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Besides his signature events, the triple jump and the 110 hurdles, Ramzy makes a big impact on both the sprint and mile relays.

"Bashir has progressed in all that we've asked him to do," A&M track coach Ted Nelson said. "He has that inner heart that makes a successful athlete. He wants to succeed and he wants to win."

The real benefit of Ramzy's early success comes in training. Now he has the ability to train for the end of the season, instead of working to qualify at each event.

"It's a big plus for him to qualify so early," Nelson said. "Now he can really go some hard training every week until Big 12s and NCAAs. Not having to rest every week for competition will really help him in the championships."

That combined with the experience of championship competition both last season and in the indoor season, makes Ramzy one of the nations top threats in both of his individual events.

"I had a really hard time adjusting my first two years," Ramzy said. "This year I have confidence in my body and I know how to prepare for the big meets."

Ramzy is so confident with his ability this season that a possible trip to Sydney for the Olympics is lingering in the back of his mind.



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A&M freshman **Ryan Newport** lunges for a ball during the Aggies' match against the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Islanders.

## Men's Tennis wins two

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The Battalion

The University of Tulsa and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi did not exactly justify their travel expenses yesterday as the Texas A&M men's tennis team demolished the Islanders 6-0 and turned the "Golden Hurricane" into the equivalent of a harmless April shower.

The Aggies defeated TAMU-CC 6-0, and Tulsa 6-1.

The only blight on the day was Dumitru Caradima's three set loss to Tulsa's Done McGregor in an inconsequential match. A&M had already clinched the final with junior Shuon Madden's victory over Nemad Torman of Tulsa.

Scoring for the Aggies began quickly as the doubles point went to A&M for the eleventh time this season. Then freshman Ryan Newport blew away Tulsa's Micah Zomer, 6-0, 6-0.

"I felt really good after my match this morning," Newport said. "I just jumped on him (Zomer), and I never lost my concentration."

Almost immediately after Newport locked up his victory, sophomore Keith From finished off his opponent by a score of 6-1, 6-3.

It was then that the All-American Madden clinched the match for A&M by a convincing 6-2, 6-0 margin.

Madden, currently ranked No.2 in the country, has now won 11 straight match-

es and only dropped 11 games in his last five matches.

"I'm not trying to think about that right now," Madden said. "I'm just trying to be the first one off the court every night with a win."

After that win, it was only a matter of the Aggies finishing up their matches.

College Station product **Cody Hubbell** took a hard-fought 6-4, 6-2 victory from TU's Pavel Sebestyanski and then **Caradima** dropped his three-set heartbreaker.

Jarin Skube eventually won his marathon of a match 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), to close out the evening for the Aggies.

Men's tennis coach **Tim Cass** said he was pleased that his team was able to stay focused against two lesser opponents.

"Every time out we want to improve things," Cass said. "It's an art to beat the teams you're supposed to beat. Winning is contagious and we want our team to get used to it."

The win leaves the Aggies to prepare for their next big match, against archrival Texas at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center in Austin on Monday.

Men's tennis coach **Tim Cass** said the UT match is going to be a big one for the Aggies.

"It [the UT match] should be really interesting this year," Cass said. "It's got to be the first time in history that we're ahead of them in the national rankings. We've only beat them three times in the last 20 years, so we are trying to finally make it a real rivalry."

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