

## Ready to serve up a winner this fall

### Aggie men's tennis on verge of stellar season

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With all six singles players returning from the 1999-2000 Texas A&M men's tennis team that finished No. 8 in the nation and the addition of the nation's top junior player, the men's tennis team is A&M's best shot at a national title this year. Over the last several years, the team has developed enough national respect to allow A&M to host the 2002 NCAA Tennis Championships. While the fall portion of the schedule does not count toward standings, it does provide opportunities for development of a championship team. "In September and October, we have a chance to build our foundation

for the rest of the year," said assistant coach Scott Treibly.

According to Treibly, the players will see some top competition this fall, at tournaments such as the ITA All-American Tournament, held last weekend in Atlanta, Ga.

Cody Hubbell competed in the main draw of that tournament but lost in the first round to Louisiana State's Ajay Ramaswami.

If Treibly and head coach Tim Cass are looking to set a good foundation, they could not have asked for a better group of players to put into the mix.

The star of the team is Shuon Madden, who enters the season ranked No. 2 in singles and No. 18 in doubles. He has been named All-

American twice in singles and twice in doubles, making him the only four-time All-American in school history.

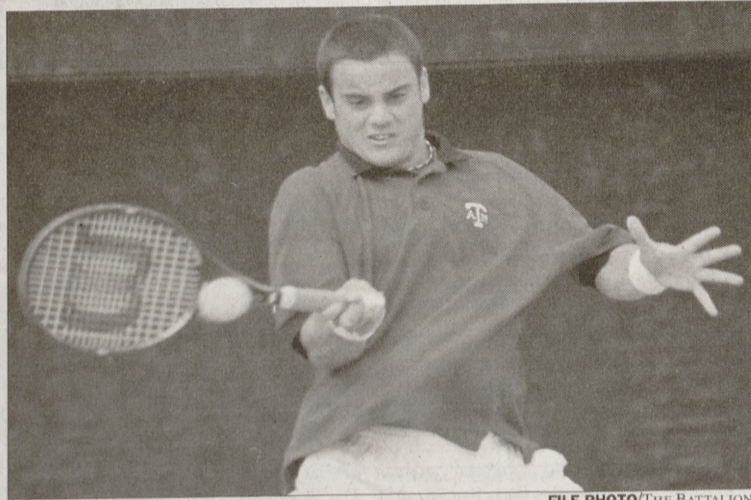
In 2000, Madden was named Big 12 Player of the Year after finishing with a singles record of 36-9.

Madden did not participate in the ITA All-American, but will play in several professional tournaments as an amateur this fall.

"It is a chance for him to save up and have a master blaster springtime," Treibly said.

Sharing the No. 18 rank with Madden in doubles is Tres Davis. Davis is the nation's top junior doubles player and the No. 2 junior singles player.

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Shuon Madden, A&M's only four-time All-American, will compete as an amateur in professional tournaments this fall to prepare for the spring.

### Women looking to realize potential in 2000

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There is an atmosphere of excitement surrounding the 2000-2001 Texas A&M women's tennis team.

Eight of the 12 team members are newcomers, bringing with them a great deal of talent and expectations for success.

With leadership from those four returning players, the team is looking to do great things this year, including making a run at the Big 12 title.

"I'm really optimistic about our chances — singles, doubles and teamwise," said coach Bobby Kleinecke.

Kleinecke's optimism has most likely been fueled by the team's accomplishments earlier this fall.

In the Illinois Midwest Blast, both teams that made the finals in doubles were from A&M. A third A&M doubles team advanced to the consolation match.

"We went out to Illinois trying to strengthen our doubles, and I feel that we did that," Kleinecke said.

Individually, Ashley Hedberg took third place and Eva Marcial won the consolation match.

Thursday, the women tried to continue this run of success when they traveled to the ITA All-American tournament.

Jessica Roland, Ashley Hedberg, Leah Killen and Majorie Terburgh competed individually in the prequalifying round, and Roberta Spencer competed as part of a doubles team with Killen.

However, all were eliminated in the first round.

