

## Tennis advances to NCAA Elite Eight

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The No. 7 Texas A&M men's tennis team completed their most successful campaign in the program's history by advancing to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Team Championships in Athens, Ga. After defending their home court in regionals, the Aggies defeated LSU in the round of 16 before losing to TCU.

The Aggies entered the tournament as the fourth seed and quickly jumped out to lead over the 13th-seeded Tigers with wins in No. 2 and 3 doubles.

Big 12 newcomer of the year Tres Davis and sophomore Ryan Newport outlasted the LSU tandem of Anthony Mateljan and Ajay Ramaswami at No. 2, while Cody Hubbell and Jarin Skube cruised to an 8-3 win over LSU's Sanjin Sadovich and Jesse Smatt at No. 3.

Davis also won his match at No. 6 singles, sweeping past John Gray-Pou, 6-4, 6-2. Hubbell dispatched Sadovich, 6-0, 6-2 to clinch the Aggies' 4-1 victory.

"I thought Cody did a good job jumping on his guy early," said A&M head coach Tim Cass after the match. "He and Tres really helped our momentum with their starts."

The Aggies next faced the fifth-seeded TCU squad and were topped 4-0.

"(TCU) played very well," Cass said. "4-0 looks one-sided, but it could have easily been a 4-3 match. They played well in doubles and got momentum."

Newport and Davis had their 15-match winning streak snapped by TCU's Esteban Carril and Toni Gordon in No. 2 doubles, 8-3. Seniors Shuon Madden and Dumitru Caradima also fell 8-3 at No. 1. Keith From dropped his No. 3 singles match 6-3, 6-4, and Newport was defeated at No. 2 singles by Trace Fielding, (2-6), 6-3, 6-4. This gave TCU a 4-0 lead, with the Aggies leading or tied in the remaining matches that were not completed.

After the completion of the team competition, the Aggies were able to compete as individuals. Senior All-Americans Madden and Caradima were bounced in the first round of doubles championships by top-seeded Huntley Montgomery and Brian Vahlay of the University of Virginia, 6-4, 6-4.

Madden was also defeated in the second round of singles competition by LSU's Ramaswami, 6-2, 6-4.

Cass had great praise for his seniors, noting how Madden, Caradima and Hubbell had turned a team that had come in eighth in the Big 12 the year

before their arrival into a team that had made the Elite Eight of the NCAA two straight years.

In spite of a bittersweet end to the season, Cass said "the season was a great adventure. I think reaching the final eight was a great accomplishment. You're in an elite group."

"They've done a tremendous job for the program,"

In spite of the loss of such talent, Cass said he was eager for next season to start. "The standard these guys (the seniors) have set is very high. I look for Tres, Ryan Newport and Keith From to step to the forefront," he said.



Senior Shuon Madden and the Texas A&M men's tennis team defeated LSU, 4-1, before losing to TCU in the NCAA Team Championships in Athens, Ga.

## Aggie men win Big 12 track championship

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First win in 20 years, women place fourth for second year

The No. 12-ranked Texas A&M men's track team put forth a commanding performance during the Big 12 Outdoor Championship at the Frank G. Anderson Track and Field Complex, capturing the Aggies' first conference championship in 20 years. The No. 21-ranked women's team

completed a fine weekend by finishing fourth in their meet.

The Aggie men totaled 159 points during the four-day event, setting a new Big 12 record while leaving their opposition in the dust. Texas came in second, 38.5 points behind the Aggies. Missouri was third, followed by Baylor and Kansas State.

"It hasn't soaked in yet," said A&M head coach Ted Nelson. "I cannot say enough about this team. I'm extremely proud of the entire team. They were outstanding."

The Aggies took first place in six individual events. Redshirt freshman Luke Marrs won the javelin competition with a throw of 235 feet, and senior

Jon Nance grabbed the gold in the pole vault, defeating pre-meet favorite Brian Hunter of Texas. Tolga Koseoglu defended his discus title while cruising to victory, setting a new Big 12 record with a throw of 204 feet, 1 inch.

Senior Bashir Ramzy also defended his 100 meter hurdles crown with a

time of 13.78 seconds. The 4 by 100-meter relay team of Ramzy, sophomore Mike Mills, senior Kris Allen and freshman Allen Wooten were victorious with a time of 39.41 seconds. Ramzy's wins in these two events, along with a third place finish in the long jump, led to him being the highest point scorer in the meet, with 24.5 points. Wooten's

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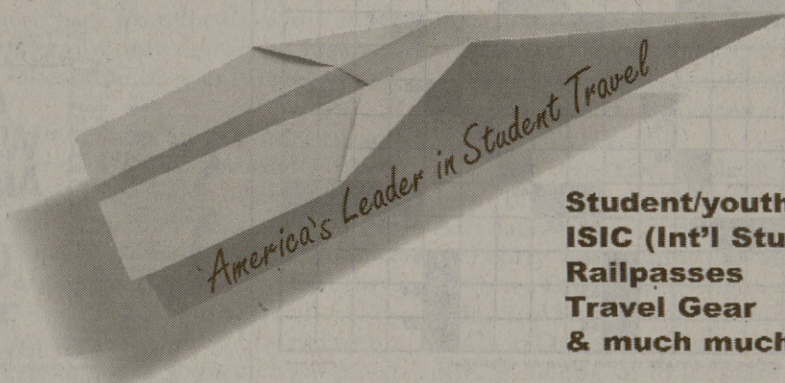
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