Lady netters face Rice in first home match of 2004 season

By Jon Gilbert
THE BATTALION

Most coaches wouldn't be thrilled with a 2-4 season record, but Texas A&M women's head tennis coach Bobby Kleinecke grins when asked about his team's record.

"We're 2-4, but I'm pleased about where we are," Kleinecke said. "They've been through a tough road, and we passed that test. They came away believing in themselves."

A&M can relax a little after playing No. 9 Duke University, No. 5 University of Southern California, No. 3 University of California and No. 8 Northwestern University. The Aggies lost three of those matches but reversed their luck when they upset USC.

"(The win over USC) was big," Kleinecke said. "(The team) came through in some tough matches and got a win."

Rice University visits the George P. Mitchell Tennis Center on Saturday to take on No. 19 A&M. First serve is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Rice is ranked No. 62 in the nation. The Owls upset then-No. 40 Minnesota earlier this season. Owl sophomore Lauren Archer is the team's top player and is nationally ranked in singles.

"Rice has a good team," Kleinecke said. "They will give us a good test. It'll be fun to be home, not just home, but outdoors."

A&M has not played a match outdoors this season, and the team expects the return to the outdoors to play to its favor.

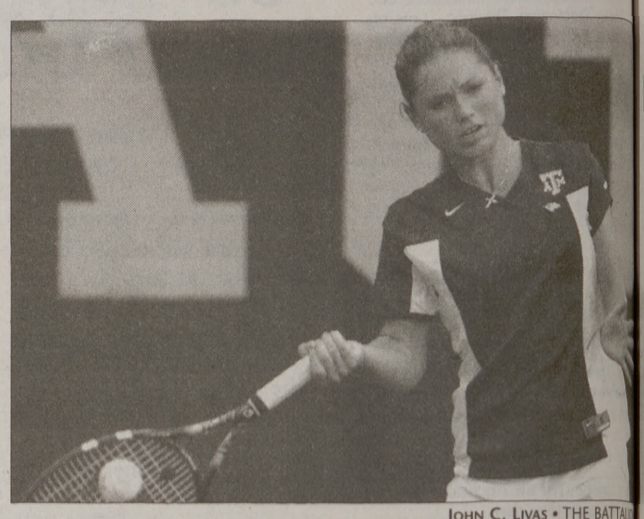
"For sure," said senior Roberta Spencer when asked if playing outdoors would help. "We've all grown up outdoors. Indoors might have been a little bit of the reason why we struggled."

Overall, Kleinecke said he is pleased with the team's progress and expects to see its play improve late in matches.

"We are playing with high intensity, along with great heart and courage," Kleinecke said. "We were playing key points a little better on that last day (against Northwestern). You get just one chance to take charge, and when you have that chance you need to take it."

The Rice match this Saturday will be the team's first against a non top-10 team this month. However, the team knows it cannot afford to take Rice lightly.

"We're ranked high now and people are going to want to come in and beat us," Spencer said. "We're confident, and confidence is going to help us in how we play."



JOHN C. LIVAS • THE BATTALION
A&M senior **Roberta Spencer** returns a volley in a tennis match last spring.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Don't drink and drive
Because somebody loves you!

The Choice Is Up To You.
Make responsible decisions.
http://studentlife.tamu.edu/adep

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Aggies take to the track in Iowa

The Texas A&M track and field team will travel to Ames, Iowa, to compete in the 14th annual Iowa State Classic at Iowa State University's Lied Recreation Center this weekend.

The meet will kick off at 3:30 p.m. Friday and conclude Saturday evening.

Several Aggies rank in the top 10 of their events in the conference. Sophomore Fabrice Lapierre is currently No. 1 in the Big 12 in the long jump with a distance of 24-8.50.

Senior Ronnie Jimenez is No. 2 in the shot put after throwing for a distance of 60-9.25. Senior Josh Ralston has also shown incredible strength as he has yet to be defeated in the weight throw through three meets.

On the women's side, sophomore Abby Ruston leads the way by ranking sixth in the Big 12 in the shot put after a throw of 49-6. Freshman Kasey Onwuchekwa is No. 9 with a throw of 47-5.75.

Junior Jamie Riojas is No. 6 in the Big 12 in the weight throw by throwing a distance of 56-3.50.

The Iowa State Classic is the Aggies' last meet before the Big 12 Indoor Championships Feb. 27-28 in Lincoln, Neb.

Equestrian team tries to qualify for nationals

The Texas A&M equestrian English team heads to West Texas A&M in Canyon this weekend for a chance to qualify for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championship.

The Aggies go into the show holding a 193-163 lead over two-time defending regional champion Oklahoma State.

A&M is led by senior Meredith Houx who has been rewriting the Aggie record books so far this season. In 10 regional rides, Houx has placed first in eight rides, and second in the other two.

A&M will compete in two shows Saturday at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Aggies will compete in a third show Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Basketball

Continued from page 5

booster," Williams said.