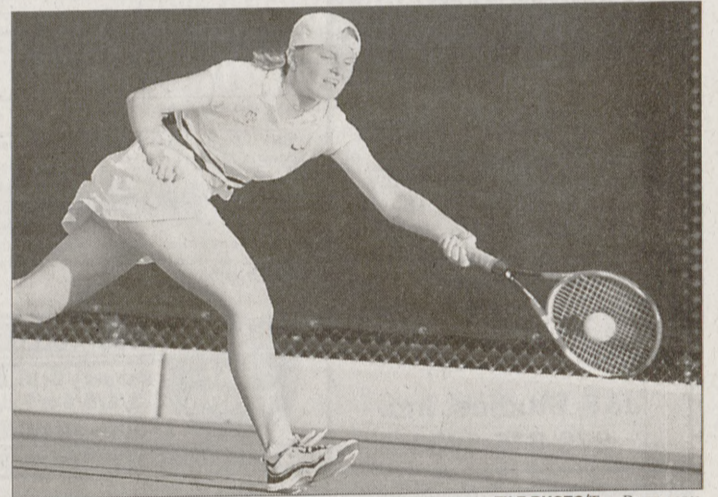
"We did not have a good day," Kleinecke said.

The qualifying round of the tournament will begin Tuesday. In the qualifying round is Martina Nedorostova, who will be competing as an individual and in a doubles team with Terburgh.

Also in the qualifying round are Roland and Hedberg. Kleinecke said he was disappointed with his team's performance but pointed out one positive.

"It was very hard to get in," Kleinecke said. "So I feel good that we got this many in."

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Texas A&M's Martina Nedorostova, ranked No. 77 in the nation in singles and No. 33 in doubles, is the Aggies' top 2000 returner.

### BIG 12 CONFERENCE

Standings after October 14, 2000

NORTH	Conference Record
Nebraska	3-0
Kansas St.	2-1
Iowa St.	2-1
Kansas	1-2
Missouri	1-2
Colorado	1-2
SOUTH	
Oklahoma	3-0
Texas	2-1
Texas A&M	2-1
Texas Tech	1-2
Oklahoma St.	0-3
Baylor	0-3

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### Big 12 South no longer pushover to North's big boys



showing the southern division of the conference may finally have a national contender.

Last week, the Big 12 boasted three undefeated teams. This week there are only two, and the national total dropped down to six schools with unblemished seasons.

Once again, this time on Oct. 28, the Big 12 conference will get bragging rights to the clash of a second group of undefeated titans.

It appears that, before the month is over, the nation will have seen the prelude to the Big 12 Championship

game. Nebraska or Kansas State has the North sealed up with only one true threat: 5-1 Iowa State, whose only loss is to the Cornhuskers.

Meanwhile, in the South, it looks like Oklahoma finally has enough consistency to make it to the championship game.

The biggest excitement of the race to win the Big 12 is not the Big 12 trophy, but what will most likely be the right to contend for the national championship trophy.

Home-field advantage, no more. Last weekend, for the first time

in the history of the Big 12, every team on the road captured a win.

The Sooners ended Kansas State's 25-game win streak in Manhattan; Iowa State rallied against Oklahoma State to get the win with just 18 seconds remaining.

BCS rankings approach.

If any conference team hopes to even contend for the national title in the Orange Bowl this January, it will have to come out in the top two spots in the decisive Bowl Championship Series rankings. The first rankings of the season will be announced Monday.

Last season, the Big 12 had the second-most teams in the BCS Final 15.

Television schedule.

The final schedule for this week's Big 12 games was announced Monday. The games that changed times:

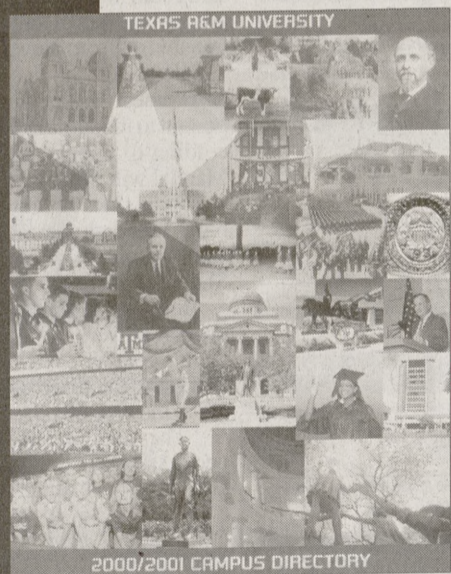
Colorado at Kansas: 11:30 (Fox)

Texas A&M at ISU: 2:30 (ABC)

Texas Tech at K-State: 6:00 (Fox)

Fox Sports also announced the A&M vs. Kansas State game will be the Big 12 Game of the Week.

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