

## Aggies stay hot against U.C. Irvine

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The University of California-Irvine hoped to catch ninth-ranked Texas A&M in a post-Texas lull.

Apparently, Longhorns and Anteaters are all the same to the red-hot Aggies.

A&M followed up its brilliant 6-1 victory over No. 13 UT Saturday in Austin with an equally dominating 6-1 win over the 56th-ranked UC-Irvine Anteaters Monday night at the Varsity Tennis Center.

"I think every coach always worries about how their team is going to react after a big win," A&M coach Tim Cass said. "But we were prepared for that and it helped us."

The Aggies (17-5, 5-1 Big 12) looked sharp in singles play, jumping to quick, straight-set victories in four of their matches.

Playing No. 1, junior Dumitru Caradima rolled to a 6-1, 6-3, victory over UC-Irvine's Brett Lucas.

Second-ranked A&M junior Shuon Madden, who on Monday was named the ITA National Player of the Month, did not play because of an NCAA rule limiting the number of matches that can be played in a season.

Senior Juan Aramburo gave the



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Texas A&M sophomore **Jarin Skube** reaches for the ball in doubles competition against the University of California-Irvine. A&M won its second 6-1 decision in as many days, Monday.

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## Women's tennis readies for Longhorns

A&M looks to change history of one-sided UT victories with an upset

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Any time the University of Texas and Texas A&M line up on opposite sides of a sporting contest, the stakes are high. For the women's tennis team of each school, which will take to the courts of the Varsity Tennis Center this evening, the stakes will be much higher.

The winner of this match not only gets the traditional bragging rights for the rest of the year, but also keeps its hopes alive for

the 2000 Big 12 Conference title.

If the Aggies defeat the Longhorns Wednesday and then beat the Kansas Jayhawks on Friday, they are the champions.

Sounds easy, right? Wrong.

Texas is not only the three-time defending Big 12 Conference regular season and tournament champions, they are currently ranked first in the conference standings, and ranked seventh nationally. The Longhorns are also riding an eight-game winning streak that began in mid-March.

On top of all that, Texas has three players

ranked in the national WingspanBank.com Top100: Janet Walker at 12, Michelle Faucher at 23 and Vladka Uhlirova at 56.

According to women's tennis coach Bobby Kleinecke, his team will have to be at the top of their game to beat the Longhorns.

"They are back playing strong again," Kleinecke said. "We'll definitely have to beat them, they will not lose to us. They are going to be a very good team and I look for a typical A&M — Texas battle."

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Senior all-America Texas A&M diver **Danielle Guarneri** was unanimously picked as the Outstanding Diver of the Year by the Big 12 Conference.

## Guarneri claims Diver of the Year accolades

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Texas A&M senior diver Danielle Guarneri extended on her already long list of successes over the weekend. The multi-all-America diver claimed Big 12 Diver of the Year honors.

Of the five women's awards given, Guarneri was the only unanimous pick among the women's coaches.

The awards come after Guarneri concluded her collegiate career with her most successful season yet.

Guarneri finished the season with a fourth place performance in platform diving at the 2000 NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. She also dove for 12th place in the three-meter springboard and 28th in the one-meter springboard.

She is the only female diver in school history to earn multi-all-America laurels, being awarded the honors in each of her sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

Guarneri will compete in the platform event of the U.S. National Indoor Diving Championships on April 19-22 at the University of Minnesota.

### Sports in Brief

#### Madden racks in national honors

Shuon Madden continues to bring the national spotlight to Texas A&M's tennis team.



MADDEN

The two-time all-American junior added to his No. 2 national ranking by earning the

Intercollegiate Tennis Association's National Player of the Month for March.

Madden posted wins over six ranked opponents during the month including defending NCAA Singles Champion Jeff Morrison of Florida.

Madden posted an 8-0 record during the month, defeating all but one opponent in straight sets.

Madden is currently riding a 14-match winning streak.

#### Aggie archers excel in Austin

The Texas A&M archery team held its own at the Texas Shootout in Austin over the weekend. The Aggies placed in the top 10 seven times.

All-American Stacie Grange highlighted the Aggies performance with a third place finish in the tournament portion of the event.

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