualifies her for the NCAA Championships at the end of the season.

Senior All-American Rosa Jolivet continued to make her presence felt, finishing second in the 400-meter hurdles for the second straight week. She also finished third in the 100-meter hurdles with a high provisional qualifying time of 13.22 seconds. Sophomore Chimika Carter also had an impressive meet, placing fourth in both the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump.

The trio of throwers, freshmen Meshell Trotter and Megan Koonce and junior Kelli Schrader, had a domi-



Nelson

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nating meet. Trotter won the hammer throw and finished third in the shot put. Schrader placed second in both the hammer and the discus. Koonce finished third in the hammer and won the discus with a personal record of 164 feet, 4 inches.

In the javelin, freshmen Lauryn Miller and Jennifer Parker finished 2-3, and junior Detrich Clariett placed second (first collegiately) in the triple jump.

On a disappointing note, senior All-American sprinter Billy Fobbs pulled up in the 100-meter dash with a mild hamstring injury. He is expected to miss two to three weeks.

However, Nelson viewed the meet as a successful one. "It was really a quality meet and we had some quality performances," Nelson said. "Overall, we had a good meet."

Assistant Coach Abe Brown added his thoughts. "We got a lot accomplished today," Brown said. "We've still got a long way to go, but I like our chances."

## Green Jacket awarded to O'Meara at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Mark O'Meara has taught Tiger Woods a lot about life on the PGA Tour. Maybe Woods taught O'Meara how to win a Masters.

Closing in a very Tiger-like fashion with birdies on three of the last four holes, O'Meara stole the show Sunday from the greatest master of them all — Jack Nicklaus — who made a thrilling run at a seventh green jacket.

O'Meara had played in 56 major championships without winning, but when he rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole at Augusta National Golf Club that streak ended.

When the ball disappeared from sight, O'Meara thrust his arms defiantly into the air and wrapped them around caddie Jerry Higgenbotham. The 18-year wait to win a major championship was over.

That birdie marked the only time O'Meara led during the four days of play as he closed with a 67 and finished at 9-under-par 279, one stroke ahead of Fred Couples and David Duval.

"I don't think it's sunk in yet," O'Meara said after Woods, his close friend and the defending champion, put the winner's green jacket on him and gave O'Meara a big hug.

"I'll treasure it for a lifetime," O'Meara said. "I walked to the 17th tee thinking I could still make two birdies."

That's exactly what he did, hitting a great iron to 7 feet on No. 17 and then making the 20-footer on the last hole to become the first player since Arnold Palmer in 1960 to win the Masters by closing with

two consecutive birdies.

"What does Tiger mean to Mark O'Meara?" O'Meara said. "You know, I compete against him. I have to find some way to get around the advantages he has. I think he has brought my game up a bit."

Now the 14-time winner on the PGA Tour with more than \$9 million in career earnings can scratch his name off the list of great golfers who have never won a major championship.

And perhaps O'Meara, 41, and Woods, 22, have both been helped by the golf matches they play in their community near Orlando, Fla., where O'Meara counsels Woods on how to handle the pressure of life on tour.

"Mark has been like a big brother to me," Woods said.

And Woods has taught O'Meara some things about his game. When O'Meara asked Woods to give him strokes on the par-5 in their friendly matches, Woods pointed out the advantage O'Meara has.

"He says, 'You've got a putter,'" O'Meara related. "I said, 'You're right' and the putter won for me this week."

Couples and Duval played well enough to win but were simply victims of O'Meara's putter. He averaged barely over 26 putts a round and with 105 had the fewest in the tournament on the tricky Augusta National greens.

The tournament appeared headed for a playoff when Duval, playing in the group in front of O'Meara and Couples, missed a 20-foot birdie try on the final hole to finish at eight under par.

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