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-by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Ladies to start state tourney with UTSA

The Texas A&M women's held in Plainview basketball team hosts the University of Texas at San Antonio who are now 8-18 for the season, tonight at 6 in G. Rollie White Coliseum in the preliminary round of the TAIAW state tour-Gandy, averaging 4.6 points a nament.

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

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Starting for the Aggie Ladies, game; Sheryl Clark, averaging four points a game; Kelly Kraus-kopf, 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

ing the women's game will re-ceive 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

Pass holders will be admitted through the athletes' door on the side of the coliseum starting



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 play-ed two years for Texas A&M.

She said playing for a college is really well when we we different than playing for other ing people (during it ing people (during the season). When we got organizations because the Carolina, though, we f athletes are representing the needed more depth. We 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

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 com-

petition before we got to nation-als," Smith said. "We played

Nelson said the Razorbacks are favored because of their strength in the middle distance

events, which are extremely im-

portant in indoor competition. Indoor meets have several more middle and long distance races than outdoor meets, so an in-

door team with strong distance

runners can score points easily.

still have a first-string to Smith usually playst judgement about how to play." The 1981 season was the first forward position but wa to the AIAW All-Nation nament Team for her midfield. She was name

National Soccer Coad ciation to the All-Amen and was picked to the In tercollegiate Women's League team as well. Women's soccer of

Butts said that Smi agressive offense and

pretty good bench, but

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"She gets along well team," Butts said. "Sh excellent sense of hung helps the team a lot. I ward to having her pla next year.

In most other sports lent and recognition 36 usually lead to a profe career. But opportuni college in women's so hard to come by, Smith to

Nor nce b Tony Tolsen and Gan should perform well as son said. The quartetim league against The side op confere With te to r ARK , 9-4 earning playoff How son. In ker was Harper ter unt Walker BAY posted eason a was 18at winn ship in For

running in the NCAA Meet on March 12-13. qualified for the NCA pionships in the 60-y hurdles during the Dalla Herald Invitational Classic.

The Aggies begin the of their 1981 outdoor

their time to 3:13.01 and Invitational, good enoug second place finish. Nelson said the meet tough because of the qu the teams in the SWC.

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NATION.

"In the last 2 or 3 yes SWC schools have come gangbusters as far as concerned," Nelson said 'We're one of the be conferences in the nature to the Pac-10." Nelson said part of the for the conference's em as a leader in collegiatet field is the weather in this the country. The SWC Indoor Mee the last indoor compe the year for the Aggies. er, junior Mike Glaspie

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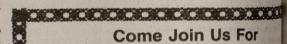
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vitational, because we feel like we had a lot of kids who were competitive," he added. The LSU Invitational was in

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 15year 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, Mont-gomery in the pole vault, Richardson in the 60-yard dash, and Hector in the long jump.

The mile relay team of Richardson, Vernon Pittman, of



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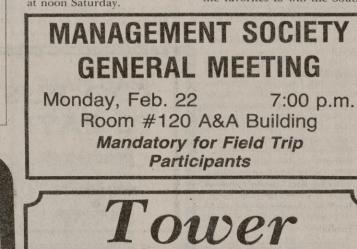
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fixed me up," she said. Smith, from Dallas, started playing soccer when she was nine years old. "We never learned to play at that age," Smith said. "There were no positions — you just admitted free. Texas A&M students attend-

Aggie men vie for SWC title by John Wagner

by Denise S. Sechelski

Battalion Staff Running two miles may not be

a major feat to the average soc-

cer 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

pain in her ankle, which sontinuous pain in her ankle, which she in-jured two years ago. Smith didn't miss a game during the

"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.

weights. Everything is coming along fine since (the doctors)

'I've been running and lifting

1981 season.

Battalion Staff The Arkansas Razorbacks are the favorites to win the South-

Carol Smith

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 Char-

lie 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 In-

Baton Rouge, La., on Feb.13. Nelson said getting ready for

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.

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.

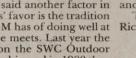
Five teams are expected to pionship, with Arkansas being a slight favorite. Texas, Baylor, SMU and A&M should also be in the running for the title.

The Aggies, who are tradi-tionally strong in the field events, are no different this sea-

a conference meet takes both team and individual effort.

"Preparing for this meet is mental more than anything else.

Nelson said another factor in



son. At the LSU Invitational, the Aggies had 4 second place finishes in the field events and

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