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After being thrashed last year by the Sooners in Norman, these seniors can pay them back in full in front of the entire nation on ABC.

A record crowd is expected and many are predicting that it will surpass the Texas attendance last year ESPN is making its much-publicized first appearance at Kyle Field. All in all, these seniors could not ask for more.

The rest of the team and coaching staff are ready, too. Defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz, responsible for stopping the prolific Oklahoma attack, said that games like this got him into the coaching profession in the first place.

Women's tennis concludes fall season at ITA Regional

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The Texas A&M women's tennis team was scheduled to host the region's best this weekend at the ITA Southwest Regional. Inclement weather forced A&M to move the tournament to an indoor facility in Houston instead.

Because of the heavy rain, some participants canceled and the tournament was pushed back one day.

Despite losing the home-court advantage, A&M advanced six doubles teams and five singles players to the rounds of 16.

"It was a good showing for everyone, considering all the elements we had to deal with, like

the rain, the travel and losing the home-court advantage," said A&M tennis player Eva Marcial. "It showed a lot of mettle."

Leah Killen, the highest finishing Aggie, made the quarterfinals in singles and the semifinals in doubles with Marcial.

Coach Bobby Kleinecke said Killen had the best tournament she has had at A&M.

In singles, Killen upset the No. 8 seed Megan Russell of SMU in the round of 32, and, in the round of 16, she beat No. 17 seed Lisa Jackson of UT-Arlington.

Killen lost to No. 1 seed Jahnari Parekh of Baylor in the quarterfinals. Parekh had already beaten Marcial in the round of 16.

In doubles, Killen and Marcial upset one

team tied for the No. 5 seed, Chin Bee Khoo and Ann Rosland of Arkansas, before losing to another No. 5 seed, Rebecca Forney and Kaysie Smashey of Texas, in the semifinals.

"They played very inspired," Kleinecke said. "They played a lot more aggressive than last year."

After Forney and Smashey's win, the doubles final on Tuesday was between two Texas teams. Due to this turn of events, Kleinecke said, the final was moved to Austin so the Texas players did not have to miss another day of classes.

No. 7 seed Katia Kovac of Baylor beat the No. 2 seed Khoo to win the singles draw in the final Tuesday.

Kleinecke said the rest of team had a tournament as well. However, he said he was disappointed that A&M's No. 2 and No. 3 seeded doubles teams did not advance further.

No. 2 Ashley Hedberg and Jessica Rapp made it to the quarterfinals, where they lost to the same team that beat Killen and Marcial in the semifinals, No. 5 Forney and Smashey of Texas.

No. 3 Martina Nedorostova and Martina Terburgh made it to the round of 16, where they were upset by No. 13 seed Sarah Borwick and Annie Rapp of Houston.

The Southwest Regional was the last competition that the A&M women will participate in until the spring.

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After a pair of timeouts by Aggie coach Mike King, King raced down the court and made a 12-foot jump shot to seal the game with just three seconds on the clock.

King, playing through minor injuries, had 19 points on the evening with five assists, despite having to play a number of minutes at a guard due to Jamaal Gilchrist's injury. Bean added eight rebounds and three blocks to his 20-point turn to the college basketball after sitting out the '99-'00 season. Carlton Brown rounded out the A&M players, posting double digits with 14 points.

Team Ezybonds had four players score double digits and beat A&M on the boards, 37-30.

MOSCOVIC

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really important to have a setter, a rhythm on offense and on the page emotionally."

Moscovic's emotion helps team rally in the big games. Coach describes her as always "giving personality who helps A&M be loose on the floor."

"I'm just happy," she said. "I love the game and I don't have much longer to play."

There is not much that the Aggie star lets get to her. Only one thing really gets under her skin.

"Just losing," she said. "I really hate to lose."

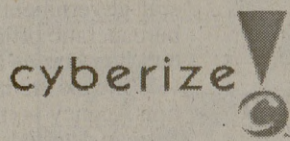
Tonight she will look to avoid losing with yet another upset added to her growing list.

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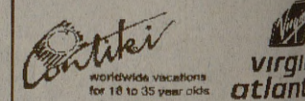
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