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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



# Ladies to start state tourney with UTSA

The Texas A&M women's basketball team hosts the University of Texas at San Antonio tonight at 6 in G. Rollie White Coliseum in the preliminary round of the TIAAW state tournament.

If the Aggie Ladies defeat the Roadrunners, they will play Wayland Baptist Thursday in the state tourney, which will be

held in Plainview.

Starting for the Aggie Ladies, who are now 8-18 for the season, will be Kelley Sullivan, averaging 12.8 points a game; Romly Gandy, averaging 4.6 points a game; Sheryl Clark, averaging four points a game; Kelly Krauskopf, averaging 6.1 points a game, and Janet Duckham, averaging 5.1 points a game.

Probable starters for the Roadrunners will be Kim Maxwell, 12.7 points a game; Jennifer Gregg, 5.5 points a game;

Margaret Martinovich, 9.4 points a game; Cindy Pavell, 15.4 points a game, and Denise Fritz, 4.5 points a game.

The two teams met twice earlier in the season, with each team winning once. UTSA defeated the Aggie Ladies here 67-57 Dec. 3 and Texas A&M defeated the Roadrunners 60-51 Jan. 21 in San Antonio. UTSA has a 16-9 record.

Admission for adults will be \$2, while tickets for high school students and younger will be \$1. Texas A&M students with an I.D. and an all-sports pass will be admitted free.

Texas A&M students attending the women's game will receive a pass for early admittance to the Aggie men's game with Texas Saturday. The pass will enable its holder to avoid having to stand in line before the men's game.

Pass holders will be admitted through the athletes' door on the side of the coliseum starting at noon Saturday.

# Carol Smith

Aggie all-America soccer player a competitor

by Denise S. Sechelski

**Battalion Staff**  
Running two miles may not be a major feat to the average soccer player, but to Carol Smith it's the first step to recovery.

The 19-year-old Smith played for the Texas A&M women's soccer team with continuous pain in her ankle, which she injured two years ago. Smith didn't miss a game during the 1981 season.

"I knew there was nothing I could do to make it better, and I wasn't helping anyone by sitting on the bench," Smith said. "I just wanted to play."

She had surgery on the ankle in January to remove bone spurs (calcium deposits) that had formed since the initial injury.

"I've been running and lifting weights. Everything is coming along fine since (the doctors) fixed me up," she said.

Smith, from Dallas, started playing soccer when she was nine years old.

"We never learned to play at that age," Smith said. "There were no positions — you just



Carol Smith

one else was playing."

But when Smith was 15, she joined the Sting, a Dallas soccer team known nationally for its talented players.

"When I began playing for the Sting, I started learning about the strategy of the game," Smith said. "We really worked on playing our positions. We also learned to play as a team."

Smith, a sophomore, has played two years for Texas A&M.

She said playing for a college is different than playing for other organizations because the athletes are representing the school.

"You have a lot more freedom in college," she added. "In high school, you're more under the control of your coach. You don't get to use as much of your own judgement about how to play."

The 1981 season was the first time the women's soccer team played as a varsity squad. The Aggies finished the regular season undefeated and traveled to North Carolina for the national championship tournament.

However, Smith was not in top physical condition for the start of the tournament, which included the best teams in the country.

In the last game of the regular season, Smith was hurt when the Sam Houston State University goalie kicked her in the wrist as she was trying to score a goal. She played in a cast during the national tournament.

Smith said competing against the best teams in the country was quite an awakening.

"We didn't have much competition before we got to nationals," Smith said. "We played

really well when we were playing people (during the season). When we got to Carolina, though, we needed more depth. We pretty good bench, but playing schools that could three and four substitutions still have a first-stringer

Smith usually plays the forward position but was to the AIAW All-Nationament Team for her midfield. She was named National Soccer Coach's Association to the All-America and was picked to the Tercollegiate Women's League team as well.

Women's soccer coach Butts said that Smith's aggressive offense and defense gets along well with the team," Butts said. "She has an excellent sense of humor, helps the team a lot, and is a forward to having her play next year."

In most other sports, talent and recognition usually lead to a professional career. But opportunities in college in women's sports hard to come by, Smith

# Aggie men vie for SWC title

by John Wagner

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The Arkansas Razorbacks are the favorites to win the South-

west Conference Indoor Meet in Ft. Worth this weekend, but Texas A&M assistant coach Ted Nelson says not to count his Aggie squad out.

Nelson and head coach Charlie Thomas are taking a full team to the Tarrant County Convention Center, and Nelson said the Aggies are ready.

"If we run hard, we have a chance to finish in the top 3," Nelson said.

"Our guys are coming around. We were pleased with our performance at the LSU Invitational, because we feel like we had a lot of kids who were competitive," he added.

The LSU Invitational was in Baton Rouge, La., on Feb. 13.

Nelson said getting ready for a conference meet takes both team and individual effort.

"Preparing for this meet is mental more than anything else. A lot of coaches give the big pep talk the day of the meet, but we don't work that way. We like to build up the enthusiasm a little at a time. We've been preparing for this meet all year long," he said.

Nelson said another factor in the Aggies' favor is the tradition Texas A&M has of doing well at conference meets. Last year the Aggies won the SWC Outdoor Championship and in 1980 they won both the Indoor and Outdoor Meets.

Five teams are expected to have a shot at the team championship, with Arkansas being a slight favorite. Texas, Baylor, SMU and A&M should also be in the running for the title.

Nelson said the Razorbacks are favored because of their strength in the middle distance events, which are extremely important in indoor competition. Indoor meets have several more middle and long distance races than outdoor meets, so an indoor team with strong distance runners can score points easily.

The Aggies, who are traditionally strong in the field events, are no different this season. At the LSU Invitational, the Aggies had 4 second place finishes in the field events and only 2 in the track events. Nelson said the Aggies need to win or place in several field events if they are to contend for the championship.

The Aggies have several athletes who Nelson expects to do well in Ft. Worth. The 15-year Aggie assistant said Don Jones, Jimmy Howard, Rob Montgomery, Rod Richardson and Johnny Hector all have a good chance of winning or placing. Jones and Howard will compete in the high jump, Montgomery in the pole vault, Richardson in the 60-yard dash, and Hector in the long jump.

The mile relay team of Richardson, Vernon Pittman, Tony Tolson and Gary should perform well also, Nelson said. The quartet set their time to 3:13.01 at the Invitational, good enough for second place finish.

Nelson said the meet is tough because of the quality of the teams in the SWC. "In the last 2 or 3 years, SWC schools have come gangbusters as far as field events are concerned," Nelson said. "We're one of the best in the nation to the Pac-10."

Nelson said part of the reason for the conference's success as a leader in collegiate field is the weather in the field in the conference.

The SWC Indoor Meet is the last indoor competition of the year for the Aggies. er, junior Mike Glaspey is running in the NCAA Meet on March 12-13. He qualified for the NCAA championships in the 60-yard hurdles during the Dallas Herald Invitational Classic.

The Aggies begin their 1981 outdoor season when they play Rice Owls on Feb. 27.

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