

A&M soccer splits weekend

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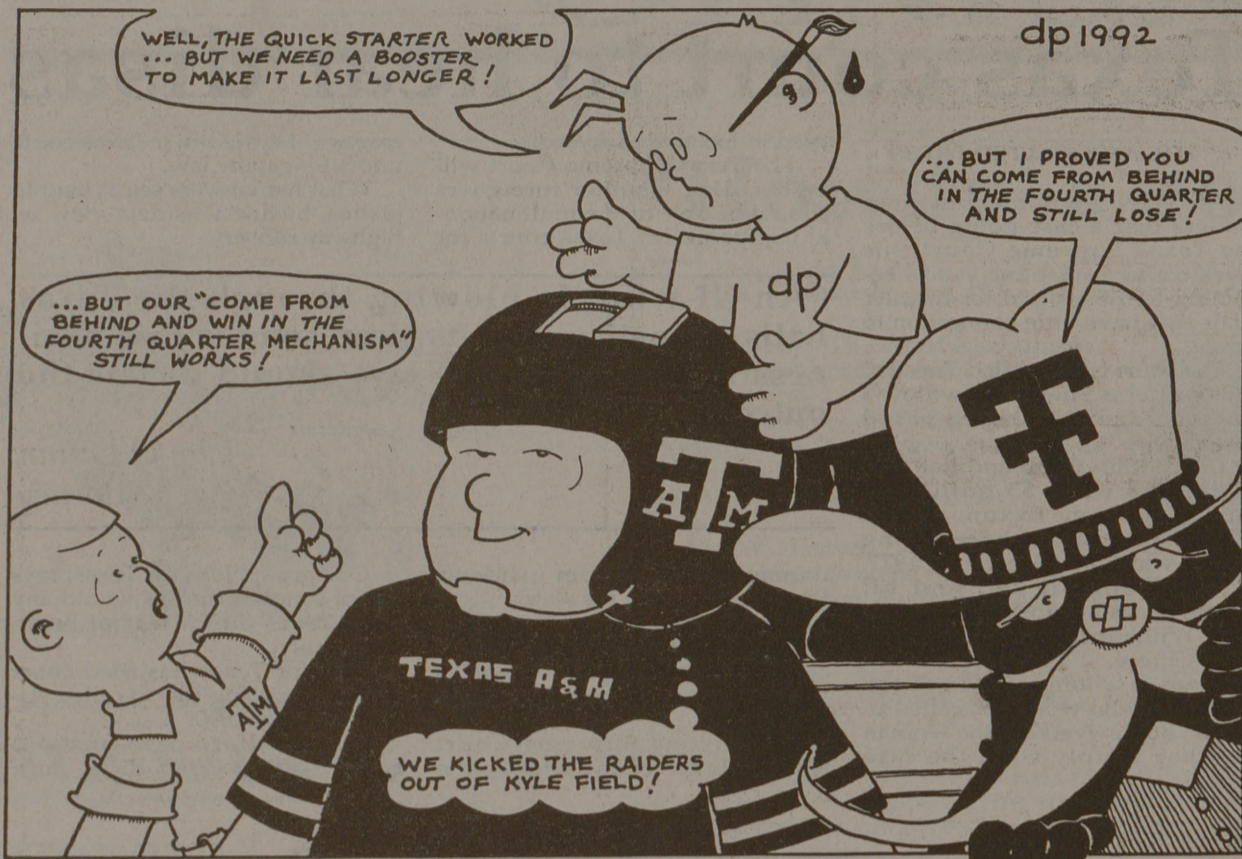
The Texas A&M women's soccer squad experienced the best of both worlds this weekend, beating Centenary 2-0 in Shreveport, La., Sunday and falling to Tulsa on the road 2-1 Saturday.

The Lady Aggies got there scoring over with early against Centenary, scoring both goals in the first half. April Gallagher knocked in the first one, volleying in a pass from Anjanette Burns. Amanda Malburg followed it up by booting a Terri Stone pass home to close out the scoring.

