

## 13th-ranked Aggies defeat Sooners

BY AL LAZARUS  
The Battalion

The University of Oklahoma's No. 47 ranking did not mean much to the 13th-ranked Texas A&M men's tennis team as it prepared to face the Sooners.

A more important number that mattered for the Aggies was 17, the current ranking held by the University of Minnesota — a team Oklahoma handily defeated earlier this month.

Prepared for a dogfight, the Aggies received just that Thursday afternoon in their 4-3 victory over the Sooners at the Varsity Tennis Center.

After clinching the doubles point and jumping to quick victories in the top three singles positions, A&M was never in danger of losing the match. Oklahoma, however, outplayed their No. 47 ranking, winning the bottom three singles matches to make the final score respectable.

"Oklahoma is a very strong team," A&M men's tennis coach Tim Cass said. "That really speaks highly of our conference. All in all, I was very pleased with our performance."

In what has become a regular occurrence this season, A&M juniors Cody Hubbell and Shuon Madden rolled to victories in their singles matches.

Madden, the nation's third-ranked player, cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 victory over OU senior Dusty Beard at No. 1 singles. Madden has now won five matches in a row and is 7-3 on the season.

"I think we competed a lot harder than they did," Madden said. "We really pride ourselves on that."

Playing No. 3 for the Aggies, Hubbell overcame a slow start to beat Oklahoma senior Charlie Roberson, 6-4, 6-2. Ranked in the national top 100 for the second time this season, the 90th-ranked Hubbell upped his winning streak to eight with the victory and improved to 8-2 overall.

Junior Dumitru Caradima also won easily for the Aggies, posting a 6-2, 6-0 victory over OU senior Jeremy Dunham at the No. 2 position.



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Texas A&M junior **Shuon Madden** defeats Oklahoma's Dusty Beard on the No. 1 singles court. Madden is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation.

Splitting six singles matches with OU highlighted the importance of the Aggies' dominating doubles performance to open the match.

The 15th-ranked tandem of Caradima and Madden won, 8-3, as did seniors Gonzalo Anderson and Juan

Aramburo. Hubbell and sophomore Jarin Skube completed the A&M sweep with a 9-7 victory.

"Our goal has always been to win every doubles point," Madden said. "We've really been working hard on that, and I think it really paid off today."

### Sports in Brief

#### Baseball travels to Iowa State

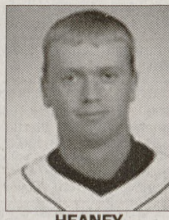
The Texas A&M baseball team returns to Big 12 play for the first time in two weeks as it travels to Ames, Iowa for a three game series against the Iowa State University Cyclones this weekend.

A&M is 14-15 on the season and in a five-way tie for third in the Big 12 Conference with a 5-4 record. Iowa State is 5-14 on the sea-

son and is in 10th place in the conference with a 1-5 record.

The Aggies are coming off a poor performance in the Continental Classic Aggie Baseball Classic. The team finished in last place for the first time in the tournament's history.

The first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday in Ames.



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#### A&M softball looks to upset Sooners

The No. 25 Texas A&M softball team opens Big 12 action this weekend against the sixth ranked Oklahoma University Sooners.

The two will face-off in a pair of games at the Aggie softball complex at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

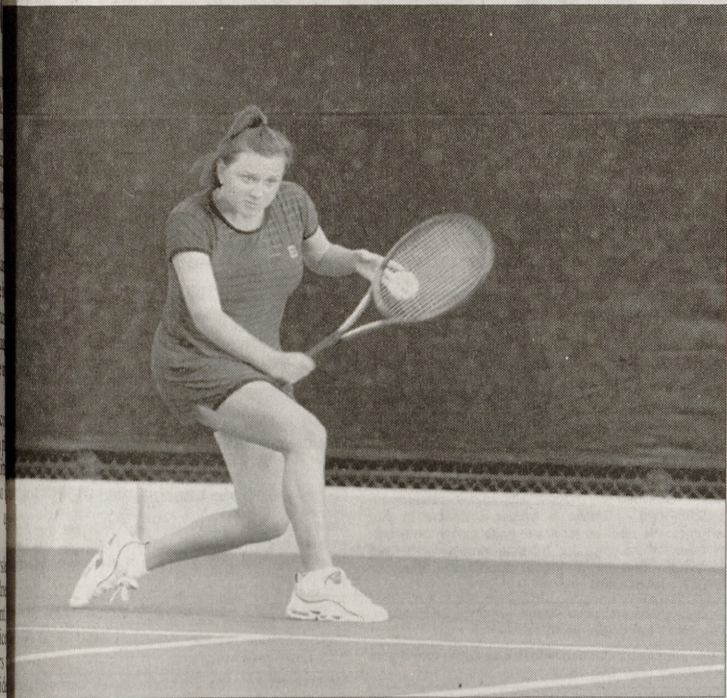
The Sooners enter the match with a 34-5 season record compared to A&M's 20-10.

