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Carlos Gutierrez (7) of the Texas A&M soccer team heads the ball away from a Rice opponent during the Aggies 5-1 win Saturday over the Owls. Another Rice player approaches to

assist his teammate during the first half of the match, in which Gutierrez scored one of the Aggies' goals. The Aggies finished the season in second place.

Photo by Howard Eilers

Women's soccer team to travel to nationals

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Jim Butts and the Texas A&M University women's soccer team have their work cut out for them.

The Aggies' first-year coach takes his squad to the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national tournament Wednesday to compete in a talented 12-team lineup. The tourney will take place Thursday through Sunday in Chapel Hill, N.C., with the championship match slated for 2 p.m. Sunday.

After finishing their regular season Saturday with a 1-0 defeat of Sam Houston State University, the Aggies take a 12-0 record into the tournament. Texas A&M enters the competition as the number 10 seed, while the University of North Carolina, at 20-0, is seeded number one.

In Saturday's match with the Bearcats, Carol Gittinger scored the only goal as the Aggies overcame two injuries to defeat what Butts called an aggressive SHSU team. Carol Smith, tied with Gittinger for the team lead in scoring with 11 goals, sprained a wrist in the match, while Becky Carpenter bruised a foot.

However, Butts said the two will participate in the national tournament when the Aggies open against seventh-seeded University of Cincinnati Thursday at noon. Butts gave credit to SHSU, saying that the match provided the Aggies with a needed warmup match for the tourney.

"They were much stronger than

we expected," Butts said. "They had good passing. We had a lot of shooting, but we couldn't get the ball in. Hopefully, that's like the dress rehearsal before the big performance."

The Lady Bearcats of Cincinnati bring a 10-2 record into the tourney, having won the Region V tourney over the University of Wisconsin, which will also participate in this week's tourney. The Badgers, the number nine seed, have a 15-4-1 record.

Butts said the Aggies will face a tough squad in Cincinnati, but the team is prepared and confident.

"They're a long-shooting team," Butts said. "They fast break after the long shot. We think we've got a real good chance to make it through the first round."

"We're probably in the best mental state we've been in, and the girls are really anxious to bring some kind of award to Texas A&M."

This year's tournament is the

first officially sanctioned by the AIAW. The 1980 national tournament, in which the Aggies finished fifth, was not an AIAW event.

The top four seeds in the tourney receive byes into the second round. Following North Carolina in the seedings are the University of Missouri at St. Louis, 15-0; Harvard University, 14-1; and the University of Oregon, 12-0-2.

If Texas A&M defeats Cincinnati, its next match will be Friday at noon against Missouri-St. Louis. However, if the Aggies lose the first match, their next opponent in the tournament will be the loser of the Colorado College-Central Florida matchup. Although Texas A&M defeated Colorado 4-0 earlier this season, CC is seeded ahead of the Aggies at number 11.

Other teams in this year's tournament include the University of California, the University of Massachusetts and the University of Wisconsin.

Cowboys still lose despite fact Lions had extra man

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DALLAS — The score is forever recorded as 27-24 with Detroit having the 27. But there is nothing like a squabble over the officials to keep a game going far after the final whistle and there was a dandy of a controversy going in Dallas Monday.

There was no disputing the fact that Detroit had 12 men on the field when Ed Murray kicked the field goal on the game's final play, a 47-yarder that gave the Lions a critical win in the suddenly wide open race for the playoffs.

"There is no recourse," said Cowboys president and general manager Tex Schramm. "All you can do is to put it behind you."

But Schramm himself fueled the fire early Monday when, at least for a while, he thought there was some recourse.

"We passed a resolution at our league meeting last June," said

Schramm. "And at first I thought this resolution might apply and I said that to some people. The resolution allows the commissioner to take action in case of extraordinary interference that affects the game."

"Then, when I got to the office, I read that the policy would not be enacted if it was a case of a judgemental error or a routine error by the officials."

Schramm also said, however, that the Cowboys could not dwell on the uncalled penalty.

"That would be the danger that

we face this week," he said. "The Washington Redskins (who come to town next Sunday) are red hot, they won in overtime Sunday and have won five of their last six."

"The worst thing we could do is spend all week talking about that last play and totally forget about the fact that we played very poor football up there and that we had the game under control at one time and let it totally get away from us. That should frighten you a little when you are going into the stretch you are going into right now."

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