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Youth, experience in the mix for A&M squads

By Joel Hudgins
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Even to hard-core Aggie tennis fans, the Texas A&M men's tennis team that heads to Houston to play in the Met/Rice Indoors Tournament on Friday may not seem terribly familiar.

Just one tournament into the season, the Aggies have already proven that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

The No. 13 Aggies travel to

Rice this weekend, hoping to continue the success they began last weekend in the Miami Hurricane Invitational.

Freshmen Lester Cook, Ante Matijevic, Derrick Bauer and Hunter Emmott all won at least one match, with Cook and Bauer each winning two. Some of the freshmen became enrolled within the last week, making their play more impressive.

"We were both ineligible on Friday, then at 4:30 p.m., we

became eligible," said Cook. "We played Miami on Saturday, and Clemson on Sunday. It was a little rushed, but it was a great experience."

"Our kids have come in with an awful lot of experience already," said A&M head coach Tim Cass. "I think that they came because the opportunity was there for them to contribute immediately. I think last weekend was a good first step for them, because these

kids hadn't even started yet."

The field at the Met/Rice Indoors Tournament features five of the nation's top 25 teams, including No. 9 SMU and No. 21 Texas. Like last weekend's tournament in Miami, the Rice tournament is an individual tournament, and the results will not be reflected in the team record.

Cass said that does not take away from the importance of the tournament to his young team.

"This is the last of our indi-

vidual tournaments for the year, and it gives our guys a chance to build some team chemistry," Cass said. "It's a very strong field, probably the best tournament in the country for this time of year. It will be a test for both our older guys and our younger guys."

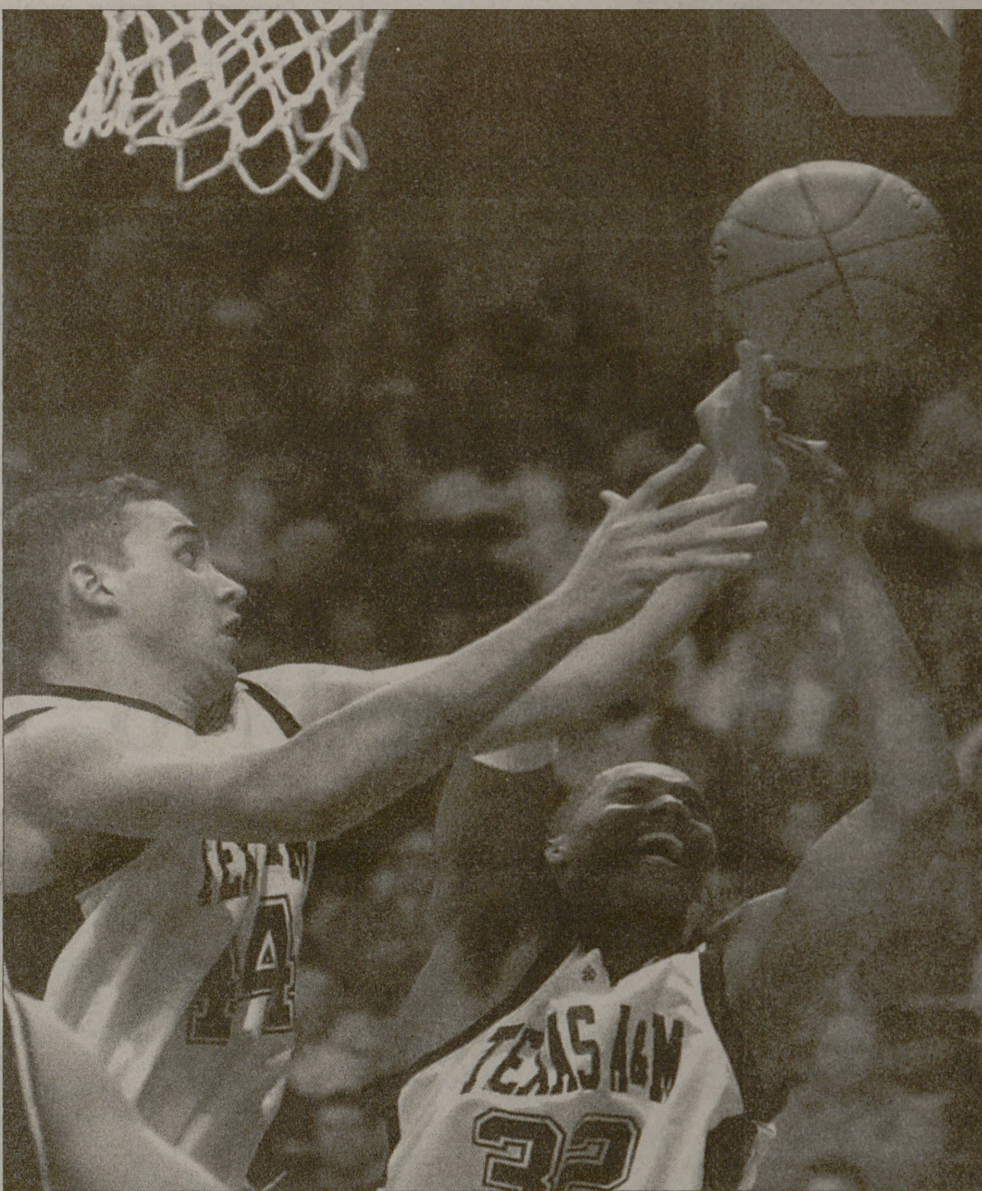
The Aggies also have some experience to go along with their youth. Seniors Jarin Skube and Keith From and junior Ryan Newport are returning

