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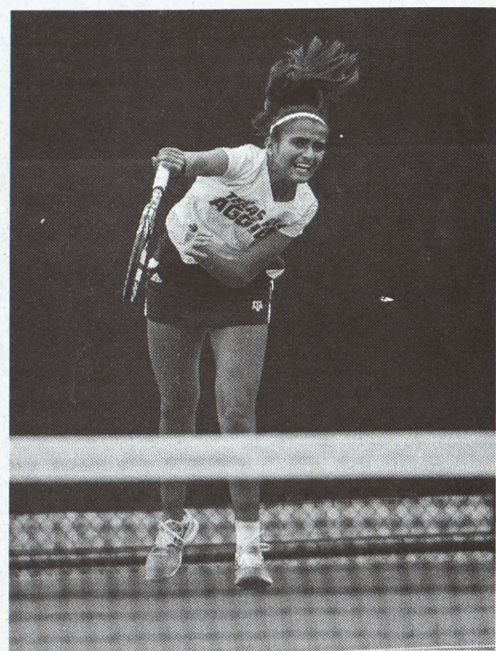
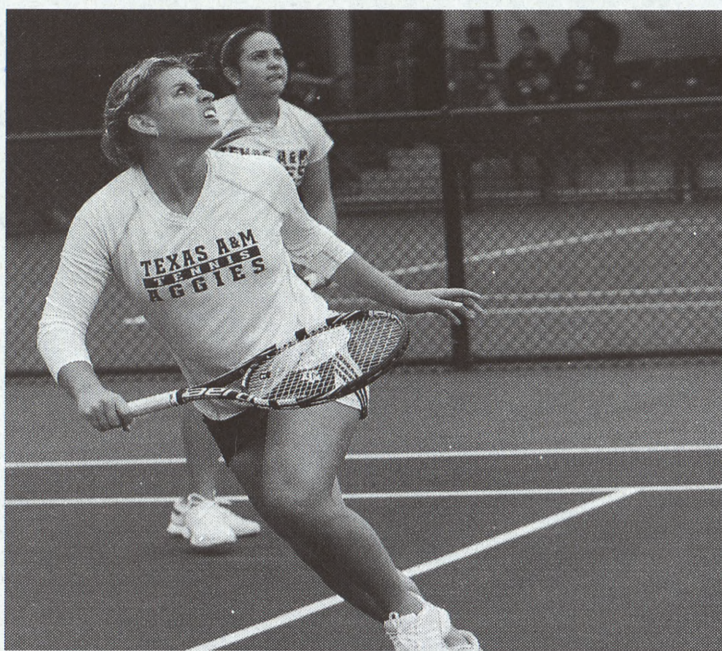
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(Left) Ines Deheza and Stefania Hristov track a ball and (right) Rutuja Bhosale serves to her opponent.

Women's tennis finishes regular season strong, men's streak ends

By Alex Scott

Both the Texas A&M men's and women's teams concluded regular season play this weekend. The women finished with two conference wins as the men fell to TCU, ending their win streak.

The No. 7 Texas A&M men (17-4, 11-1 SEC) traveled to Fort Worth Saturday to take on the No. 10 Horned Frogs (19-6, 2-2 Big 12) for the second time this year. Like the first time around, the Frogs emerged as the victor and spoiled the Aggies' 10-game win streak.

A&M dropped the doubles point for just the fourth time this season and was unable to capture a win on the singles court, which led to its shutout loss, 0-4.

The Aggies will move forward and prepare to host the SEC tournament starting Wednesday, in which they are projected to be the No. 1 seed.

The No. 10 Texas A&M women's team (15-4, 11-2 SEC) remained at home this weekend as it hosted its final two conference matches of the regular season.

On Friday the team hosted the No. 8 Vanderbilt Commodores in a riveting

match that finished in the favor of the Aggies, 4-3. The win made for A&M's sixth straight victory and was its fourth win of the season over a top-10 ranked team.

Sunday the Aggies hosted the Kentucky Wildcats in a match that was moved up three hours in an effort to avoid the rain. In under an hour and a half, A&M defeated the Wildcats by a score of 4-0 and captured its 12th win in its last 13 matches.

The Aggies will look ahead to the SEC tournament held in South Carolina that will begin Wednesday.

Softball splits doubleheader, drops series

A&M lose two of three to Auburn in weekend fraught with rain delays

By Alex Scott

The No. 23 Texas A&M softball team split its doubleheader against the Auburn Tigers Saturday in a day that featured three separate rain delays.

After falling 8-1 to the Tigers (40-6, 12-3 SEC) in the first game of the weekend, the Aggies entered Saturday on a mission.

Heading to the third inning of the first game, the Tigers held the lead, 2-1, but it did not last long. Tori Vidales got the inning started for the Aggies (32-12, 8-7 SEC) when she knocked one out of the park, bringing Ryan home with her.

From that point on it was

all Aggies as they went on to tally 10 runs in the third anchored by two Tori Vidales home runs. Along with Vidales, Breanna Dozier, April Ryan and Cali Lanphear also recorded hits in the inning.

A&M added one more run in the fourth inning, courtesy of Dozier, which all but sealed the first victory of the weekend for the team. A&M headed into the second game of the day with a 12-4 win after playing just five innings.

The momentum for the Aggies, and especially for Vidales, carried over into the second game of the doubleheader Saturday. The freshman hit her third home run of the day, this time being a

two-run shot.

At the conclusion of the third inning A&M held a 3-1 lead, but the game was put on pause due to inclement weather and did not resume for nearly an hour and a half.

It was Auburn that seemed to benefit from the break in play as it had a three-run fourth inning that helped them to the lead with a score of 4-3.

In the bottom of the fifth, Brittany Clopton hit a single that, due to an Auburn error, led to her rounding the bases to cut the Tiger lead to two runs. Following Clopton's score, the game entered its second rain delay and did not pick back up for another 45 minutes.

Once again, Auburn came back from the delay with hot bats. The Tigers scored two runs on a homer from Branndi Melero and did not slow down. The next time Melero took the plate the bases were loaded and she hit a grand slam shot that extended the Auburn lead to eight, 12-4.

The eight-run deficit was too much for A&M to recover in the final inning as it fell to the Tigers for the second time on the weekend, 12-4, and dropped the conference series.

The Aggies will return to action at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday when they host Lamar.



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The softball team celebrates at home plate during the Saturday doubleheader.

GOLF



Cody Franklin — THE BATTALION

Junior Andrew Lister hits from the sand at the Reveille Invitational at the Traditions Club in Bryan, Texas on Sunday. Texas A&M won the home tournament, its last tuneup before the SEC Championships.

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