

Women netters to face Harvard

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The Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team returns to action tonight at the Varsity Tennis Center when they host Harvard University at 6 p.m. in a non-conference match. The Aggies, currently ranked 34th in the nation, are coming off a dominating 8-1 victory over Texas Tech University Monday night.

In the single matches, the Aggies failed to drop a set in the matches they won and was led by Monica San Miguel's 6-0, 6-0 blanking of Tech's Ghislane Hernandez.

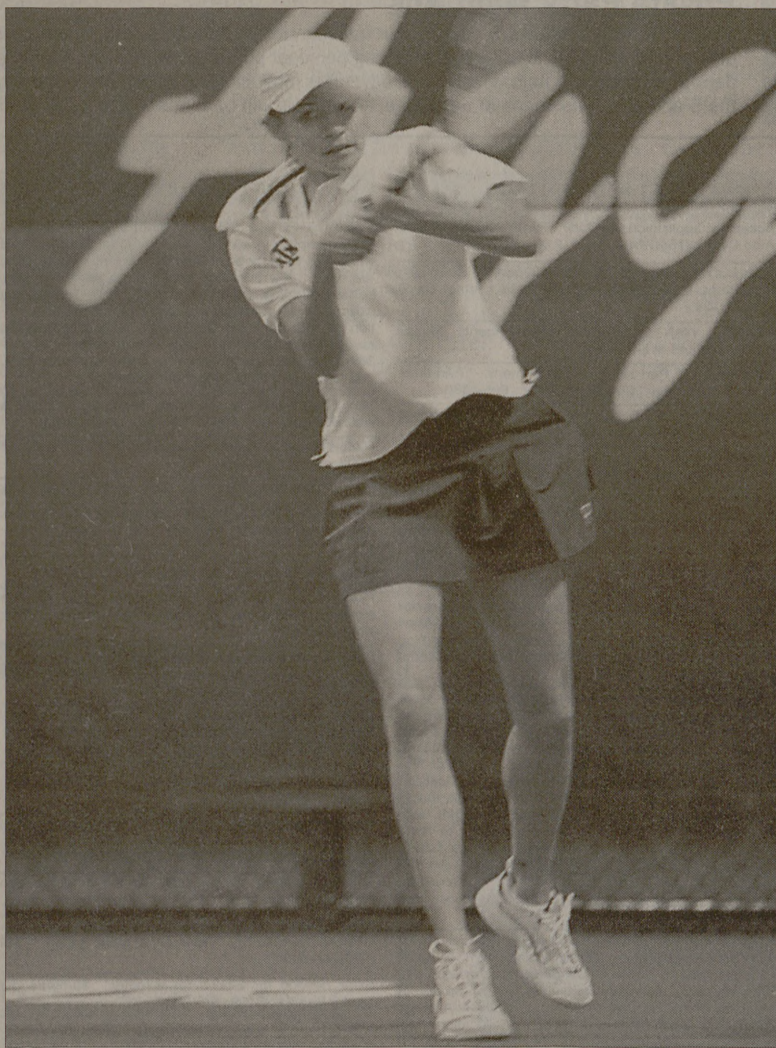
Freshman Martina Nedorostova continued her hot play of late with a 6-4, 6-4 victory at No. 1 singles. She has won 12 out of her last 13 matches and is 7-0 in the Big 12 in singles.

Texas Tech won only 30 total games in the nine matches in comparison to A&M's 90 games. The Aggies are now 11-4 overall and 6-1 in the Big 12.

For Harvard, the match is the third of their three-match trip to Texas. The reigning Ivy League champion Crimson dropped a narrow 5-4 decision to Baylor University Sunday but rebounded for a 5-4 victory over the University of Houston on Monday.

In both matches, the Crimson's strength in doubles was evident as Harvard won four out of six doubles matches in the two days. Against Baylor, the Crimson rallied from a 4-2 deficit to tie the score only to lose the match at No. 1 doubles. In the Houston match, Harvard rallied for the victory after their top three singles players all were defeated.

The Crimson feature the 1998 Ivy League Player of the Year Ivy Wang, who compiled a 23-5 record last season. Harvard will also count on first-year player Andrea Magyera. The heralded Magyera was considered one of the top recruits in the nation and defeated Baylor's Hortensia Hernandez 3-6, 6-3, 6-2



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A&M junior Lisa Dingwall returns a volley during singles play against the Red Raiders of Texas Tech University Monday. The Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team will host Harvard University Wednesday night.

