

A&M ends up in ninth

By David Morrison
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After two tough rounds of golf, the Texas A&M women's golf team managed to squeak out a top 10 finish as it finished ninth in the 18-team field at the Verizon 'Mo'Morial tournament at the Briarcrest Country Club in Bryan. The Buckeyes of Ohio State came away with top honors, posting a two-day score of 16, showing why it is ranked No. 6 in the nation. Michigan State finished second with a score of 630, and Texas Christian University rounded out the top three with a score of 633.

It was a disappointing finish for the Aggies, who had high hopes going into their home tournament. A&M head coach Jeanne Sutherland only needed two words to describe the way her team felt after their two-round total 654.

"Hugely disappointing," Sutherland said. The Aggies came into the second round tied for fourth with a legitimate chance to move up in the standings but could never put enough good shots together to make something happen. "I felt good on the front nine," Sutherland said. "We made the turn and had a couple of bad kicks and bad bounces and instead of accepting them and going on, we let them get our confidence down."

A&M had to adjust to the unexpected cold weather and a home course that was not very friendly. Even though the Aggies were playing at home, the weather conditions took away a little of their advantage, said freshman Nicole Melton.

"The high winds dried out the course," Melton said. "[The course] was different than we were accustomed to playing, and it played a little foreign to all of us."

The Aggies may not have finished where they had hoped but after a rough couple of days, a bright spot can be found in Melton's play. The freshman finished fifth in a tough field with a two-day score of 154.

"I think we learn every week we play, sometimes you learn from the good stuff and sometimes from the bad stuff," Sutherland said.

Ags blast UTA

By Doug Fuentes
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The No. 13 Texas A&M baseball team continued its early season domination of midweek games as it scored 13 runs in the first four innings to cruise to a 15-5 victory over the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks on Tuesday at Olsen Field.

Every A&M starter had at least one hit, led by senior right fielder Neal Stephenson, who went 2-for-4 with three RBIs and four runs scored.

The victory keeps the Aggies (14-4, 3-0 Big 12) in line with one of its goals heading into the season — staying undefeated in midweek games.

A&M has taken care of business in the midweek games, defeating Southwest Texas State, 11-3, and Sam Houston State, 18-5, earlier this season.

"Right now we haven't lost one and that was one of our goals," said A&M head coach Mark Johnson. "We broke down little parts of our season, and one of them was Tuesday games, and I told the team, with our pitching staff, we should

have a chance to make a pretty good run on the Tuesday ball games."

After the Mavericks (7-9) took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, the Aggies stormed back with five runs in the bottom of the inning to take the lead.

With the bases loaded and one out, Stephenson delivered the big blow, sending a double to left field that cleared the bases.

UTA, who lost to TCU, 23-12, on Monday, did not back down from the Aggies, scoring two runs in the top of the second to cut the lead to 5-3.

As it did in the first, the Aggies responded to the Mavericks' challenge in the bottom of the second, scoring four runs to take control of the game.

Junior first baseman Travis Wong, who was mired in a 0-for-20 slump, broke it in a hurry with a three-run home run to deep left-center field in the second.

Wong, who finished the game 1-for-2 with the home run, left the game in the fifth inning with a swollen hand.

He was hit by a pitch in the first,

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A&M freshman left fielder **Coby Mavoulis** congratulates junior first baseman **Travis Wong** after Wong's home run in the second inning of the Aggies' 15-5 victory over UTA.

Aggies sweep SFA, ACU in doubleheader

By Dallas Shipp
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The No. 18 Texas A&M women's tennis team came out on fire Tuesday to sweep Stephen F. Austin and Abilene Christian University, 7-0, in a doubleheader at the Varsity Tennis Center.

"The morning [against SFA] it was a matter of doing what we had to do to win the matches," said A&M head coach Bobby Kleinecke.

The first match served as a warmup session for the Aggies, as they completed the sweep in

just over two hours.

SFA fell in straight sets in each of the six singles matches and headed back to Nacogdoches in time for its afternoon classes. SFA fell to 3-2 with the loss.

The second match against ACU was not much different. Although the Wildcats were able to avoid losing in straight sets in every match by winning the first set on court No. 1, it was much of the same for the Aggies.

The Aggies dominated from the start in the doubles matches, sweeping the Wildcats to take the early 1-0

lead heading into singles play.

The No. 21 duo of Jessica Roland and Ashley Hedberg put on an exhibition, knocking off the Wildcats' Lucy Johnson and Kristin Chumley, 8-1.

Senior Majorie Terburgh struggled through the first set against ACU's Sarah Taweel on court No. 1. After regrouping between sets, Terburgh took the second set 6-1 and won a 10-point tie-breaker in place of the third set, 10-1.

"I knew that if I didn't step

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Texas A&M senior **Majorie Terburgh** returns a shot during A&M's win over Stephen F. Austin on Tuesday.

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