

Netters edge Crimson

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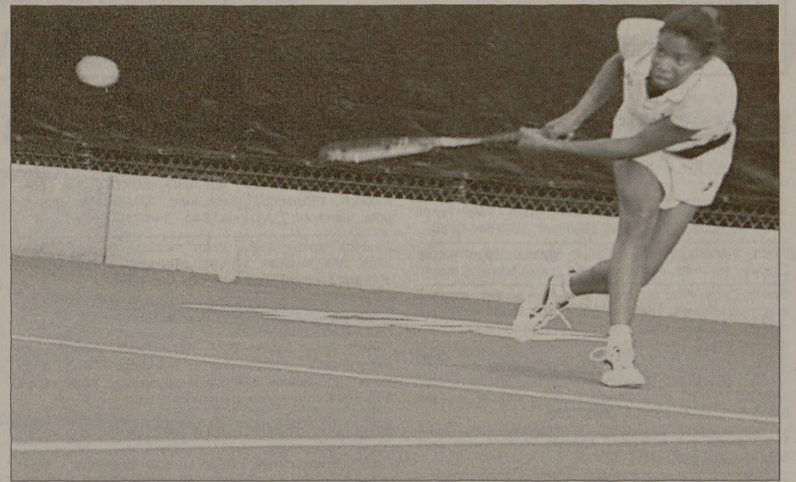
It took 16 games and a tiebreaker, but in the end the Texas A&M Women's Tennis doubles team of Martina Nedorostova and Lisa Dingwall beat Harvard's No. 1 doubles team, 9-8, to give the Aggies the 5-4 win.

The Aggies lost the apparent advantage to Harvard in a dramatic and drawn-out game that ended up going to the Crimson to give Harvard the 5-6 lead, but Dingwall's crosscourt scrambles and Nedorostova's dramatic power slams ended up turning the tide and putting the team up, 8-7. Harvard's win in the final game sent the match into a tiebreaker, which A&M dominated with a 7-4 win.

"In three years here, that is the first time I've ever felt that excited," Dingwall said. "The crowd being into this pumped Martina and I up, and it payed off."

A&M's No. 1 doubles team has played big dividends for the Aggies as the two have developed a winning chemistry.

"We had a bad time for a couple of weeks," Nedorostova said. "But



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A&M freshman Leah Killen returns a volley during singles play against Harvard University Wednesday at the Varsity Tennis Center. The Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team defeated Harvard, 5-4.

lately we've overcome that obstacle, and it's looking good."

The second and third doubles teams split their games to keep the match tied and put the pressure on Nedorostova and Dingwall. The No. 3 team for A&M of Leah Killen and Monica San Miguel defeated Harvard's Sarah McGinty and Rox-

anna Curt, while Eva Marcial and Kathryn Scott fell to Vedica Jain and Andrea Magyera, Harvard's No. 2 team.

"It could have gone either way right up to the end," A&M coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "Harvard is an excellent team, so this is going to pay big dividends for us."



MIKE FUENTES/THE BATTALION

sophomore right fielder Daylan Holt has an at-bat against the University of Michigan. The Aggies host the conference-leading University of Nebraska this weekend at Olsen Field for a three-game series.

Ags welcome home game

No. 6 A&M Baseball Team host Cornhuskers Friday

BY DOUG SHILLING
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Home is where the heart is. Fortunately for the sixth-ranked Texas A&M Baseball Team, that is where the wins are too. The Aggies are bringing a stellar home record into this weekend's matchup with the 19th-ranked and conference-leading University of Nebraska Cornhuskers.

At home, A&M boasts a 19-1 record, with the only loss coming against UNLV in the Aggie Continental Airlines Baseball Classic March 19.

In comparison, after last Tuesday's 7-6 loss to the fourth-ranked University of Rice Owls, the Aggies' road record fell to a mediocre 6-7.

In the game against the Owls, the Aggies (25-8, 8-Big 12) fell behind early and never recovered. Freshman pitcher Khalid Ballouli gave up four runs or more in the first inning. The Aggies battled back on the strength of junior shortstop Steve Scarborough's second home run of the year to tie the game up at six in the top of the eighth inning.

The Aggies gave the lead right back in the bottom half of the inning, however, as sophomore pitcher Chris Russ (7-1) allowed the winning run.

The Cornhuskers (20-6, 8-1 Big 12) come into College Station as a team on a roll. With their sweep of the University of Texas this past weekend, the Cornhuskers' winning streak now stands at 11. The sweep

of the Longhorns also propelled the Huskers into the polls for the first time since April 11, 1988.

As a team, Nebraska is batting .371, tops in the Big 12. They also lead the Big 12 in runs scored, averaging over 12 a contest.

The Huskers are led offensively by junior infielder Ken Harvey. Harvey is batting a torrid .531 with 12 HRs, 38 RBIs, a .990 slugging percentage and a .600 OBP.

The probable rotation for Nebraska is junior Scott Fries (5-1, 3.62 ERA), senior Jay Sirianni (4-1, 7.16 ERA) and freshman Shane Komine (5-0, 3.00 ERA). The Aggie offense is led by sophomore Daylan Holt. On the season, Holt is batting .336 and leads the team with 14 HRs, 50 RBIs with a .796 slugging percentage. Junior first baseman John Scheschuk leads the team with a .386 batting average. He has also chipped in 6 HRs, 25 RBIs and a .588 slugging percentage.

