

A&M tries for revenge versus UTSA

BY AARON COHAN
The Battalion

It will be another Tuesday night Fight at Olsen Field when the Texas A&M Baseball Team faces the University of Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners. A&M comes into the game with a seven-game win streak and a sweep of conference foe Kansas State University on the road this past weekend.

The fifth-ranked Aggies, who remain in the No. 2 slot in the Big 12 Conference behind Baylor University, improved to an overall record of 32-8 with the weekend sweep.

A&M coach Mark Johnson said his players did what it took to win against the Wildcats. "The guys responded well, and everyone performed extremely well this weekend," he said.

The Aggie pitchers dominated over the weekend. Junior Casey Fossum threw a

shutout to earn Big 12 Player of the Week. Junior Chance Caple gave up only three runs in his complete game, and for the third straight week, senior Matt Ward helped give the Aggies a win.

"Matt has come on strong for us lately," Johnson said. "He got two rocky starts at the beginning of the season, but he kept working hard, and it has paid off for us."

Revenge will be on the Aggies' minds when they look to tonight's game with the Roadrunners. A&M lost a hard-fought game in San Antonio the last time it took on UTSA in which the Ags scored five runs in the ninth inning but also yielded three to UTSA to give the Roadrunners the win.

"We have got big-time payback to put against those guys," junior Dell Lindsey said.

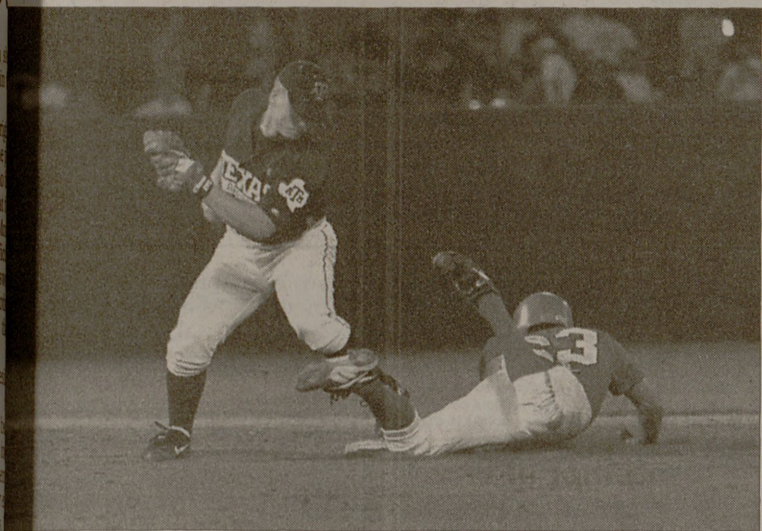
Lindsey, second on the team with a .368 batting average, said the team cannot afford to look ahead to the series with Baylor this weekend.

"We've been talking about Baylor and the series with them for the longest time," he said. "But we know we have to concentrate on beating UTSA first before we take on the Bears."

Pitching for the Aggies will be sophomore Chris Scarcella. The right-hander holds a 7.50 ERA and has a 2-0 overall record this season.

Adding some of the most potent offense in the nation will be senior team captain John Scheschuk and sophomore Daylon Holt. Scheschuk broke out of a mini-slump this weekend against the Wildcats, going 5 for 10 from the plate, including four doubles, to put his .387 batting average atop the team standings. The right fielder hit two more home runs this weekend to hold on to his team highs in homers (18) and RBIs (62).

A&M will get three days of rest before heading into a three-game series with the Bears. Saturday and Sunday's games will be played at Olsen Field.



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second baseman **Sean Heaney** attempts the out against Lamar University on March 24 at Olsen Field. The Aggies play the University of Texas-San Antonio tonight at Olsen Field at 7 p.m.

Ags prepare for UT

Women's Tennis Team returns to Big 12 action against 13th-ranked Longhorns

BY JASON LINCOLN
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The Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team shifts focus to one of their most intense rivalries as they prepare for Tuesday's match against the 13th-ranked University of Texas. In addition to the traditional rivalry, the match holds special importance for the Aggies, who will be facing higher ranked opponents on every court in an effort to end the Longhorn's domination of the rivalry.

"It's fun anytime A&M and Texas play in anything," A&M coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "UT has dominated pretty much every year and we always get to see the strength of their line-up."

"We just have to believe we can come out with the win and the upset."

