

# SPORTS

THE BATTALION

## Aggies try for two against Texas Tech

By TRUE BROWN  
The Battalion

After breaking a nine-game, 31-day losing skid by defeating Baylor Tuesday, the Texas A&M men's basketball team will try for two straight wins when they travel to Lubbock to take on Texas Tech University on Saturday.

The Red Raiders (8-11, 2-6 in Big 12) are in the midst of a four-game slide after losses to Missouri, Oklahoma State, Baylor and Oklahoma. Tech dropped an 80-72 decision to Oklahoma on Wednesday.

The Aggies (7-15, 1-9) are in last place in the Big 12 standings, while Tech sits at 10th.

The road has not been a kind place to the Aggies. They have only won two away contests this season, and both of those games were at neutral sites. Their last road win came Dec. 30 when the Aggies claimed an 81-72 win over Detroit Mercy at the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu. A&M is 0-8 when playing in their opponent's arena.

The Aggies shot 46.8 percent from the field in Tuesday's win over Baylor. A&M also had five players score in double figures, just the second time all season that has happened. Freshman

center Nolan Butterfras posted a career-high of 10 points, as well as pulling in five offensive rebounds.

"[The win over Baylor] feels good in the locker room," said A&M coach Melvin Watkins. "The kids have been working really hard in practice. Texas Tech has not been a friendly place for us, but we have a lot of confidence. If we keep working hard, hopefully some good things will keep happening for us."

Freshman forward Jesse King was one of the five Aggies in double figures on Tuesday.

"Hopefully we can get on the road and move up in the standings," said Jesse King. "If we keep playing aggressive, you never know what can happen."

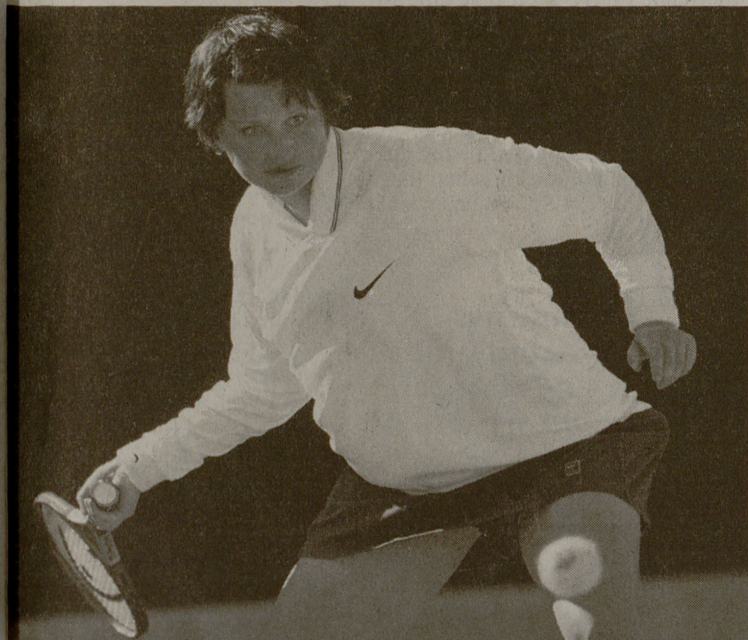
Sophomore guard Bernard King leads A&M with just under 18 points per game, good enough for third in the Big 12. Bernard King has led the Aggies in scoring in 14 of the team's 22 games.

The Red Raiders will be led by center Andy Ellis, who is ninth in the Big 12 in scoring, with an average of 16 points per game. He has scored in

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A&M sophomore guard Bernard King goes up for a layup in the Aggies' 73-69 victory over Baylor on Tuesday night at Reed Arena.



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A&M junior Martina Nedorostova hits a forehand against UT-San Antonio on Feb. 3 at the Varsity Tennis Center.

## Ags face rival Tigers after loss to 'Horns

By KEVIN ESPENLAUB  
The Battalion

Louisiana State University's men's and women's tennis teams will travel to the Varsity Tennis Center on Saturday for a dual match against Texas A&M at 1:30 p.m.

The sixth-ranked Aggie men's team (4-1) is coming off a 4-2 loss in non-conference competition against the No. 17 University of Texas Longhorns in Houston Tuesday. The team hopes to revisit the win column against the 14-ranked Tigers (4-0), who have shut out each of their four opponents this season, including a 7-0 victory over the University of Louisiana - Monroe on Wednesday.

"There's no doubt that LSU is one of the real forces in college tennis," said A&M men's coach Tim Cass. "We've had some pretty intense

matches in the last three years, and with the rotating home-away schedule we have with their team, the home team has come out on top each year. Hopefully, we can keep that going on Saturday here at home."

In contrast to their away record of 8-6 when not playing at home last season, the Aggie men were 16-0 at A&M. The Aggie coaches and players are hoping their dominance will continue against LSU. The Aggie four-time All-American Shuon Madden will try to regroup from his singles defeat Tuesday when he meets LSU's nationally ranked No. 8 Ajay Ramaswami on court number one Saturday.

The Aggie women (2-0) have had a week off since their last action.

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## Archery team chases title at State Indoor Tourney

By DIANE XAVIER  
The Battalion

After dominating every individual tournament this season, the Texas A&M Archery team is pursuing another team title as they open the spring season by hosting the Texas State Indoor Tournament this weekend at the Student Recreation Center.

This tournament is one of three state tournaments that will determine the state championship. Archery head coach Kathy Eissinger said this event will help determine where her team stands and what skills need to be improved.

"We're really trying to fine-tune right now," Eissinger said. "Our shooters have made progress, and our practices have been really strong, so I expect us to win."

Eissinger said this weekend will prepare the team for the indoor nationals on March 2. Eissinger said she expects her squad to finish high at nationals since it is the first year the team has played at an international level.

"Our shooters practice as hard and as long as the people in Olympic teams," she said. "And it shows in the tournaments."

The team is led by freshman Mary Zorn, who will also represent the United States at the FITA World Indoor Target Championship in Castellanza, Italy, on March 13 to 18 after her second-place finish at the World Indoor trials in January.

Zorn said after the outstanding practices of this past week, she hopes to break the world record, which was set at 590 points last year.

"I want to shoot a world record this weekend too," Zorn said. "I've been doing well in practice, and my lowest score was two points below the world record."

"Now, I'm just looking forward to doing it when it counts."

Eissinger said she needs everyone in the squad to do well in order to make nationals.

"Our team has improved every year, and if our shooters go out there and shoot like they practice, we'll do well," she said.

Admission to the Aggie Invitational is free. Individual rounds will begin at 6 p.m. today, Saturday at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. The team round will be shot Saturday at 5 p.m.

## Liberal Arts Career Fair

Today

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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