Goalie Michelle Cross provided all the defense A&M needed, facing 15 shots on goal in the first half and 10 in the second and logging 13 saves.

Burns provided the only scoring against heavily-favored Tulsa, touching in a Brittan Hlista pass in the first half.

Cross had another strong game against the Lady Hurricane, facing a total of 26 shots on goal and notching 14 saves.



Walker to see Cowboys-Eagles from other side of the ball

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PHILADELPHIA — Herschel Walker finds himself right in the middle of the Eagles-Cowboys rivalry when he leads Philadelphia against his former team in Monday night's battle of unbeaten.

Walker, whose trade from Dallas three years ago helped Dallas rebuild, has revitalized the Eagles' running game in his first season in Philadelphia. He says he's looking forward to going against the new-look Cowboys.

"Dallas is a different team," Walker said. "Coach Johnson came in and I know a little bit of his philosophy and a couple of the players on the team."

"But it's a totally different team. Their scheme and their style is different from when I was there with coach Landry."

Walker, who spent the past three seasons with Minnesota, remembers well the intensity this rivalry has built up.

"I reckon it started years ago," he said. "You can see on last year's films the guys hitting each other hard. That's what football is all about."

Undeclared records and the early advantage in the NFC East race is what this game is all about.

The Cowboys (3-0) are off to their best start since they won seven straight in 1983. Philadelphia, 3-0 for the first time since they won six straight in 1981, is favored by six points.

Dallas traded Walker to the Vikings in 1989 for five players and eight draft choices. Things didn't work out for him in Minnesota and the Vikings released the 30-year-old running back before the season started. The Eagles signed him as a free agent.

For now, Walker is only worried about winning on Monday.

"The fourth game to me is important. Every game you play is important if you expect to go fur-

ther," Walker said. "People have talked about us going 13-3 or 12-4. My thing is to go 16-0. You got to play every Sunday, so let's win 'em all. Someone has got to lose and you try not to let it be you."

Dallas' answer to Walker is Emmitt Smith, the NFL's leading ground gainer with 341 yards on 76 carries for a 4.5 average. Walker is fourth in the NFC with 280 yards on 76 carries.

Smith's task appears much tougher than Walker's because the Dallas runner will be working against No. 1 defense in the league. No runner has gained 100 yards against the Eagles since Washington's Gerald Riggs had 221 on 29 carries on Sept. 17, 1989.

"Hopefully, I never get hit by a snowball with a battery in it or something of that nature," said Smith, referring to an incident two years ago in which the Eagles' fans threw snowballs onto the field.

Smith vs. Walker is only one of several matchups to watch. The game could also turn on:

— Philadelphia's Randall Cunningham, the league's leading passer with a 74 percent completion average. He's 53 of 72 for 704 yards do far with 8 TDs, no interceptions and, perhaps most importantly, a 7-0 record against Dallas.

— Dallas' Troy Aikman, who will have to overcome his memory of being sacked 11 times in the first of two meetings with the Eagles last year. So far this season, Aikman has been sacked just twice and he's fifth in the quarterback ratings with five TD passes in his last two games.

— The Eagles' defense, fast earning the reputation as one of the best in history. It's led by ends Reggie White and Clyde Simmons, who has 41/2 sacks.

— Dallas' Michael Irvin, one of the league's most exciting receivers. He's averaged 21.9 yards on 17 receptions and scored four TDs.

Rangers begin search for manager

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ARLINGTON — The search for a permanent Texas Rangers' manager will extend outside the American League club, said team officials Sunday while stressing that Toby Harrah remains a top candidate for the job.

The announcement follows a disappointing season for the Rangers, who are finishing with a losing record for the first time in four years and with a new manager for the first time in seven.

Tom Grieve, Rangers vice president and general manager, said the team is broadening its manager search for the 1993 season.

"It is my goal and that of the Rangers' entire management group to find and hire the best possible manager for our ball club," Grieve said.

Harrah, 43, has a 31-44 record as Rangers' manager entering Sunday's game. He was named interim manager July 9, then appointed on a full-time basis seven days later.

