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No. 7 Ags head to Big 12 tourney

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The final two rounds of the 1999 Big 12 men's tennis tournament featured the conference's top schools battling for the title at the A&M Varsity Tennis Center.

But one thing was missing. Specifically, one team. Texas A&M, the host and defending champion of the tournament, was reduced to the role of bystander after a shocking 4-3 quarterfinal loss to Kansas — a team the Aggies defeated, 5-2, less than three weeks earlier.

Instead of using their home court to make a run at a second-straight tournament title, the Aggies were part of the crowd that watched Texas roll past Baylor, 4-0, to win its second tournament championship in three years.

The seventh-ranked Aggies (19-5, 7-1 Big 12) are the second seed of this year's tournament and will take on No. 7 seed and 52-ranked Oklahoma Friday at 4 p.m. at the Plaza Tennis Center in Kansas City, Mo.

A&M defeated the Sooners, 4-3, March 23 at the Varsity Tennis Center

in a match that was not as close as the final score indicated. The Aggies clinched the match quickly by jumping to a 4-0 lead before losing the final three matches to OU.

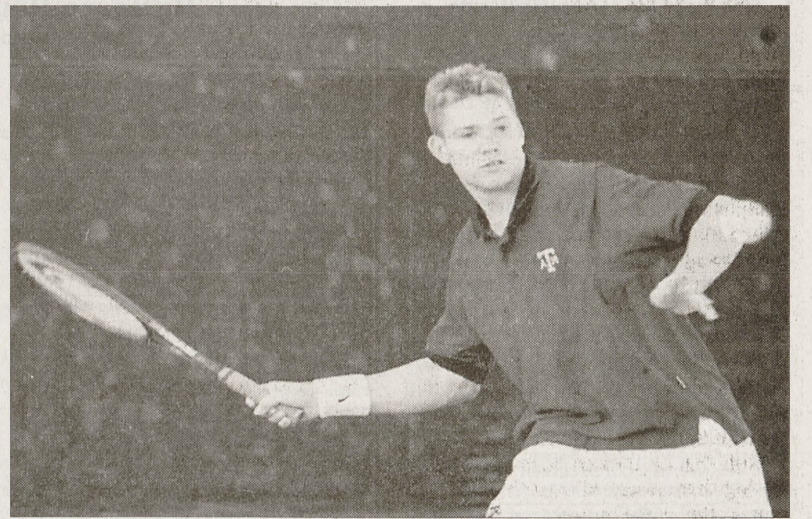
The Aggies are 12-1 against OU since 1980. Their only loss came in 1997, the inaugural season of the Big 12, by the score of 4-3 in Norman, Okla.

In winning 1998's tournament — held in Lincoln, Neb. — the Aggies did not surrender a point on their way to the title. They beat Oklahoma (5-0), Kansas (4-0) and Texas (4-0).

In other action on Friday, No. 1 seed and regular-season champion Baylor will face the winner of today's Colorado/Nebraska matchup. Third-seeded Texas will play No. 6 Texas Tech, and No. 4 Kansas will take on No. 5 Oklahoma State.

The winners of Friday's matches will meet in Saturday's semifinals at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The championship match is set for Sunday at 1 p.m.

With a win Friday, the Aggies would face the Texas/Texas Tech winner in the semifinals. A&M defeated Texas, 6-1,



