

Calling it quits is the hard part

Sports touch our lives in many ways. For many of us, excelling to the point of greatness in sports is a dream that lasts a lifetime. From our earliest days this desire is what seems to keep us going through the hardest and even greatest moments of our lives. It has taught us to fight for what we want and believe in, and to accept nothing less.

It is this ultimate love and desire that sifts through the playground heroes and selects only the very talented to move on in their pursuit for true sporting challenge and greatness. Those that are fortunate and talented enough to move on, capture the hearts, minds and admiration of those that can only play out their dreams in their minds.

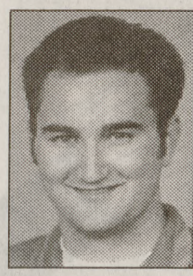
The feeling of accomplishment and pride that accompanies collegiate and professional sports must be the ultimate sensation for an athlete. But what happens when that career is cut short? What goes through the minds of the athletes that walk off the field for the last time? What is their answer for tomorrow? And, what else is there for them when their dream ends in their mid-30s.

How incredibly hard and devastating it must be to wake up one morning and realize that your career, as well as your dream, has run its last lap. For those of us that never made it into the collegiate or professional world of sports, it is a problem we dealt with years ago. The desire hasn't left, the memories are still there but the acceptance of our abilities has already run its course. For those, however, that were able to advance themselves to that highest level of competition, they must struggle in dealing with such finality. To these people, it feels as if they lost their best friend, knowing they will never see them again and only having the memories to help make the transition just a bit easier.

Once read a poster that said "Accept your limitations and then go beyond them." It seemed as if it were the appropriate battle cry for the athlete. Unfortunately, there comes a time in all of our lives when our limitations take over and going beyond them is nearly impossible.

Watching George Foreman recently, in what may have been an end to the 45-year-old boxer's career, was difficult. Remembering his early years of boxing greatness is enough for me, but for him, I'm sure the memories are just a painful reminder of what was and what will never be again.

I admire Foreman and all athletes because of their great determination and skill, and I shed a tear for them the day they call it quits. For I know the world is never quite the same when a great competitor leaves the arena.



TOM SULLIVAN
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Coach G. - building a soccer program

Lady Aggies optimistic about future

By KYLE BURNETT

The Lady Aggie soccer team lost all its University funding last fall, but a eulogy is not needed for they are not dead - in fact, they are very much alive.

Junior forward Anna Whitehead said the team played last season like it was their last and was surprised by the financial support offered by the University this year.

"It is such a drastic change," she said. "We went from no team to a full-scholarship team. It is hard to believe."

