

ITA tournament awaiting Aggies

By Blake Kimzey
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Members of the Texas A&M men's and women's tennis teams will be scattered across the country this weekend at their respective Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American tournaments.

Some of the nation's most talented netters will wait for senior Khaled El Dorry and All-American juniors Lester Cook and Ante Matijevic at the annual ITA tournament held in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The 10-day event is the largest single tournament of the season, drawing more than 300 competitors; it is also the first of three national championship events at the Division I level during the season.

A&M men's coach Tim Cass said the ITA draws the nation's finest individual competitors every year, making the event a virtual "Who's Who" of collegiate tennis.

"The fall season is basically our individual season," Cass said. "The ITA, in particular, should be a great measuring stick for these guys because 45 of the top 50 college players in the nation will be there. This is our biggest tournament of the fall and it will be a good chance to see where the guys stand nationally."

El Dorry will start competition in the pre-qualifying round that begins today, and he will need to win five matches to reach the 64-player qualifying round and then two matches in

the qualifying round to reach the 64-player main draw next week.

If El Dorry makes it through the pre-qualifying round of 256 players, he will be joined by Matijevic and Cook when they begin main draw singles and doubles play next Thursday.

The women, however, will head west to the ITA Riviera All-American tournament in Pacific Palisades, Calif., where the top women's players in the country will be looking to set themselves apart.

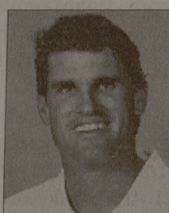
"We've been working for a month now, and as the fall season goes on it is a learning process," said A&M women's coach Bobby Kleinecke. "The ITA is the second strongest tournament of the year for us, which includes the spring season."

The pre-qualifying round for the women's ITA starts this Saturday. A&M will send pre-qualifying freshman Helga Vieira, sophomore Nicki Mechem, junior Lauren Walker and senior Roberta Spencer. Spencer and Walker will also be playing in the first round of pre-qualifying doubles play.

Senior Jessica Roland, ranked No. 36 in the preseason, received a berth in the qualifying portion of the tournament beginning Oct. 7.

The ITA All-American tournaments should provide exposure for some of the more experienced and nationally ranked netters in the men's and women's tennis teams. Kleinecke said this tournament will set the bar for the rest of the year and will be a good benchmark for where his team is headed.

"The ITA is very comparable to the NCAA Tournament, and our preparation for the year starts here (at the ITA)," Kleinecke said.



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Aggies host streaking K-State

By Jeff Allen
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Folks around College Station are familiar with the adage that any team can win on any given day. For the most part, the concept has been drilled into the Aggie sports consciousness for longer than most Aggies care to remember and, for better or worse, it's a lesson that nearly every team, regardless of where it's from, has to learn.

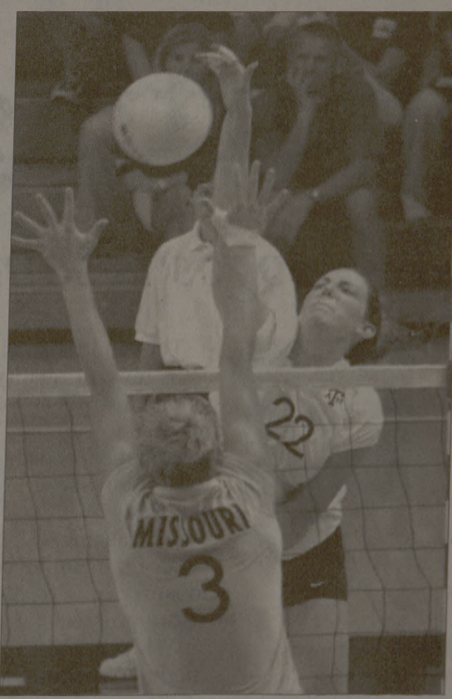
On Sept. 24, Kansas State was reminded of the tough lesson on the floor at the Ferrell Center in Waco. The then-No. 9 Wildcats, carrying their highest-ever national ranking along with a 12-match and 19-game winning streak, got beat by an unranked Baylor team in four games.

The match was one of great contrasts: the Wildcats hit .500 as a club in the second game, thrashing the Bears, 30-11, but then went totally silent and hit just .062 in the next game en route to the consecutive losses that ended the match.