A&M will be heading into the match after Tuesday's 8-1 loss to the 24th-ranked Vanderbilt. But the

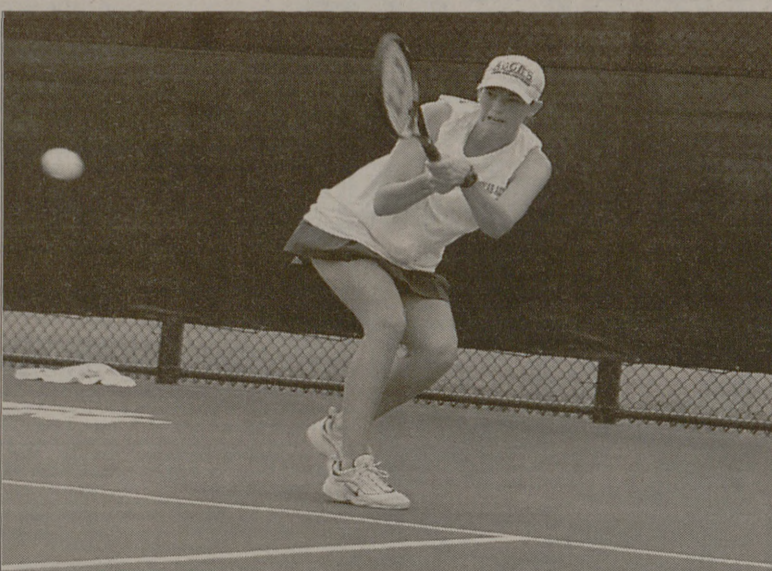
player's excitement ensures that they will be ready to take-on the best UT can throw at them.

"Losing the match [to Vanderbilt] doesn't worry me. It's just we didn't compete as well as we could in some sets," Kleinecke said. "There's a lot of parody in the game today. You have to be ready to play every day, or you are going to get beat."

"There's a lot of excitement for this match," A&M junior Lisa Dingwall said. "All their players are ranked ahead of us, and it is that chance to pull up your individual rankings by getting the upset that makes it so thrilling."

"This match will always be intense but respectable. There's not the bitterness as in some other matches. We just have a strong respect and try and come out and play our very best for each other."

The Aggies are currently ranked second in Big 12 play behind the



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A&M junior **Kathryn Scott** hits a backhand during singles play Saturday against Vanderbilt University.

Longhorn's but still have several crucial matches left in the season.

"We haven't really had a chance to show what we can do in conference," Dingwall said, "and this will be an opportunity to prove ourselves."

Texas A&M will look to the No. 1 singles player-Martina Nedorostova

in addition to Monica San Miguel and Lisa Dingwall to be strong contenders in the match but will need top games from all their players to break through against the Longhorns.

The power freshman Nedorostova is currently ranked 58th nationally with a 20-8 record and is currently undefeated in Big 12 play.

Palmer's top-ten finish leads Aggies at tourney

BY TRAVIS HARSCH
The Battalion

A&M senior Ryan Palmer continued his streak of top-ten finishes this weekend, placing in a five-way tie for eighth at the MacGregor Downs/BellSouth Intercollegiate in Cary, N.C.

The finish was the fourth consecutive top-ten placing for Palmer, who was third in the Border Olympics and took home second place in the Morris Williams/Cleveland Golf Invitational.

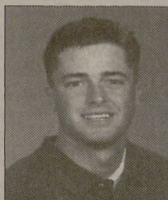
Palmer followed up an opening round 73 on the par 72 course with a 71 and a 74 for a 54 hole total of 218, which tied him with golfers from UNLV, Kansas, North Carolina and East Tennessee

State. Wil Collins of New Mexico won the individual title with a two-under par 212, and UNLV took home the team title with a three-round total of 869. UNLV had some tight competition for the trophy, however, as four other teams finished within eight shots of the Rebels' score.

The win marked the second year in a row UNLV captured the title. In 1998, A&M finished sixth, behind top 25 placings from Miguel del Angel, Ryan Tull, Palmer and Ty Cox.

The Aggies struggled against one of the most competitive fields they have faced this year, with seven teams ranked in the top 25. The Aggies posted a three-round score of 313-303-307 = 922 to finish in twelfth place.

The tournament was the last for the Aggies before they compete in the Big 12 Championships April 25 to 27 in Hutchinson, Kan.



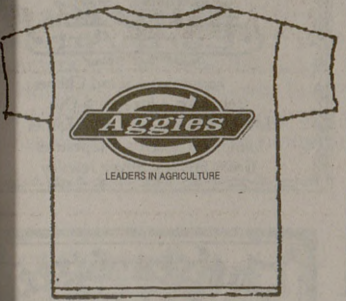
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