Tech averages 4.5 percent from the floor and 45 rebounds, while the Aggies are at 38 percent and 34 rebounds.

Saturday will be the last opportunity this year that Gary Blair bobble heads will be available. Five hundred will be awarded at halftime to winners of a contest. The first 1,500 people in Reed Arena are eligible to win.

The 12th Man Rewards Program will also be giving away two trips to travel with the Aggies when they face the University of Kansas on Feb. 21.

With only three home games left, the Aggies need a win Saturday to be able to equal last season's conference win total.

Worship Directory

Assembly of God

Bethel Temple Assembly of God
2608 Villa Maria,
Bryan
776-4835
Sunday Worship 10:15
Sunday School 9:00
www.betheltemplebcs.com

Baptist

Parkway Baptist Church
1501 Southwest Pkwy
(979) 693-4701
Sunday Worship 10:45 am & 6 pm
Sunday School 9:30 am
Meal 5:15 pm, College Bible Study 6:30 pm
www.pbccs.org

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church
College & Career Class
You are invited to a Bible Study especially for students.
Sunday mornings at 9:45
Wednesday night supper at 5:30, followed by Bible Study at 6:30
1228 W. Villa Maria
779-2297
For more information contact Bill Van Winkle: 774-3059
college@fellowshipfwb.org
http://www.fellowshipfwb.org

Catholic

St. Mary's Catholic Center
603 Church Avenue in Northgate
(979)846-5717
www.aggiecatholic.org
Pastoral Team
Rev. Michael J. Sis, Pastor
Rev. Keith Koehl, Associate Pastor
- Campus Ministers -
Deacon Bill Scott, Deacon David Reed, Martha Tonn, Julia Motekaitis
Dawn Rouen, Roel Garza
Daily Masses
Mon.-Fri.: 5:30 p.m. in the Church
Tues.&Thurs.: 12:05 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel
Weekend Masses
Sat: 2:00 p.m. (Korean),
5:30 p.m. (English), 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Sun.: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Confessions
Wed. 8:30-9:30 p.m., Sat. 4:00-5:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Christian

First Christian Church
900 South Ennis, Bryan
823-5451
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Robert D. Chandler, Minister

Church of Christ

A&M Church of Christ
1901 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy.
(979) 693-0400
Sunday Assemblies:
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
College Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Night: 5:45 p.m.
Mid-Week 6:45 p.m.
Aggies for Christ
Call for on-campus pick-up info
www.aggiesforchrist.org

Episcopal

St. Thomas Episcopal
906 George Bush Dr. • College Station, TX
696-1726
Services - 8:00 (Rite 1), 9:00(Family Service Rite II) and 11:15 (Rite II-for late sleeping Ags)
7:30 p.m. Evensong
Next door to Canterbury House, the Episcopal Student Center

Lutheran

Sunday
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
Aggie Lutherans
Peace Lutheran Church
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS
Corner of Harvey Mitchell Pkwy and Rio Grande
693-4403 • www.peacelutheranweb.com

Methodist

A&M United Methodist
417 University Dr. (in Northgate) • 846-8731
Sunday Worship: 8:30, 9:45, 10:50
College Sunday School: 9:30, 10:45
Thursday Nights: 5:30 - University Choir
6:30 - FREE Supper, 7:00 - College Bible Study
www.am-umc.org/college

Methodist

First United Methodist Church Bryan
Worship Services:
8:40 am and 10:55 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am
Rev. Matt Idom, Pastor
On 28th Street, 1 block east of Texas Avenue in Bryan
779-1324
www.fumcbryan.org

Non-Denominational

Brazos Community Church
sons and daughters abundant life kingdom acts 2:17
Sunday Service begins @ 10:00 a.m.
Small groups meet weekly
700 University Dr., C.S.
Pastor Paul Fowler
(979) 260-1922
(in same shopping center as Golden Corral)

Calvary Aggieland
Feeling a little overwhelmed?
God can help!
We are a small church that teaches God's Word verse by verse, and places a high value on worship.
CASUAL ATMOSPHERE
Come join us!
Currently meeting at:
Putt-Putt Golf & Games
1705 Valley View Dr., C.S.
Just across Texas Ave. from the C.S. Police Station
Services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Pastor Jeff Hughes '95
(979)324-3972 www.aggieland.cc

Non-Denominational

communityCHURCH
Now Meeting Across from Campus
in Oakwood Interm. School
George Bush & Holik St.
behind the CS Conference Ctr.
Follow the signs!
every SUNDAY
worship @10:30 a.m.
small groups
meet throughout the week
www.comCHURCH.com
260-1163

Presbyterian

College Station Korean Presbyterian Church
220 Rock Prarie Rd., CS
696-0403
Sunday Worship - 2:00p.m.

Covenant Presbyterian Church
220 Rock Prairie Road
(979) 694-7700
Students Welcome
Sunday Service:
8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School:
9:45 a.m.
www.covenantpresbyterian.org

To advertise on this page call The Battalion today!
845-2696