

**Tribe**

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"Playing William & Mary is another great opportunity for us, and we're hoping we can step it up and come away with a quality win," said A&M Head Coach Bobby Kleinecke. "They are a very tough team to play because they are a grinding-type team and they hit the ball really hard. It is going to take all nine slots to beat them, and we're looking forward to it."

But no easy points will be won, with a total of three singles players ranked nationally within the top 100. Junior Jessica Roland, ranked No. 100, relentlessly leads the Aggies at No. 1 singles. William & Mary looks to rookie Megan Muth (No. 78) and sophomore Candice Fuchs (No. 27) to set the pace on its side of the net.

The battle should be fiercely fought for the doubles point. The Aggies' 38th-ranked duo of juniors Roland and Roberta Spencer should have its hands full at court No. 1. Roland and Spencer will square off against Tribe sophomores Kate Boomershine and Candice Fuchs, the No. 12 doubles team in the nation.

Though William & Mary heads into Saturday with a 10-match winning streak, the Aggies are trying to treat the match like business as usual. A&M Assistant Coach Alison Ojeda said a quality win this weekend could give A&M the credibility it needs to assure an NCAA tournament bid.

"Working on our doubles this week has been the emphasis to prepare us for the remainder of the season and tournament play," Ojeda said. "But, we need to notch a big win against William & Mary so that it will make it easier for us to get into the tournament."

The Aggies' lone senior, Ashley Hedberg, will be honored before the match. First serve is set for 11 a.m. Saturday morning.

# Men's tennis team to meet Nebraska

By Jeff Allen  
THE BATTALION

When the Nebraska men's tennis team heads into College Station on Sunday it will be confronting two daunting streaks. First, the No. 10 Texas A&M squad has been steady at home this year, having won all 15 matches at home this season.

Second, the Cornhuskers (10-8, 1-4 Big 12) have yet to notch a win against the Aggies (19-6, 3-1 Big 12), in the eight meetings between the schools dating back to when the clubs first met in 1990.

That does not distract this year's Aggie team. Since early in the dual match schedule Head Coach Tim Cass has preached to his team that it is up to the players to make a name for themselves this year. So far they have.

"It's their team and I stress that an awful lot," Cass said. "They have done a good job of playing hard together as a unit and developing a chemistry. It seems like it is an individual sport, but we have to support each other, and the guys have really done a good job with picking the slack up for one another throughout the year."

So far in the schedule there has been little slack to pick up. This year the Aggies were faced with what some might term "rebuilding," an assessment that was based on the fact that the men carried only one senior, All-American Ryan Newport, on their roster. Newport

brings a national ranking of No. 19 into Sunday's action along with a 17-2 record, all of which was accomplished at No. 1, but the real strength of the Aggie team has come from its middle, sophomore Big 12 Player of the Week Lester Cook, and last week's Big 12 Player of the Week, sophomore Ante Matijevec.

"In order for our team to have success, individual players have to compete at a high level," Cass said. "If we continue to do that, more success will come our way."

