



2012 Big 12 Men's & Women's Tennis Championships

April 26-29 • George P. Mitchell Tennis Center
College Station, Texas

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Sunday, April 29, 2012 • Big 12 Women's Championship Match

No. 4 Texas 4, No. 3 Texas A&M 2

RECORDS: Texas 17-7; Texas A&M 18-5

NATIONAL RANKINGS: Texas #13; Texas A&M: #19

SINGLES

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| 1. (#8) Cristina Sanchez-Quintanar, A&M | def. (#38) Aerial Ellis, UT | 6-0, 6-1 |
| 2. (#61) Nazari Urbina, A&M | vs. (#67) Krista Damico, UT | 4-6, 5-4 DNF |
| 3. (#81) Wen Sun, A&M | def. Noel Scott, UT | 6-1, 6-0 |
| 4. Lina Padegimaite, UT | def. Lauren Santacroce, A&M | 6-0, 6-2 |
| 5. Cierra Gaytan-Leach, UT | def. Janelle Cuthbertson, A&M | 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 |
| 6. Elizabeth Begley, UT | def. Sheri Olivier, A&M | 6-0, 6-1 |

DOUBLES

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| 1. (#55) Padegimaite/Scott, UT | def. (#38) Sanchez-Quintanar/Sun, A&M | 8-4 |
| 2. Damico/Gaytan-Leach, UT | def. Cuthbertson/Urbina, A&M | 8-3 |
| 3. Olivier/Santacroce, A&M | def. Begley/Ellis, UT | 8-6 |

FINISH ORDER: Doubles: 2, 3, 1; Singles: 6, 4, 1, 3, 5

QUOTES:

Patty Fendick-McCain, Texas Head Coach

(On claiming the title) "It feels pretty good. We actually thought we were going to play Baylor, but the Aggies took it to them yesterday. It was fun. We played the Aggies here a couple weeks ago and they got us then, but we knew it was going to come down to the doubles point. That was our emphasis today."

"There is really parody in the Big 12 at this point. We are seeing every single team battling really well and playing really good tennis. We knew we had to play just about our best tennis to get through this. About four days ago we were dragging a little bit with a few speed bumps toward the end of the regular season. I am really proud of the girls and the way they were able to right the ship."

(On Cierra Gaytan-Leach clinching the match) "I was really happy for her. She has battled really hard all season. It is good to see her playing that confident and feeling that good about herself. It is just a wonderful thing."

Howard Joffe, Texas A&M Head Coach

"Truthfully our kids conducted themselves like champions, but unfortunately on the scoreboard we are not champions today. I am delighted with them. They did a great job."

(On doubles point) "I actually don't think we did a bad job at all in the doubles. You have to give Texas some credit they played not just well, but with a ton of passion and energy. They really took it to us. In the context of the match it was huge for them."

"I have to give them credit as well in the singles. They also played with a lot of spunk and passion."

"If I have to sort of analyze it most honestly and unemotionally, Texas probably does have the best team. They are very, very deserving to be the champion. Ours is a team that unfortunately has lacked some depth. In our two matches against Baylor and Texas in the last two days we have not gotten beaten at No. 1, 2 or 3. There is no question that we have a very strong top of the lineup and there is no question that Texas has the best team."

NOTES:

• Texas wins its eighth Big 12 Championship tournament title and its first since 2005...The Longhorns receive the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship...Elizabeth Begley was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Performer...The NCAA Championship 64-team bracket will be announced Tuesday, May 1 at 4 p.m. (CT) on NCAA.com.