The letdown was enough to inspire the now No. 12 Wildcats for their trip home to play Oklahoma, a team that has been playing the role of painkiller in the early going of Big 12 volleyball.

When the Wildcats (13-3, 3-1 Big 12) come into G. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday, they'll be looking to keep building off the recovery they managed against the Sooners. The Aggies (10-4, 2-2), however, will be coming off one of the toughest stretches on their schedule — one including road matches against Texas and Nebraska.

"I think playing the best team helps us realize the truth about our team," said A&M coach Laurie Corbelli. "Where we



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A&M outside hitter **Laura Jones** and the Aggie volleyball team host No. 12 Kansas State on Saturday.

are, what we have to pinpoint and what we have to fix for the future. I feel like it's easier to get prepared and fired up when you have a great challenge. I'd rather prepare to play a top team than anyone else."

Fritz, who was named Big 12 Coach of the Year last year in her third year coaching the Wildcats, will be bringing some experience with her. The Wildcats returned six starters from last year's second place Big 12

squad. Senior Laura Downey-Wallace, who was named the Big 12 Libro of the Year last season, currently leads the Big 12 in digs.

Downey-Wallace has company at the top of the Big 12 charts, as K-State senior Lauren Goehring leads the Big 12 and the nation in hitting percentage and has earned Big 12 Player of the Week honors. The accolades go along with her four All-Tournament selections this year.

Rounding out some of the heavy hitters for K-State is junior Valeria Heijas, who has a career high in kills against the Sooners while reigning as Big 12 Player of the Week. "They have some really nice athletes," Corbelli said. "They're all returners and we are we, so I feel like we know what we're going to meet."

The Aggies have handled their tough schedule admirably to this point, but have come up short against ranked opponents, including losses against No. 1 Southern California and No. 7 Nebraska, and things seemed in hand late Wednesday night against Texas when the Aggies went up two games of the Longhorns.

"We didn't get smoked or anything," Corbelli said. "We were very friendly and gave our rivals a real nice present and I think we are more mad at ourselves, and now we're trying to turn the anger and frustration into action."

During the match the Aggies had five players reach double figures in kills, continuing the pattern the club has set of late.

Junior Kendra Felder also continued her strong play, posting her fourth straight double figure performance in kills, while senior Beth Skypala led the team with 19 digs. First serve Saturday night against K-State is at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Aggies on the road against OSU, Kansas

The Texas A&M soccer team will play two games away from the Aggie Soccer Complex this weekend.

The No. 3 Aggies (8-1, 1-0 Big 12) play at Oklahoma State tonight before traveling to play the University of Kansas on

Sunday.

OSU enters the match with a perfect 10-0 record, including two wins in the Big 12. The Cowgirls high-powered offense knocked off Texas Tech and Baylor last weekend, and has outscored its opponents 49-3.

OSU's Adriane Radtke has 12 goals and seven assists to

lead the Cowgirls. However, A&M is a perfect 4-0 in Stillwater.

The Jayhawks also boast a strong record at 9-2, and split a pair of Big 12 games last weekend. Both of Kansas' losses have been by one goal.

Forward Caroline Smith leads the Jayhawk offense with 11 goals and two assists.

Goalkeeper Meghan Miller has allowed just 10 goals in 1,007 minutes.

A&M will counter with goalkeeper Katie Jo Spisak, who earned defensive player of the week honors from the Big 12 during the last month of September after posting her fourth shutout of the season last Sunday against

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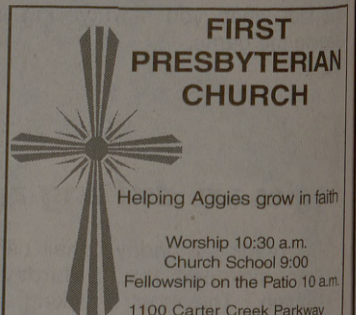
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This year, 39,800 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, up from 34,000 in 2002. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which aims to raise awareness about this form of cancer. Texas A&M Dietitian Linda Lekawski said women will develop better health habits for the rest of their lifetime. "We always try

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AUSTIN — The politics could be daunting over congressional redistricting, a deal was struck. That could leave much influence in power to challenge President Bush. One of the Democrats already have his party before the delayed Texas redistricting. Lawmakers on both sides had hoped to have an agreement by Saturday. Instead, w