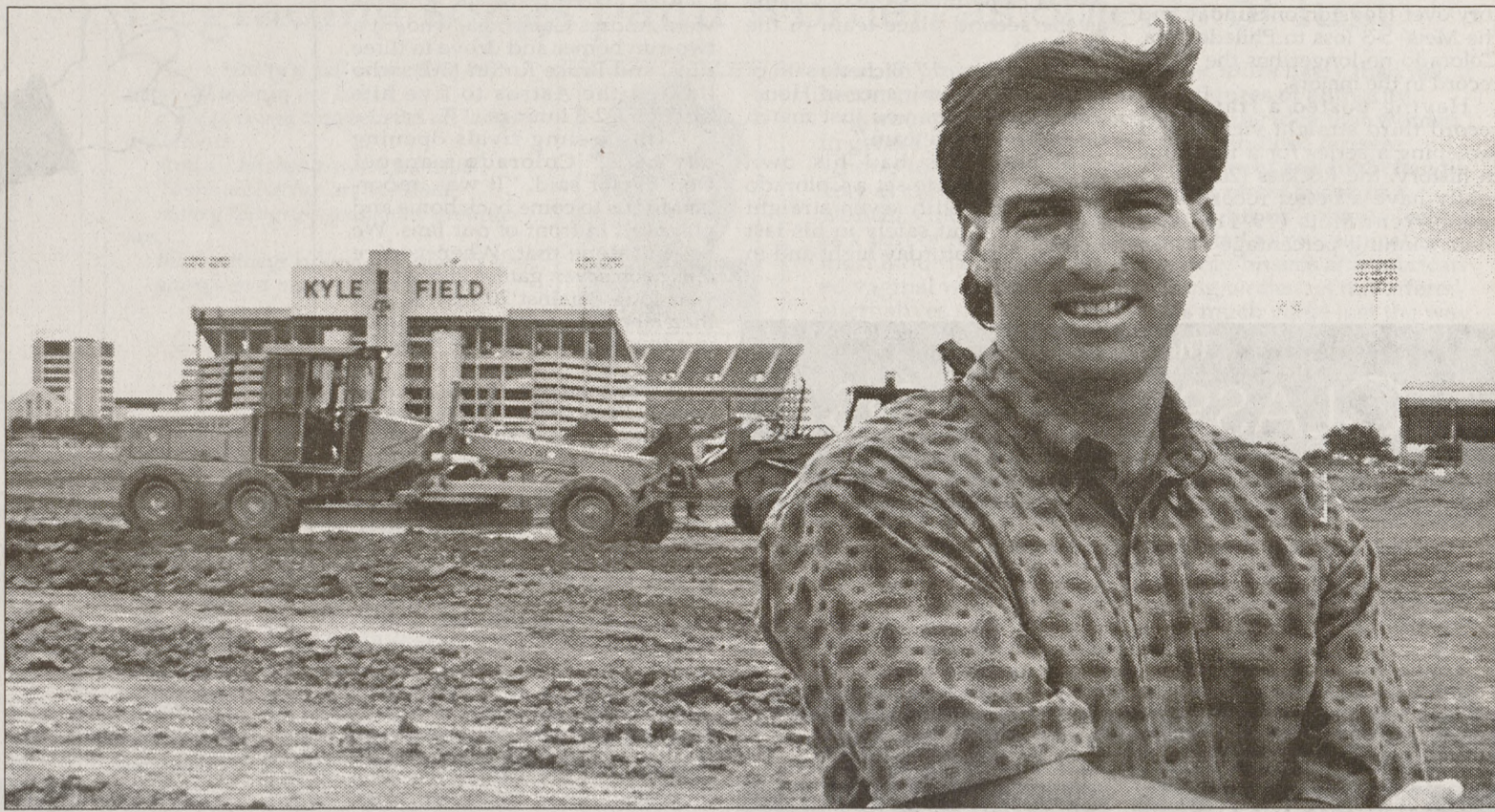
Under the newly appointed leadership of head coach G. Guerrieri, the team is optimistic about their future.

"Everyone is real excited," Senior sweeper Rennie Rebe said. "We have a good core of quality players returning and a lot of good recruits coming in."

Guerrieri said he is excited and is confident in the team's ability to compete.

"I've been at the college level for a long time; these are players I know could play on a Division I level," he said. "They could set a good level of play for the game."

Guerrieri, who began his days as a player at Tulsa, comes to A&M from Richland College in Dallas where he led both the



KYLE BURNETT/The Battalion

Newly hired Lady Aggie soccer coach G. Guerrieri stands on the ground that is to become the home of the women's soccer program.

men and women Thunderduck teams to top-10 rankings in the nation last year.

Prior to that, Guerrieri was an assistant at the University of North Texas and the head coach of both the men's and women's teams at Hardin Simmons in Abilene.

Guerrieri said he came to

A&M because the University was serious about building a women's soccer program.

"Either they were going to do it right or not at all," he said. "Everything we have asked for we have gotten, the department has been real cooperative."

Rebe and Whitehead said Guerrieri has made an immediate impact on the program.

"He came in late and got down to business," Rebe said. "Recruiting had already begun, but he got good recruits. He got us sponsorship and a schedule. He is thinking long term."

Whitehead said, "He has a great coaching history. He is super enthusiastic about the program - that is what we need right now."

Rebe said she is a little upset that she has only one year of eligibility left to play but is confident the program will be successful.

"Within three years, we will be a top national team," she said. "This program will take off."

Rebe and Whitehead said A&M has a great location to build a soccer program.

"We have top players coming out of Texas," Rebe said. "They needed a Texas team that could compete on a national level."

Whitehead said, "All the best players come out of Texas and leave because there is not programs - but now there is. 'I think the national powers will be in Texas.'"

The Lady Aggie soccer team has been in existence since 1981. In that time they were considered a varsity sport but were run out of the recreational sports department. Their budget was low and they had only part-time coaches.

"We have been able to compete on about half the budget of other teams," Rebe said. "We drove ourselves (to tournaments). We would win the first game and lose the second. You can't really be expected to play without adequate travel."

