

## Aggies eke out victory over Bobcats

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The Texas A&M Aggies had to search for nine innings, but in the bottom of the ninth, they finally found their bats and used them to squeeze past Southwest Texas, 1-0.

The No. 21 Aggies (29-9, 3-4 Big 12) only managed one hit until the bottom of the ninth inning, when senior second baseman Lisa Klam started the A&M rally with a drag bunt single.

Junior center fielder Cheryl Fowler followed up with a well-executed bunt that put A&M with runners at first and second with only one out.

Freshman right fielder Adrian Gregory stepped up in the clutch to deliver a double into right center field to score Klam and end the game.

"I had struggled all day at the plate, so I was just trying to put the ball in play," Gregory said. "Lisa did a great job getting on base, and I wanted her to score for it."

After coming off the loss to Texas and racking up a season-high 14 strikeouts, the Aggies seemed listless through the majority of the game, waking up just in time to pull out the victory.

"We were a little shell-shocked after last night," said A&M head coach Jo Evans. "It was hard to come out here and be up tonight. We didn't bounce back as well as I'd hoped."

The Aggies seemed to overlook the ability of Southwest Texas and sophomore pitcher Nicole Neuerburg (14-7), who threw the complete game for the Bobcats, allowing four hits and striking out six.

"We were so high after the game yesterday, but then we didn't bring it today," Gregory said. "We underestimated how good they were, and it almost cost us."

Lindsey Wilhelmson (7-2) tossed the complete game shutout for the Aggies, striking out a career-high 13 batters en route to the victory.

"Wilhelmson has pitched so well this season," Evans said. "She has been able to keep the batters off balance with her movement, and she handles the pressure well."

The Bobcats had their share of opportunities, as they loaded up the bases but could not pull the trigger, stranding 10 runners in the game.

The Aggies' next action is a two game series this weekend against conference foe Kansas. They will play Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at noon at the Aggie Softball Complex.



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A&M senior first baseman Kelly Ferguson takes a swing during the Aggies' 1-0 victory over the Southwest Texas State Bobcats on Thursday at the Aggie Softball Complex.

## Golfers make run for 'Border'

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The last time the Texas A&M men's golf team finished a tournament in one of the top three spots was a year ago, at the Border Olympics in Laredo, Texas.

A year later the Aggies will compete in the same tournament, desperate for another top three finish. The Aggies are competing for one of the last spots in the Regional tournament and need a good showing to stay in contention.

"We need to have a top three finish and basically beat every team in Texas, so hopefully we can step up to plate," said head coach J.T. Higgins.

The team is coming off a sub-par tournament in Austin last week, in which it finished last in a tough field of nine teams in the top 25. The Aggies hope to find the same swings and scores they had when they posted top 10 finishes in South Carolina and Louisiana, as they hope to forget what happened in Austin.

"We are just trying to put [last week] behind us, because we really didn't do anything well; we got away from our game plan, and that is a hard golf course that jumped up and bit us," Higgins explained. "This week will be a do or die situation for the Aggies."

"Our back are against the wall, and if we don't play well here then we have a long summer, and I don't think anyone wants to see that; we will find out what we are made of this weekend," Higgins said.

## U.S. hopes to capitalize on advantages at Davis Cup

HOUSTON (AP) — The United States has plenty in its favor against Spain in the Davis Cup: a home crowd, a grass court, and Pete Sampras.

Sampras will play Alex Corretja in the second singles match Friday in the best-of-five quarterfinal. Sampras, a seven-time Wimbledon champion, has a 99-17 career record on grass.

Andy Roddick will play Spain's Tommy Robredo in the opener.

In Saturday's doubles, the U.S. team of Todd Martin and James Blake will face Corretja and Juan Balcells.

"I do think we are the favorites, and our No. 1 priority this week has been to get these guys playing well," U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe said at Thursday's draw. "If we play well, we will win. We've set everything up so we can succeed. Now we just need to go out and do it."

McEnroe chose a grass court to play to Sampras' strength. In the 2000 semifinals, Spain chose clay and beat the Americans 5-0 en route to its only Davis Cup title.

Corretja is just 3-6 for his career on grass.

"We just have to believe that we love grass this week," Corretja said. "We have to be positive. Sure, there will be tough moments, but we'll just focus and

see if they really are better."

Sampras beat Corretja in the 1996 U.S. Open quarterfinals, rallying through illness and fatigue to win in five sets.

Roddick is 5-0 on grass, Robredo is 4-2.

"I started practicing on grass in Miami and I think every day I'm improving my game," Robredo said. "My level on grass is improving and maybe tomorrow I can give a surprise to the U.S."

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Dear Members of the A&M Community:

An exciting time is upon us. We are bearing witness to tremendous opportunity and development of the Texas A&M University campus as we strive to meet the goals of Vision 2020. Construction projects mark the University's commitment to excellence and, needless to say, we are all feeling some associated growing pains.

The construction of the West Campus Parking Garage and the Pedestrian Passageway are already underway. Once completed, the new garage will add approximately 3700 new parking spaces to our campus, and the passageway will offer protected and uninterrupted movement to and from the main and west campuses for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Cones and barricades warn travelers to exercise caution while negotiating the main campus streets. The Main Campus Streets and Area Drainage Improvements project addresses the much needed repair of Bizzell Street, Ross Street and New Main Drive, to improve mobility and safety to cars, bicycles and pedestrians.

Signs of the coming Football Complex and Academic Center (March 2002 - October 2003) can already be seen in the change in the designations of Parking Areas (PA) 61 and 97, on the west campus, from commuter parking. This will help to replace the approximately 750 resident hall parking spaces that will be lost due to construction. Moreover, these changes reduce the need to move resident hall student vehicles during special events, since these lots are not located adjacent to Reed Arena, the Recreation Center, Olsen Field or any other special event facilities. In an effort to further supplement parking, the University has contracted with the City of College Station to lease 250 spaces in the College Main Parking Garage.

For our commuter students, approximately 1175 parking spaces will be added by the addition of PA 114 - adjacent to the Tennis Complex, PA 100 - at the southwest corner of Reed Arena and additional spaces painted in PA 63 - adjacent to Olsen Field. To assist with traffic on west campus, Penberthy Road has been extended to reach George Bush Drive.

The construction of the Chemical Engineering Building on PA 5 - north of Cyclotron (May 2002 - October 2003) will displace nearly 130 staff parking spaces. Modifications to PA 47 - across from Wisenbaker, expansion of PA 42 - adjacent to the Bell Tower and movement to other parking areas will offset some of these losses.

These projects are necessary for the university to continue to meet the needs and demands of the campus community. We are committed to providing the best possible alternatives to accommodate the needs of those affected by these construction projects and to communicate changes in construction schedules, traffic patterns and parking arrangements. For current changes that may affect your movement about campus, please visit the web site at [www.pts.tamu.edu](http://www.pts.tamu.edu).

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