

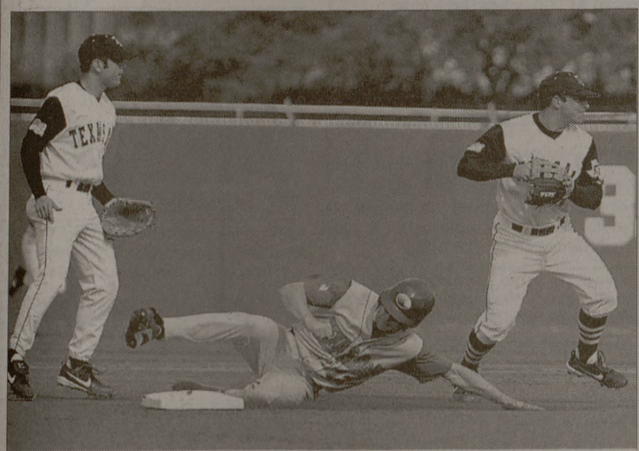
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Ags end regular season at Mizzou

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Junior Erik Schindewolf (left) looks on as Matt Alexander forces A&M Corpus Christi's Jimmy Hamon out at second base.

Aggies host UTSA

By Kevin Espenlaub
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It is unlikely that the University of Texas-San Antonio will be much more than a footnote on this year's college baseball archives. However, the Roadrunners hope that their tough early season schedule will help them enter Olsen Field on Tuesday for their matchup with the No. 22 Aggies with a chance of upsetting Texas A&M and getting a preparation boost for their conference schedule.

"The challenge will not be trying to pass a mountain too high to climb, but climbing the mountain one step at a time," said UTSA Head Coach Sherman Corbett. "It is my intention to play these teams with the purpose of fully preparing ourselves for the Southland Conference schedule."

The Roadrunners (4-7) have already faced two national powerhouses, defending national champion University

of Texas and then-No. 2 Rice University, and have matched up against the University of Oklahoma and Baylor University this season.

The Aggies (10-4) will hope to stop not only the Roadrunners, but also the bleeding from a 17-1 loss on Sunday against the University of Arizona on the road. The Wildcats took two of three games from A&M this weekend to claim the series.

A&M starter Kyle Parcus allowed five earned runs in the bottom of the third inning to the Wildcats and fell to 0-2 in the season. Junior Matt Alexander scored the Aggies' only run of the game in the first inning.

Last season, the Aggies swept Arizona in the season series.

As the Aggies hope to bounce back from the loss, Head Coach Mark Johnson knows that big conferences are not the only ones that house

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The Texas A&M women's basketball team will close out what has been a forgettable season this Thursday in Columbia, Mo. The Aggies (10-16, 3-12 Big 12) will complete their regular season slate against a Missouri Tigers team that is looking to finish above .500 in conference play.

The Tigers (14-12, 8-7 Big 12) are riding high following a 73-52 blowout of the University of Kansas Jayhawks. Missouri dominated Kansas on both ends of the court, forcing 25 turnovers while shooting an astounding 62 percent from the field in the second half.

Four Missouri players scored in the double-digits. Senior guard Kerensa Barr and juniors Stretch James and Tracy Lozier dropped in 15 points a piece, while junior guard Myesha Perkins scored 13 off the bench. Missouri began the game on a 10-0 run, holding its opponent scoreless for just

less than five minutes. Kansas closed to within seven points early in the game before Lozier hit back-to-back three-pointers just before the half.

"I'm really proud of our team," said Tigers Head Coach Cindy Stein. "We were really working for a complete game, and I was really impressed with the way we moved the ball."



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Ball movement will be a necessity for Missouri to continue its winning ways against an A&M team that leads the conference in steals. The Aggies have been led this year by junior guard Toccarra Williams, who ranks first nationally in takeaways.

However, Williams and company had little room to work in A&M's most recent Big 12 encounter, a crushing 97-54 loss to Baylor University on Sunday afternoon. Baylor's Lady Bears led by as many as 27 points during the game, thanks in part to the

Aggies' worst shooting performance of the season (24 percent).

Still, A&M Head Coach Peggie Gillom and her team are doing their best to find the silver lining in a trying, injury-plagued season. While the Aggies have lost four straight games, the recent play of junior post Lynn Classen has provided some reason for optimism heading into Wednesday's game.

"One of the bright spots for us (has been) Classen," Gillom said. "I am really proud of her. She has been hampered by her knee all season."

Classen's injured knee is just one of many ailments the Aggies have had to endure this year. Multiple A&M players including Classen and Williams will seek medical treatment following the Big 12 Tournament in mid-March.

The Tigers will honor Barr prior to tip-off in their final home game for her accomplished career at Missouri. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Hearnes Center.

Women's tennis team to meet TCU

By Blake Kimzey
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Coming off a dreary, rain-soaked Saturday, the No. 33 Texas A&M women's tennis team will be hoping for better weather tonight against non-conference threat Texas Christian University when the two meet at the A&M Tennis Center.

The Aggies haven't lost since Feb. 7, and will be looking to extend their win streak to seven matches.

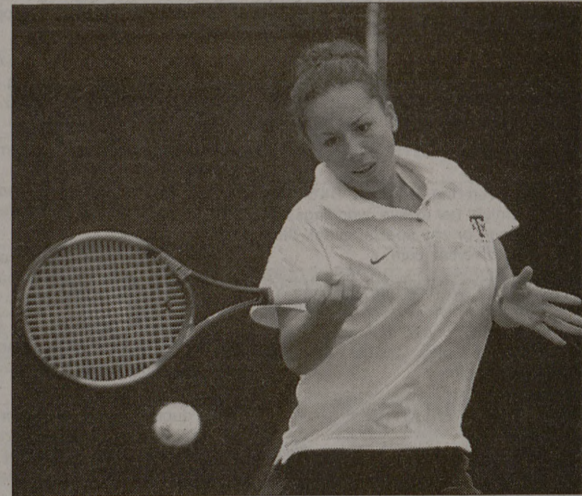
A&M had to face the burden of overcoming a three and a half hour rain delay to rise above the puddles and outplay the No. 53 Oklahoma State University Cowgirls en route to a 5-2 victory this past weekend.

With the win, the Aggies improved to 6-0 at home, but A&M assistant

coach Alison Ojeda says the team isn't as focused on the win streak as much as they are about getting better each time they play.

"We aren't focusing too much on having a win streak of six or seven," Ojeda said. "That is nice, but right now we are focused on getting better at our first serves and making sure we always have good, solid returns each time we step on the court."

The No. 30 TCU Lady Horned Frogs (4-1), led by junior netters Saber Pierce and Paty Aburto, are coming off of their first loss of the season against No. 26 University of Arizona, who blanked them 6-0. TCU Head Coach Dave Borelli said facing the Aggies in his team's first road trip of the season



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Junior Jessica Roland returns a shot against Oklahoma State.

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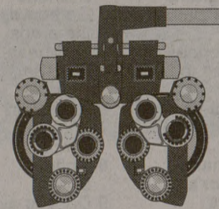


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