Part of the team's new fund-

ing is a travel budget, and six scholarships for 1993. In addition, the Lady Aggies are having a field built next to the future softball complex.

Guerrieri said the field will be regulation size 110 yards by 80 yards with Bermuda grass and about 1,000 bleacher seats.

"It should be one of the nicest fields in the state," he said.

The field is expected to be ready by August 1.

The Lady Aggies will begin their season against Arkansas in The Plano Labor Day Invitational on September 6. Their first home game will be on October 2 against Oral Roberts University.

The Lady Aggies will have five additional home games in their 25-game schedule. The schedule features such teams as SMU, TCU and the University of Southern California.

Walk-on tryouts for the Lady Aggie Soccer Team will be held on August 31. For more information, call the Women's Sports Office at 845-1051.

1993 Lady Aggie soccer signees

Name	Position	Club Team	Hometown
Allison Buckley	Midfielder	Longhorn SC	Plano
Stephanie Carter	Goalkeeper	Majic SC	Arlington
Nicole Coronoes	Midfielder	Sting SC	Duncanville
Jamie Csizmadia	Forward	Mustang SC	Mustang, Okla.
Kim Duda	Midfielder	Austin Thunder SC	Austin
Sandy Edwards	Forward	Sting SC	Plano
Jennifer Jones	Defender	Blackwatch SC	Tulsa
Nicole Nelson	Defender	Mustang SC	Yukon, Okla.
Sunny McConnell	Goalkeeper	Sting SC	Richardson
Yvette Okler	Forward	Sting SC	Bedford
Tina Robinson	Forward	Wildfire SC	Dickinson

Suns beat Bulls in triple-overtime, 129-121

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CHICAGO — The Phoenix Suns, with Charles Barkley's right elbow tied behind his back, reversed a 1976 triple-overtime defeat and put themselves back into contention in the NBA Finals on Sunday night.

The Suns, who lost that 1976 game to the Boston Celtics, battled back from long odds to hand the Chicago Bulls their first playoff loss at home this season, 129-121.

Barkley obviously was hampered by the swollen elbow that had to be drained just before gametime. But he still managed to get 24 points and 19 rebounds, and unlike their embarrassing losses at home in the first two games, the Suns gave Barkley plenty of support in the victory that left the Bulls with a 2-1 lead in the best-of-7 series.

Kevin Johnson bounced back from an abysmal opening two games to score 25 points in 62 minutes, while Dan Majerle had 28 and Richard Dumas 17.

Michael Jordan scored 44 points for the Bulls, who took only nine free throws in the 63-minute game. Scottie Pippen scored 26 points for Chicago, still two wins away from its third consecutive title.

Majerle's sixth 3-pointer of the game, with 3:03 left in the third overtime, tied the finals record and gave the Suns their first lead since the fourth quarter, 119-118, and Barkley followed with a breakaway dunk with 2:39 left.

Barkley then stole a pass under the Bulls basket from Stacey King and scored again with 1:43 left, and the Suns went on to outscore the Bulls 15-7 in the climactic third overtime. The only other three-overtime game in the finals was June 4, 1976,

when Phoenix lost to Boston 128-126 and went on to lose the series 4-2.

Scott Williams' only points of the game and a basket by Jordan gave Chicago a 111-107 edge with 2:03 left in the second overtime before Majerle followed his own miss for the Bulls' third basket in 14 minutes.

Jordan, who missed eight of nine shots in one stretch, hit his second in a row for a 113-109 lead with 1:18 remaining, then exchanged free throws with Barkley for a 114-110 edge with 40 seconds to go. But baskets by Barkley and Majerle, the latter with 3.2 seconds left, meant a third OT.

The game was tied 103-103 from the

1:33 mark of regulation until there was 3:31 left in the first overtime, when Pippen's jumper gave the Bulls a 105-103 lead.

Phoenix, held to two points since there was 6:20 left in the fourth quarter, tied the score on two free throws by Barkley with 1:43 left in overtime.

Johnson, held to a total of 15 points and eight assists with nine turnovers in the first two games, came out strong in the fourth quarter, scoring seven points in

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Put me in coach...

Tom Chandler, supervisor of scouting in Texas for the Cleveland Indians, will be conducting a tryout camp at Travis Park in Bryan on Wed., June 16 at 10 a.m.

Any player between the ages of 16 and 22 is encouraged to attend. All participants must provide their own equipment. The Indians will provide balls, bats and catching equipment.

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