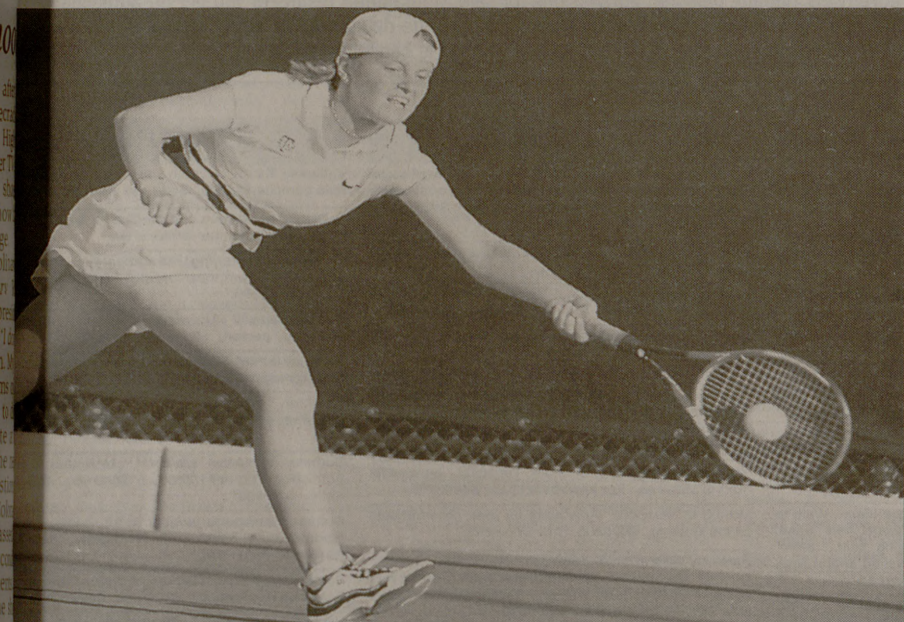
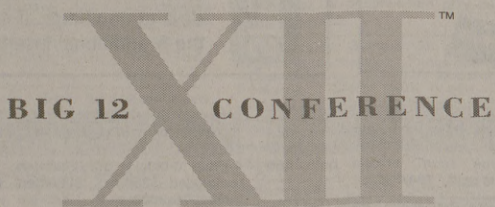


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Aggs host Big 12 tennis tournament



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Big 12 Championships Tennis Championships

Texas A&M University
April 29 — May 2

First-round matches:

Men's

April 29

No. 8 Colorado vs. No. 9 Oklahoma St.

April 30

No. 2 Baylor vs. No. 7 Oklahoma
No. 3 Texas A&M vs. No. 6 Kansas
No. 4 Nebraska vs. No. 5 Texas Tech
No. 1 Texas — first-round bye



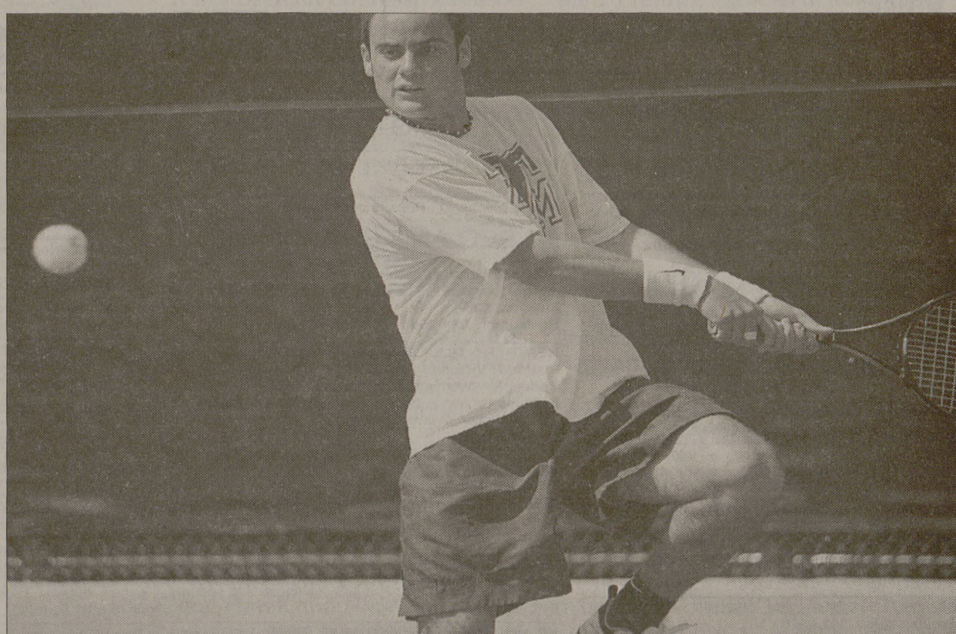
Women's

April 29

No. 5 Baylor vs. No. 12 Iowa St.
No. 6 Oklahoma St. vs. No. 11 Missouri
No. 7 Oklahoma vs. No. 10 Texas Tech
No. 8 Nebraska vs. No. 9 Kansas St.

No. 1 Texas — first-round bye
No. 2 Colorado — first-round bye
No. 3 Kansas — first-round bye
No. 4 Texas A&M — first-round bye

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Sophomore **Shuon Madden**, ranked 34th nationally in singles play, and the Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team will face the University of Kansas Jayhawks Friday afternoon.

Aggie men to battle KU

BY TRAVIS HARSCH
The Battalion

After posting one of the best years in program history, the Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team will look to defend its Big 12 Conference title this weekend at the A&M Varsity Tennis Center.

The Aggies will take on the University of Kansas Friday in a first-round match. Oklahoma State University and the University of Colorado will open the tournament with a match at 3:30 this afternoon.

The Aggies bring the No. 1-ranked doubles team in the nation, sophomores Shuon Madden and Dumitru Caradima, into the match with Kansas. The pair has gone 20-2 this year. Madden also is ranked

20th nationally in singles and was selected as conference runner-up at the No. 1 singles position, losing his only conference singles match to champion Johann Jooste of Baylor University. Junior Juan Aramburo put up a 7-1 record in the No. 6 singles position for the Aggies to win the conference championship, and A&M's No. 2 doubles team of senior Brent Horan and freshman Jarin Skube won the title at their position.

The conference honors marked the end of a long regular season for A&M which featured the premiere of the new Varsity Tennis Center. The Aggies opened the building in style, defeating conference foe

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Women to face winner of Bears-Cyclones match

BY SANTOSH VENKATARAMAN
The Battalion

Twelve teams, one goal. That is the scenario for the Big 12 women's Tennis Championships, which will be played today through Sunday at the A&M Varsity Tennis Center.

And then the A&M Women's Tennis Team, the champions will serve as a tune-up for the NCAA Southwest Regional Tournament on May 14-16. A&M finished in a tie for third in the Big 12 with the University of Kansas, whose Jayhawks claimed the No. 3 seed in the conference. The Aggies claimed the No. 3 seed in the conference by virtue of their 6-3 win over the Aggies

Sunday. An A&M victory would have given the Aggies the No. 2 seed.

A&M women's tennis coach Bobby Klei-necke said the Aggies finished well despite the loss.

"Kansas played us very well," he said. "They came out and beat us. But we did finish tied for third in the league."

As the No. 4 seed, the Aggies will face a difficult path to the finals. A&M will open Friday at 3:30 p.m. against the winner of today's first-round match between fifth-seeded Baylor University and 12th-seeded

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