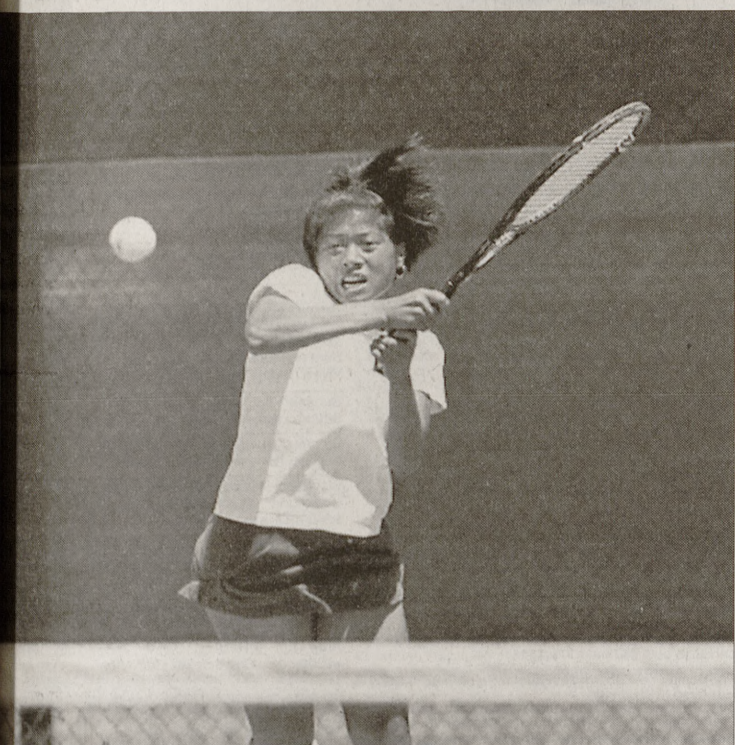
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A&M freshman **Ryan Newport** hits a forehand during the Aggies' match against the University of Kansas April 21.

two weeks ago in Austin. The Aggies topped Tech April 7 in Lubbock.

After the Big 12 tournament, A&M is expected to be selected to host one of 16 NCAA regionals starting May 13.

The Aggies posted a 14-0 home record in the regular season and would need just two victories in the regional to make it to Athens, Ga., and the final rounds of the NCAA championships.



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A&M junior **Eva Marcial** hits a backhand during the Aggies' match against the University of Kansas April 21.

Women's tennis hopes to shine in postseason

BY BLAINE DIONNE
The Battalion

A year's worth of hard work and sacrifice will come to its crescendo this weekend in Kansas City for the Texas A&M women's tennis team.

Kansas City is the location of this year's Big 12 Tournament, where the Aggies are the third seed and looking to erase memories of last year's early exit from tournament play.

Junior Eva Marcial said the team will basically need to start over in the postseason to do well.

"We are going to have to regroup," Marcial said. "It's a new season, and we're the third seed, so hopefully everyone can refocus because it's such a short time. If everyone can stay intense for about four days, we should do pretty good."

Last year, the Aggies were evidently not able to regroup in time.

A&M was the fourth seed and host of the event at the Varsity Tennis Center. As a result of their seeding, the Aggies were given a first round bye but were quickly ousted by the fifth seed, Baylor University, 5-2. The Bears went on to lose in the next round to eventual champion Texas, 5-2.

Singles play turned out to be much more successful for the Aggies as they took two championships and one runner-up. Sophomore Martina Nedostova took the No. 1 singles championship from Nebraska's Sandra Noetzel to become A&M's first No. 1 champion since Vanne Akagi in the 1985-1986 season.

Marcial won the No. 6 singles championship over Kansas' Lisa Mallaiah and sophomore Leah Killen was runner-up at the No. 5 spot, losing in the finals to Colorado's Sandra Fischer.

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A&M junior **Shuon Madden** is currently ranked No. 4 in the nation and has a 15-3 record this season. He is currently on a 13-game winning streak.

King of the Court

Madden places team goals ahead of personal ones

BY AL LAZARUS
The Battalion

Shuon Madden likes to dispose of his opponents quickly. For the Texas A&M men's tennis team junior and two-time All American, each extra minute on the court means one less spent encouraging his teammates.

The owner of a vicious serve and a No. 4 national ranking, Madden could hardly be blamed for treating college tennis as nothing more than a springboard to the professional ranks.

Few would fault him for worrying only about his results and his rankings.

After all, at its core, tennis is still an individual sport, right? Not to Madden.

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