to the team, after playing every match a year ago. Cass said the trio will provide leadership and experience.

"We have Jarin, Keith, Ryan, who have played in a match since they've been at A&M," Cass said. "We've got a core group that's got some experience, and that should help."

The tournament at Rice consists of two singles flights, two doubles flights. It begins Friday and ends Sunday.

Battle of the Brazos



GUY ROGERS • THE BATTALION

Texas A&M sophomore center Nolan Butterfrans and junior guard Bernard King go for a rebound against Texas

Tech. The Aggies (6-11, 0-3 Big 12) will play the Baylor Bears (12-5, 2-2) Saturday at Reed Arena at 5 p.m.

Aggies head to Colorado

No. 22 Buffaloes waiting in Boulder

By Kevin Espenlaub
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M women's basketball team will be in Boulder, Colo., to face its third-straight nationally-ranked opponent Saturday against the No. 22 University of Colorado Buffaloes (12-6, 2-3 Big 12) at 1 p.m.

The game comes after two straight home appearances in which the Aggies (10-6, 2-2) were victorious over the then-ranked No. 5 Iowa State Cyclones, 88-71, last Saturday and were narrowly defeated by the No. 9 Kansas State Wildcats on Wednesday, 66-61.

"We're not going to change anything going into the Colorado game," said A&M head coach Peggie Gillom. "They're a big team while we're really pretty small. It takes a lot of energy playing against all these bigger teams, but we're gonna have to pressure the ball and do the other things that we're good at doing. We're also going to have to get our shots to start falling a little more."

In Wednesday's action, the top scorer for the Aggies was junior forward Meg Banahan who, after missing practice because of soreness in her knee, scored 26 points including the first nine of the game for the Aggies. Banahan is the Aggies' leading scorer this season with 12.1 points per game.

Colorado's last competition was also on Wednesday when it defeated an University of Kansas, 70-35 in Lawrence, Kan., behind the off-the-bench performance by sophomore guard Kate Fagan who scored 16 points to lead the team. The Buffaloes



JOHN LIVAS • THE BATTALION

Texas A&M junior forward Kim Moore drives past State's Angie Welle during A&M's 88-71 win Saturday.

allowed only 13 points in the first half.

Colorado leads the all-time series against Aggies with a 7-1 record. A&M defeated Buffaloes in its first meeting between the two schools in 1992, and since then Colorado has won seven and is 4-0 when playing in Boulder.

The game will be shown regionally on the Sports cable television network.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nelson's back surgery successful

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Byron Nelson had successful back surgery Thursday and will remain hospitalized until next week to recuperate, a spokesman for his golf tournament said.

The surgery had been previously scheduled for Nelson, who turns 90 on Feb. 4.

Mike Prusinski, spokesman for the Byron Nelson Classic, said Nelson was resting comfortably. No other details were released.

Nelson, who retired from tournament golf in 1947, won the Masters and PGA Championship

two times, and also the U.S. Open. He is best known for winning 11 straight tournaments from 1945, considered one of the most untouchable records in sports.

His tournament, scheduled for May 9-12, is one of the most lucrative on the PGA Tour and donates the most money to charity every year.

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The following sections of the student rules have been revised and can be viewed at <http://student-rules.tamu.edu>:
2.3.1 Special Course Status; 10.4.3 Grading; 14.2 Degree Requirements; 16.1 and 16.2 University Honors Program; 27.2.5 Sanctions; 30 Life Threatening Behavior; and 47.1 Sexual Harassment.
If you need the rules information in an alternate format please contact the Office of the Dean of Student Life at (979)845-3111 or e-mail at studentlife@tamu.edu.

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