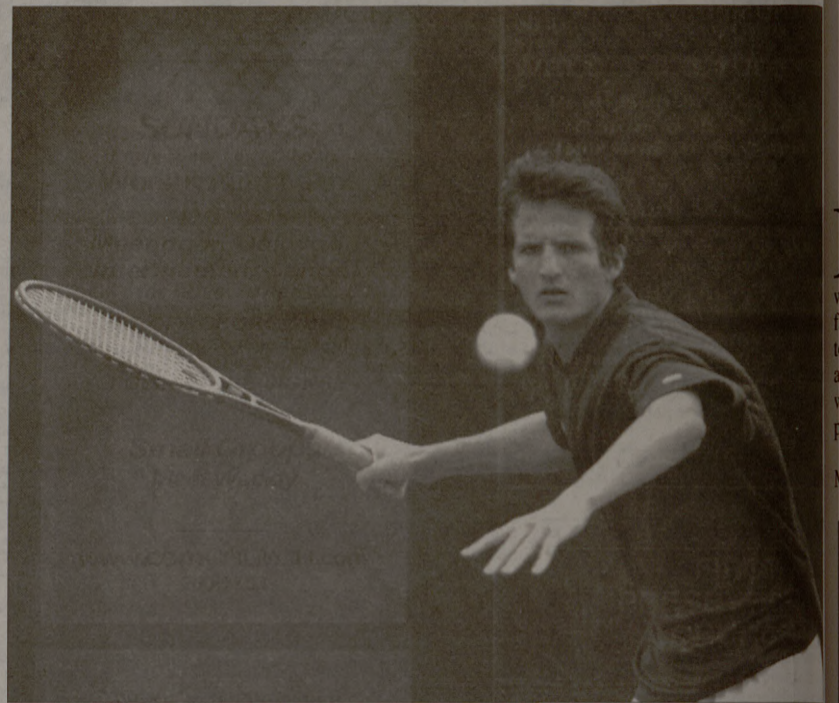
Matijevec has posted the most sparkling numbers of the pair. Since rising from oblivion to a No. 48 national ranking, Matijevec has won 14 straight matches, contributing to an impressive dual match record of 20-4.

Cook has not been far behind. Nationally ranked No. 39, he has posted four straight wins and accumulated a record of 18-4.

Things have not gone quite as well this year for the Huskers. Since posting a seven-game winning streak in February, the Huskers have struggled. They dropped their first conference match to Texas Tech and have yet to fully recover.

More ominous for Nebraska as it prepares to face the Aggies is the fact that in six tries this year, the Huskers have yet to beat a ranked team. They have fared little better in the Big 12, having only won one match.

The Huskers did manage to take down Oklahoma last Saturday by a



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Sophomore Ante Matijevec returns a shot at the A&M Tennis Center on April 6 when A&M defeated TCU, 5-2. Matijevec has been named conference Player of the Week twice this season with a score of 4-3.

"The intensity of the team was really good," said Nebraska Head Coach Kerry McDermott. "And we knew we would need that."

The Huskers will be coming into College Station led at court No. 1 by sophomore Florian Preissler.

Preissler has carried the team at No. 1, compiling a respectable 9-7 record

against the best the competition has had to offer.

Freshmen D.J. Geatz has posted the best numbers thus far this season for Nebraska. He has put up an 11-6 record in dual matches, playing mostly at courts No. 3 and No. 4.

The Aggies will host the Cornhuskers Sunday at noon at the Texas A&M Tennis Center.

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**Kansas**

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made her only mistake of the evening, although a fatal one, as Sievers took Slataper's pitch over the left field wall for the game-winning home run.

Even though the Aggies lost a close one to Texas, they still have plenty to be confident about. Not only did they go into a hostile environment and play down to the wire with the No. 5 team in the country, but they are fresh off of sweeping a streaking Oklahoma State team the previous weekend.

"I was really excited about our offense," Evans said. "We came out aggressive and disciplined at the plate, and we also played some great defense. Lindsay Wilhelmsen and Lindsey Rippee pitched great, and Jessica Slataper was incredible. We simply came out and put everything together."

Meanwhile, the Kansas Jayhawks have not had as much success as the Aggies in conference play. The Jayhawks have had an up-and-down season so far, but some of that can be attributed to injuries and a tough early conference schedule. Although KU is far from holding the best record in the conference, it does not mean that A&M will have an easy time taking two games from the Jayhawks.

"We played well early on this year, but we have been a bit inconsistent of late," said Kansas Head Coach Tracy Bunge. "We are hoping to bounce back, and I think we will be able to do so. We are a very opportunistic team with some good hitters that can put the ball out of the yard."

Aggie second baseman and Big 12 player of the week Adrian Gregory said she knows Kansas is not a team to be underestimated.

"We always expect to have a tough go with them," Gregory said. "It's always tough to play on the road, and we haven't played as well as we could have lately. We just need to bring the same intensity every game because each game is huge for us down the stretch."

After taking on the Jayhawks this weekend, the Aggies will head back to the Aggie Softball Complex for a doubleheader with Texas A&M - Corpus Christi on Wednesday.

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