The tentative rotation for the Aggies will be junior Casey Fossum (5-3, 2.68 ERA, 74 strikeouts), junior Chance Caple (4-3, 4.15 ERA) and Russ (7-1, 0.88 ERA).

Last year, the Aggies took two out of three games from the Cornhuskers in Lincoln. The Aggies lost the first game of the series 4-3 but came back to take the last two games of the series 13-5 and 9-4.

The series kicks off Friday night at 7 at Olsen Field.

Softball team hosts Horns

BY BEN WESTBROOK
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The Texas A&M Softball Team (31-8), who moved up five places to take the No. 18 spot in the top 25 poll this week, will face No. 14 University of Texas (24-12) this Friday at 6 p.m. at the Aggie Softball Complex.

The Aggies went 3-1 last weekend in their first four games of Big 12 play, splitting a series with the defending Big 12 champions University of Nebraska and sweeping Iowa State University.

Amy Vining, who went 3-1 last week and is 17-6 on the season, was named the Big 12 pitcher of the week for the second time this year. Vining improved on her game-high strike out mark last week by striking out 12 in the win against



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Sam Houston State University.

Lisa Klam continued to exercise her dominance at the plate for the Aggies, hitting two home runs over the weekend. One of her round-trippers, a solo shot in the third inning of the first game against Nebraska, was the women's only run in the 1-0 victory.

Texas also played a two-game series with Nebraska last weekend, splitting the two games as well.

Texas is led on the mound by Junior All-American Christa Williams, who is 13-3 on the year, boasting a 0.46 ERA for the season and 0.26 ERA in Big 12 play.

Jodi Reeves leads the Longhorns at the plate, posting a .393 batting average with 10 home runs and 44 runs batted in.

A&M coach Jo Evans says the women are excited to get to play Texas.

"We know we'll see Williams," Evans said. "We're hitting the ball very well. I think it'll be a good matchup."

Men to face Red Raiders

No. 14 A&M tennis team to host No. 34 Texas Tech

BY AL LAZARUS
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The No. 14 Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team will take on No. 34 Texas Tech University tonight at the A&M Varsity Tennis Center and will hit the road this weekend for a Sunday match against 7th-ranked Pepperdine University.

The Aggies were last in action on March 24, when they swept a doubleheader against Abilene Christian University and Ohio State University. A&M's only losses this season have come to No. 2 University of Illinois and No. 4 Duke University.

The Aggies (11-2, 3-0) traveled to Lubbock last year and swept the Red Raiders, 7-0.

Tonight's match against Tech marks the Aggies' first conference home match of the spring, and Cass said the team is hoping for a strong crowd.

"It's kind of easy for people to lose track of us, after playing a string of non-conference matches," he said. "Now that we're back at home playing a conference match, we are hoping to get the students out to support us."

A&M took on Pepperdine in College Station last year and shocked the No. 7 Waves, winning 4-1 in a rain-shortened match.

Sunday's match will renew a friendly rivalry between Cass and Pepperdine's Peter Smith, both former coaches of teams in the WAC.

Cass said he expects Pepperdine will have revenge on his mind.

"They have a great tennis tradition," he said. "And after we beat them on our courts last year, I'm sure they're looking forward to getting us on their courts."

"I'm sure they'll provide us with quite a challenge."

Track teams prepare for Texas Relays

BY TOM KENNEDY
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The Texas A&M Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams will head to Austin today for the 72nd Annual Texas Relays held at the University of Texas through April 3. This year marks the first time that the event will be held in the new Mike A. Myers Stadium after a long occupancy at Memorial Stadium.

The meet should serve as a mid-season performance gauge for the Aggies, who will see some of the nation's top athletes along with most of their Big 12 Conference foes.

Track and Field coach Ted Nelson said he expects his athletes to rise to the occasion against the high level of competition.

"This is one of the big meets for us during the year," Nelson said. "We've got several people that could do well."

The men, who are coming off of a second-place finish at the Southwestern Invitational, should receive a boost from sophomore Bashir Ramzy, who won the long jump and triple jump last weekend.

Nelson said he also expects to see positive results in the hurdles with sophomore Kris

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Allen competing in the 110 meter high hurdles and juniors Travis McAshan and Keith Bender, who finished first and second last weekend, respectively, in the 400 meter hurdles.

The 4 x 100 meter relay team should continue its search for the fourth member to compliment 1997 4x100-meter relay National Champion members Toya Jones, Billy Fobbs and Michael Price.

The women, who resume action after winning last weekend's Southwestern Invitational, hope to score points with jump and hurdle specialists.

Junior Chimika Carter and sophomore Christina Ohaeri will both compete in the 100-meter high hurdles. Ohaeri also will double in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

Senior Detrich Clariett, who placed fourth at the NCAA Indoor Triple Jump, should compete for the title in the same event.

This weekend is also the biggest invitational track-and-field meet for Texas high school athletes, with many of the state's premier athletes flocking to Austin to showcase their talents. Nelson said it makes the meet more complete by allowing the coaches to recruit top athletes during a competition weekend.

"[The level of competition] is almost as good as the high-school state meet," Nelson said. "We're also able to see the athletes at the small schools go head to head against the big schools, which helps us see where they're at."

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