"Under the circumstances, the members of our coaching staff are all free to look for positions outside the Rangers' organization," said Grieve, "but at the same time, I will urge the new manager to consider each of the current coaches for positions on his staff."

"With that in mind, we will look outside our organization during this selection process."

He said Harrah was asked "to manage this team in a difficult situation in July and under the circumstances, has done a solid job. I want to emphasize that Toby remains a strong candidate for the full-time position."

The Rangers fired manager Bobby Valentine July 9 and appointed Harrah to take his place.

Grieve said earlier that the Rangers were expected to be pennant contenders this year.

The team drew the curtain on its 1992 season Sunday with a game against the California Angels. The Rangers lost 4-2 in Saturday's contest in Anaheim, Calif.

Gary Gaetti, a former Gold Glove third baseman who shifted to first

base in mid-season, was 4 for 4 in the victory.

Grieve said he expected to finalize a list of potential candidates by early this week.

"At that time, we will begin the interview process," he said. "I am hopeful that we will be able to name our 1993 manager in the near future."

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Gonzalez, Sheffield new names at top

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NEW YORK — Juan Gonzalez of the Texas Rangers won the AL home run title by hitting his 43rd Sunday, beating Oakland's Mark McGwire by one.

Edgar Martinez and Gary Sheffield won their first batting titles Sunday while sitting on the bench, and Cecil Fielder became the first player to lead the majors in runs batted in for three consecutive years.

Fred McGriff was one of the new names among the leaders, winning the NL home run title with 35, the lowest total for an NL leader in a complete season since 1946.

Among the new names were a few familiar ones, like Boston's Roger Clemens, who won his third consecutive AL ERA title and his fourth overall. Clemens is the first AL pitcher to lead in ERA for three straight seasons since Lefty Grove of the Philadelphia Athletics from 1929-32.

Martinez hit .343 and became the first Seattle Mariner to win an AL batting title, finishing 14 points ahead of Minnesota's Kirby Puckett.

It was the highest batting average in the AL since Boston's Wade Boggs hit .366 in 1988.

Sheffield, who flirted with a run at the NL triple crown, finished at .330 for the San Diego Padres, six points ahead of Pittsburgh's Andy Van Slyke.

Martinez's season ended after surgery to remove bone spurs from his right shoulder on Sept. 19. Sheffield missed the end of the season after fracturing his right index finger Tuesday night.

Fielder topped both leagues in RBIs with 124, becoming the first player to lead that category in the majors for three straight seasons since RBIs became a statistic in 1920.

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new A&M tradition, came back late in the game to win. And Granger, who worked over the last two weeks to correct a kink in his throwing motion, brought back flashes of former A&M great Bucky Richardson as he scrambled for a first down, avoided what looked like a certain sack and completed a 13-yard pass to tight end Greg Schorp as the Aggies marched down the field.

Four and a half minutes after the drive started, the Aggies were sitting on the Tech four yard line. The offense had pushed its way 74 yards down the field — when it had to.

Needing only a field goal to win the game, A&M head coach R.C. Slocum called on kicker Terry Venetoulis to win the game for the Aggies. Venetoulis, who had missed an extra point attempt earlier in the

game, answered. He answered Slocum's call and he answered Davis, who moments earlier thought he would go home the hero.

Final score: Texas A&M 19, Texas Tech 17.

The perfect season still intact.

Overall, the Aggies still don't look like the fifth best team in the country. They had 25 first downs to Tech's 13. They had 381 yards rushing to Tech's 65. They had the ball 37:23 to Tech's 22:37.

The Aggies need to go for the throat.

Turnovers and miscues kept the Aggies from routing the Red Raiders. Early in the third quarter, Rodney Thomas, who rushed for 179 yards on 24 carries, fumbled on the Tech nine yard line. Cornerback Aaron Glenn bit on a fake by Lloyd Hill, who turned it up field and caught a 41 yard pass from quarterback Robert Hall.

Fumbles. Miscues. Who cares?

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