The Aggies hope that freshman catcher/designated player Selena Collins will continue her performance at the plate.

Collins was named Big 12 Player of the Week, the first A&M player to receive the honor this season.

The announcement came after Collins hit .389 to drive in 9 runs in the Capital Classic Softball tournament where she earned all-tournament honors.

Collins is hitting .329 on the season with 23 RBIs.



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Texas A&M freshman **Olivia Karlikova** hopes to lead the Aggies back to winning ways against Miami on Saturday at the Varsity Tennis Center.

## Aggie netters look to end season woes

BY BLAINE DIONNE  
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The 60th-ranked Texas A&M women's tennis team (6-7, 4-1) is having a little difficulty finding their identity this season.

For example, they were able to come back from their 9-0 defeat at the hands of the University of Georgia by basically defeating the entire tennis-playing population of Oklahoma, but then turned around and lost to unranked Rice University yesterday.

The Aggies vented their frustrations against the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University on the Saturday and Sunday before Spring Break, pulling out 8-1 and 6-3 victories over the Sooners and Cowboys.

Women's tennis coach Bobby Kleist said he was proud of his team's effort against Oklahoma State. "What a great display," he said. "Oklahoma State really came to play in what

was a great team tennis match. In doubles, we played like we were capable. I was a little nervous after singles, but after sweeping them in doubles, it was a great way to start the season. I think we are back on track."

Kleinecke's theory turned out to be erroneous after it was put to the test on Thursday when they traveled to Houston to face Rice University (7-7, 0-2).

"It seems like every time A&M and Rice get together it becomes a battle," Kleinecke said. "The girls are anxious to play again after taking some time off. We'll have our hands full and like the other A&M-Rice matches, I expect it to come down to the wire."

Well, he was right, but unfortunately for the Aggies, the Owls came out on top 5-4.

A&M has the opportunity to redeem itself starting Saturday when they host the 36th-ranked University of Miami Hurricanes (8-7) at the Varsity Tennis Center at 1:30 p.m.

# Gay Awareness Week 2000

March 26 - April 2

Sunday March 26, 10:30am, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UUF) - Kickoff Service

Monday, March 27 through Friday March 31, 11:00am-1:00pm, ALLIES, in front of Rudder Fountain by the MSC - Get your rainbow ribbons here. Wear them all week!

Monday, March 27, 3:00 - 6:00pm, Gender Issues Education Services Office, 211A YMCA - Check out a book, eat, and read for GAW!

Monday, March 27, 7:00 - 9:00pm, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) at Friends Congregational Church Come join us for fun and conversation!

Tuesday, March 28, 10:00am-2:00pm, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered Aggies (GLBTA) in the MSC - Information and fun. Come on out and say "Howdy!"

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00pm, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered Aggies, location TBA Showing of the film "Before Stonewall."

Wednesday, March 29, ALLIES in The Battalion - Listing all of our A&M Allies!

Wednesday, March 29, 12:00 noon, ALLIES Continuing Education, Rudder 404 - History of GLBT Rights

Wednesday, March 29, 5:30pm, Friends Congregational Church - BBQ Dinner, with ecumenical worship service at 6:30pm

Thursday, March 30, 6:45pm, GLBTA, "15 Years of Recognition" Koldus 146 - The highlight of the week, looking back at the historic decision to recognize Gay Student Services at A&M!

Friday, March 31, 1:30-4:30pm, ALLIES Advance, RSVP allies@tamuedu - If you aren't an official Ally, RSVP today!

Sunday, April 2 8:15/10:30am, Friends Congregational Church - Closing Service

For more information on the week's events, check out the website:

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