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## Aggies sweep Tech, TCU in weekend series

### Strong weekend extends A&M win streak to 15 matches



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Lester Cook returns a serve against TCU on Sunday. Cook and the Aggies lengthened their win streak to 15 games over the weekend.

By Jeff Allen  
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The No. 9 Texas A&M men's tennis team claimed a pair of victories this weekend, stretching their winning streak to 15 matches to start the 2003 season. The Aggies (19-6, 3-1 Big 12) knocked off Texas Tech Friday night in front of a crowd of more than 600 by a deceiving score of 7-0 in a Big 12 conference match, before moving on to No. 36 Texas Christian University on Sunday, defeating the Horned Frogs, 5-2.

"It was a close 7-0 (on Friday night)," said A&M Head Coach Tim Cass. "(Texas Tech) put up a good fight, and our guys picked it up in a few pressure situations."

The tone for the match with Texas Tech was set early on in dou-

bles. The Red Raiders (13-6, 3-3 Big 12), now with five straight losses after being defeated Saturday by Texas, pushed the home team to their limits in the quest for the all-important first point.

There were close matches across the board, including the match at court one, where the No. 3 duo of sophomores Ante Matijevic and Lester Cook teamed up for the first time in more than a month. The pair fell behind early to Tech's Alfonso Perez and Esat Terez, only to come back late to secure the win for the Aggies. Back-to-back Big 12 Player of the Week Matijevic finished the match off with a pair of aces, finishing with an 8-6 win. A&M secured the point moments later when senior Ryan Newport and junior Khaled El Dorry won at court three.

The early lead held out for the

Aggies, but it was severely tested throughout the night. The Raiders made a push halfway through the singles competition, putting the Aggies in a situation that was familiar to their lone conference loss to Oklahoma State last week.

After jumping off to an early lead when Matijevic quickly won his match at No. 3 in straight sets, the Aggies hit a snag in the road. Freshmen Cameron Fenner, who was a late addition to the lineup due to a minor injury to freshman Matt Loukes, grabbed an early lead by winning the first set, but was pushed to the brink in the second. Fenner, however, recovered, and was able to defeat Red Raiders' sophomore Jonathan John in a tie breaker.

"It was tough (to step in for the injured Loukes)," Fenner said. "But there was a job to be done out

there, and that was it. It was a big opportunity for me, I haven't played that much this year and when I get to play it's always something I look forward to."

The win by Fenner turned the tide of the match back to the Aggies, and they went on to capture wins at all the other fronts.

"It was a very good team effort," said Texas Tech Head Coach Tim Siegal. "I was real proud of how our guys played, they fought till the very end of the match."

On Sunday against TCU, the Aggies again took the doubles point, winning at courts one and two. In singles play, Newport and Matijevic set the tone for A&M each winning in straight sets.

The Aggies return to the court next Sunday when they host the University of Nebraska.

## Women's tennis team concludes home stand

By Blake Kimzey  
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This past Sunday, the Texas A&M women's tennis team completed its seven-match home stand, losing 4-3 to the University of South Alabama Cougars. The loss rounded out an otherwise successful weekend for the Aggies.

The No. 30 Aggies began their weekend by sequentially dismantling each of their doubleheader opponents in convincing fashion on Friday.

A&M Head Coach Bobby Kleinecke was able to reach deeper into his rotation by utilizing the Aggies' depth and playing a pot-

pourri of players against Sam Houston State University, whom the Aggies toppled in a 7-0 shutout.

"This was a fun day, because we were able to play a bunch of people," Kleinecke said. "We had some players who got a chance to compete, and they did very well. The team did a great job of supporting each other."

A&M juniors Danielle Lee and Velvet Canada both stepped up to shut out their respective singles opponents, with Canada clinching the match with her victory over Sam Houston sophomore Shanna Elias.

After securing their sixth conference win against Texas Tech, shutting down the Lady Red Raiders 7-0, A&M improved to 6-

2 in Big 12 play with conference title hopes still in their crosshairs. In addition, the Aggies have completed their 18th consecutive victory against Tech.

A&M juniors Jessica Roland and Roberta Spencer, the No. 38 doubles team in the nation, broke their 11 match-winning streak as they fell to Tech's go-to junior and senior duo of Irina Tereschenko and Beverly Dawson respectively, at No. 1. However, A&M protected the doubles point with strong play from their No. 2 and 3 doubles teams. Senior Ashley Hedberg and sophomore Lauren Walker were victorious at court two, as were freshmen Seva Twinski and Nicki Mechem at

court three.

"We set the tone in doubles at No. 2 and 3," Kleinecke said. "I told the girls that doubles would be a big key going into the match, because Tech prides itself in doubles play."

A&M was unable to maintain their momentum Sunday, however. After losing the doubles point and trailing 3-1, the Aggies rallied back to a 3-3 tie. But, in the decisive match on court three, South Alabama's Marlieke Jager defeated A&M's Spencer in two hard-fought sets.

The Aggies return to the road this week as they head south to Houston to face non-conference Rice University on Thursday.



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Jessica Roland celebrates with doubles partner Roberta Spencer after a won point Sunday at the Aggie Tennis Complex.

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