

**SPORTS IN BRIEF**

**Aggies take two from Centenary**

The Texas A&M baseball team scored 25 runs and collected 34 hits as it swept a doubleheader from Centenary, 10-4 and 15-3, at Shehee Stadium in Shreveport, Friday afternoon.

In the first game of the afternoon, A&M (23-10) used seven doubles and three home runs to slug its way past the Gents (9-24), 10-4.

David Evans had three doubles while Rusty Meyer and Neal Stephenson each had a home run, a double and a single. Meyer's home run was his first of the year and Stephenson's was his seventh.

Ty Garner also collected three hits and Tim Petru drove in four runs and hit his fifth home run of the season.

Matt Alexander, Meyer, Travis Wong and Ryan Wardinsky each had three hits in the second game to pace the A&M offensive attack. All three of Alexander's hits were doubles.

David Evans hit his third home run of the season in

**Women netters beat Sooners, 5-2**

The Texas A&M women's tennis team beat the Oklahoma Sooners, 5-2, Friday. The No. 21 Aggies rebounded from a disappointing 4-3 loss to Oklahoma State on Thursday.

A&M took an early 1-0 lead after taking two of the three doubles matches. The Aggies are now 15-0 on the season when capturing the doubles point.

Highlighting the singles action for A&M was sophomore Jessica Roland who beat OU's Anda Perianu, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 1.

## Waves drown out Aggie rally, 4-3

### Garland ends A&M comeback

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Texas A&M freshman Lester Cook returns a backhand against Pepperdine on Saturday night at the Varsity Tennis Center. The Aggies fell, 4-3, to the Pepperdine Waves.

Trailing 3-1 to the Pepperdine Waves on Saturday at the A&M Varsity Tennis Center, the Texas A&M men's tennis team needed to sweep the final three matches to avoid having their nine-game winning streak snapped. Unfortunately for the Aggies, the nation's No. 3 player, Pepperdine senior Al Garland, had other plans in mind.

After falling to A&M junior Ryan Newport in a second set tiebreaker, Garland returned to form and claimed the third and final set to take a 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-3 victory that gave No. 11 Pepperdine the fourth and deciding point in the contest.

The overall match was Pepperdine's (16-4) second victory over a top-10 team in three days, with the other coming in Austin on Thursday when they handed No. 8 Texas its first loss of the season. For the No. 10 Aggies (14-3), it was only their seventh loss at home since the opening of the Varsity Tennis Center in 1998. They have compiled a record of 60-7 over that period.

"The atmosphere and intensity here at A&M is amazing," said Pepperdine head coach Peter Smith. "It is much

harder to win here than anywhere else in the country.

"Tonight I think Garland's experience was a big factor in this match for us, because he was not extremely confident going in to that third set, so he had to really step up so he would not let his team down. He did that for us and we won a good match."

Perhaps one of the most impressive matches of the night for the Aggies was the court No. 3 doubles match, in which the freshmen duo of Ante Matijevic and Derrick Bauer crushed their opponents, 8-1, before A&M dropped the next two doubles matches to lose the doubles point for only the third time this season.

"That was probably the best court 3 doubles match of the year for us," said A&M head coach Tim Cass. "I think at times we did some things well in the other doubles matches, but we were playing a good team, and we made a couple of mistakes and that cost us that point."

Matijevic quickly closed the 2-0 gap from the doubles point and senior Keith From's loss on court No. 3 by defeating Pepperdine senior Steve Racioppi, 6-1, 6-2, in singles on court

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## Indiana, Maryland ready for final showdown

ATLANTA (AP) — Pick a point, any point: History, style, coach, expectations. Indiana and Maryland are not close on any of them.

They are, however, the only college basketball teams still playing, and one will leave the Georgia Dome on Monday night as national champion.

Indiana is trying to win its sixth national title. Maryland is in the championship game for the first time.

Indiana is a slower team that thrives in the halfcourt and averages 71 points. Maryland loves the transition game, lives off big runs and is among the nation's top scoring teams at 85 points a game.

Indiana's Mike Davis is in just his second season as a head coach. He has not only survived being Bob Knight's successor but has been successful.

Maryland's Gary Williams is in his 24th season as a head coach and his only other Final Four appearance came last season.

Indiana was the No. 5 seed in the South Regional and

was not expected to get to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament, let alone knock off top-seeded Duke and play for a third weekend. Maryland, the No. 1 seed in the East, was supposed to return to the Final Four. Anything else would have been considered a failure.

Otherwise, these teams are almost identical.

"I look at who we played to get here and their tradition," Williams said, referring to Kentucky, Connecticut and Kansas, all former national champions who fell on the Terrapins' run. "We're trying to establish ourselves. Our program probably hasn't been as smooth as a lot of those other programs. As we go along here, I think we're establishing our own tradition."

The banners hanging in Assembly Hall in Bloomington are testaments to Indiana's rich history. The five national championships came in 1940, 1953, 1976, 1981 and 1987.

The last three were under Knight, fired by Indiana in September 2000. Davis, an assistant to Knight,

stepped into what many people considered an impossible situation.

Instead, he survived the turmoil and put his own stamp on the program, including news conferences during the tournament filled with laughs and feel-good stories. Knight's were noted for rants, tongue-lashings and once, even a bullwhip.

"As I said from Day One, I'm just a basketball coach," Davis said. "Over the last couple of days I understand how some coaches can forget who they are when people start patting you on the back. I've had three guys kiss me, tell me they love me. If you don't know who you are, it's easy to get caught up in it."

The Hoosiers (25-11) beat Oklahoma 73-64 Saturday night, coming up with a great offensive effort against a stellar defensive team. They were 8-for-13 from 3-point range, a good effort but nowhere near the

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