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SPORTS

THE BATTALION

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

Men

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where for four years I don't think (the A&M Athletic Department) gave him any help. I don't think there was any emphasis placed on it. I do think that's changed over the last year and a half. Things have gotten a little different, but things are tough if you don't get help."

This season has seen the largest differential between the two squads as Texas (17-4, 8-2) is a game and a half out of first place in the Big 12 conference. A&M is two games behind Baylor for 11th in the 12 team league.

"I don't know (why A&M hasn't won a conference game)," Barnes said. "I watched a little bit today of their game with Oklahoma, and they were right there again. They do play hard and they haven't thrown the towel in or any of that. I can't put my finger on it, and obviously, Melvin can't either, because

Tennis

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TCU head coach Joey Rive said he is glad to see his team's recent success and hopes the success continues Wednesday.

"It's going to be a big challenge for us," Rive said. "We're neck and neck right now though, so there shouldn't be any blowouts."

The national No. 1 A&M doubles team of juniors Lester Cook and Ante Matijevic should be ready and well-rested after having the weekend off. The pair will face the national No. 19 TCU duo of Rafael Abreu and Fabrizio Sestini in what should be the most intense match of the day.

Cook said the break was much needed because both he and Matijevic had been a little banged up from playing indoors.

"They're going to be tough - we're going to have to step it up and take care of business," Cook said.

On the singles side, Cook is going to have to face his one pet peeve on the court - left-handed

if he could he would. From the outside looking in, I don't know."

The losses are getting frustrating for the players as well. In every conference game this season the Aggies have been in position to win, but they just couldn't finish.

"It's frustrating, but we're going to get it done pretty quick," said A&M senior center Andy Slocum. "We've been in every game so sooner or later everything is going to fall our way."

The Aggies have only six games left before the Big 12 tournament to finally get into the win column.

A win at Texas, and Watkins might be able to breathe a little easier.

"We haven't quit and we haven't laid down, and I don't expect to go over to Austin and have our kids lay down," Watkins said. "The kids seem to keep a level head; they know its conference play, and they want to get one."

players.

Cook is slated to face lefty TCU senior Alex Menichini who is undefeated this season. Cook said the angles left-handers can hit give them an advantage.

"It's always a challenge for me to play them," Cook said. "I really really hate playing lefties."

A&M senior Mohamed Dakki said he is prepared for the challenge that TCU will present and hopes the rest of the Aggies are as well.

"Every guy is going to have to step it up a little bit," Dakki said. "I'm ready to fight."

Cass said the result of the TCU meet won't dictate the rest of the weekend, but it could help set the tone. A win was not only important for the road trip and season, he said, but for the old rivalry between the schools.

"It's one of the ones we always want to win every year," Cass said.

A&M is set to play TCU Wed. at 1:30 p.m. The Aggies will face Neb. on Friday and will finish off the weekend on Sunday against Colorado.

Women

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'Ohlde and junior forward Kendra Wecker, who both average more than 15 points a game.

"They start four great players and one good one," Blair said. "(Kansas State head coach) Deb Patterson in her fifth year hit the lottery when she found three players within 100 miles of Manhattan, Kan. How often is that going to happen."

Patterson said she has been impressed recently with freshman guard Claire Coggins, whose shooting percentage went up from 3.9 to 4.4 percent during conference play.

Patterson said she respects Blair and his team despite their last-place Big 12 ranking.

"I definitely don't remember a 12th place team being as competitive and as scary as Texas A&M," Patterson said.

Blair said his team is starting to believe in their potential.

"What good teams do is find a way to win at the end," Blair said. "Sometimes when teams are in losing streaks like we are, you are playing not to lose too much instead of finding that spot on the floor to celebrate."

Blair said his team is ready to take on another top opponent.

"Our kids couldn't tell you the difference between (No. 1) Texas and (No. 9) Tech," Blair said. "It is just one more someone who is better than us, lets just tee it up and see."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ags win beats Sam Houston

The No. 21 Texas A&M baseball team beat Sam Houston State University, 15-1, Tuesday at Holleman Field in Huntsville, increasing A&M's record to 4-0. Sam Houston dropped to 1-2-1.

Aggie senior infielder Erik Schindewolf homered off the first pitch of the game, but it was the fifth inning that put the Aggies out of harms way with 10 runs against four Bearkat pitchers.

A&M Senior outfielder Cory Patton went 3-5 with five RBIs and three homeruns.

Aggie starter sophomore Dan Donaldson pitched three scoreless innings, but sophomore Jason Meyer earned the win by pitching the fourth through seventh innings. Myer gave up the only Bearkat run to Marshall Williams in the sixth.

Aggie junior Kyle Marlatt pitched a perfect seventh.

A&M freshman Doug Frame replaced Marlatt to pitch the eighth, with one walk, one batter hit-by-pitch and one strike out.

Aggie sophomore Kevin Whelan closed the game with one hit and two strike outs.

Aggie first baseman sophomore Coby Mavroulis led the Aggies with six runs.

The Aggies face South Alabama this Friday at 3 p.m. at Olsen Field.

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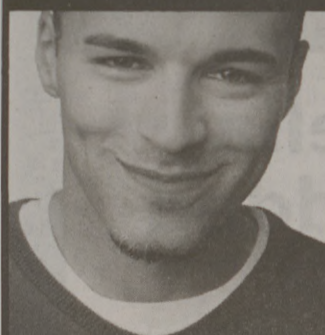
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