Sunday. "This match is going to end a very tough stretch of matches for us," A&M head coach Bobby Klei-neck said. "After beating a tough Colorado team and then doing what we did against Oklahoma and then just taking care of Texas

Tech, we need to continue our momentum."

The Harvard match will end a stretch of four home matches in six days for A&M. They will break for 10 days before hosting No. 8 Vanderbilt on April 10 in another non-conference match.



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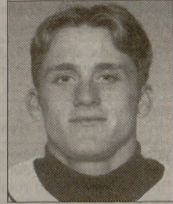
A&M junior second baseman Sean Heaney goes for the tag during the Aggies' game against Lamar University March 24 at Olsen Field. The Texas A&M Baseball dropped a 7-6 decision to No. 4 Rice University Tuesday night in Houston to fall to 25-8 on the season.

Owls' early runs doom Ags

A&M Baseball Team's road woes continue with 7-6 loss

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Many people say that it is not how you start, but how you finish. For the sixth-ranked Texas A&M Baseball Team last night it was quite the opposite as their start came back to haunt them.



SCARBOROUGH

The Aggies allowed four runs by fourth-ranked Rice University in the first inning en route to a 7-6 loss in front of a record crowd of 3,214 at Rice's Cameron Field last night.

The loss pushed the Aggies' record on the road below the .500

mark at 6-7.

Freshman pitcher Khalid Ballouli started the game for the Aggies and gave up the Owls' four-run outburst. For the game, Ballouli pitched six innings and gave up six runs on 12 hits. He struck out two and saw his ERA increase to 5.35.

After falling behind 4-0, the Aggies battled back to tie the game by scoring two runs in the top half of the second, one in the third and another in the fourth.

The Owls came back to take the lead at 6-4 when they tallied a run in both the fifth and sixth innings.

In the top of the eighth, the Aggies put two runs on the board to tie the game at six. However, in the bottom half of the inning, the Aggies gave the lead back to the Owls

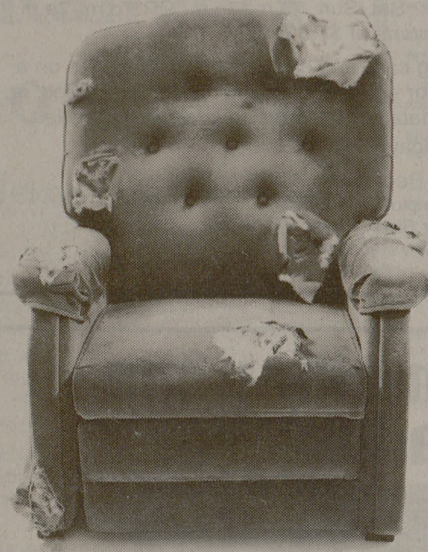
as sophomore pitcher Chris Russ, who came into the game an inning earlier in relief of Ballouli, gave up the winning run.

The loss was the first on the year for Russ (7-1).

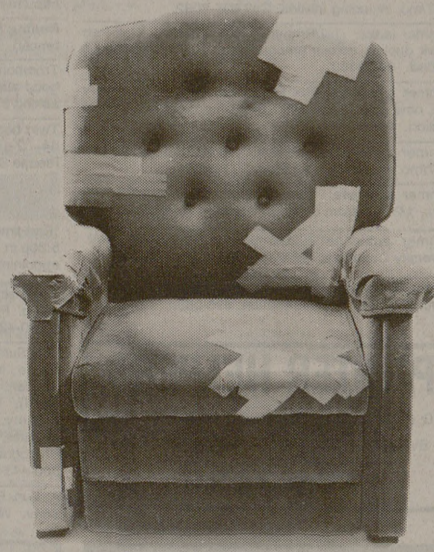
Leading the way for the Aggies' offensively was junior shortstop Steve Scarborough. Scarborough went 2-4 on the night with two runs batted in and his second homerun of the season.

Freshman designated hitter Greg Porter also had a decent night at the plate, going 2-3 with a double, a run scored and two RBIs.

Next up for the Aggies is a series with the conference leading and 19th-ranked University of Nebraska Cornhuskers. The series kicks off Friday night at 7 at Olsen Field.



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