

## Bad deals 101: Houston teams take the cake

**Nolan Ryan** pitched two no-hitters while reaching the 5000 strike-out plateau as a member of the Texas Rangers. He could have done it as a Houston Astro if noted philanthropist John McMullen wouldn't have tried to cut his salary in half.



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Former Seattle Seahawk Steve Largent, a Hall of Famer, retired with 101 touchdowns, 819 receptions and 13,089 yards receiving. He was cut before he even reached training camp by the Oilers.

Elvin Hayes was with the Rockets twice during his career, from 1968-1972 and 1981-1984. In between those years, he just happened to become one of the best centers in the National Basketball Association and win a world championship with the Washington Bullets in 1978. He also resides in the basketball Hall of Fame.

Is a pattern developing? Of course. The Houston sports franchises just never know what they got until it's gone. Fans from other cities may gripe about players who have come and gone but the Bayou City faithful can brag about releasing or trading future Hall of Famers in three different sports.

Here, in all their glory, are the all-time bonehead moves by Houston teams.

First, the Oilers.

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## A&M soccer player Csizmadia enjoying success

By David Winder

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Jamie Csizmadia, a freshman mid-fielder on A&M women's soccer team, can not stop playing mind games with herself.

How in my first year am I doing so well? Did I play 110 percent that game? Was I aware of my teammates? Did I help control the game?

"I don't feel like a standout player," Csizmadia said. "I think everybody on this team has the same ability. I've just gotten a lot of help from my teammates this year."

Csizmadia's teammates have helped her to score four goals while dishing out three assists for the 7-2 Lady Aggies, who are now ranked number nine in the South region.

Earlier this year, Csizmadia had a hattrick (three goals) against Texas Christian which helped her to win the most valuable player award in the St. Edward's Invitational.

She said she was astounded when the announcement was made proclaiming her as the best.

"It shocked me when I heard I had won," Csizmadia said. "I felt I had played okay in the first game, well in the second and okay in the third. I was proud to get it but it was a real shock."

The play of Csizmadia has been a pleasant surprise to A&M head coach G. Guerrieri.

"Jamie has really stepped up into the playmaker role," Guerrieri said. "She's the key link in our attack and has responded well to everything we've given her."

"She's also a great role model, she was a valedictorian in high school and has an easy going personality."

Csizmadia's success should not be a surprise due to the numbers she put on the board in high school.

Besides being an outstanding academician, she had a standout high school career on the soccer field. As a senior at Mustang High in Mustang, Oklahoma, she was named to the All-State team after scoring 16 goals.

She was the team MVP both her junior and senior years and also was a four-time all-district and all-conference selection while setting the school record for career goals.

Guerrieri said the quick advancement of Csizmadia from an outstanding high school player to a good college player has allowed the Lady Aggies to move junior Brittan Hlista from the midfielder spot she played last year.

"Jamie has been playing so well," Guerrieri said, "it has allowed us to move Brittan which has really solidified our attack."

The strength of Csizmadia's game is she excels at going one-on-one with an opponent, Guerrieri said.

"She's a good finisher," Guerrieri said. "She dangerous from 35 yards out."

Csizmadia, however, is not so sure about her abilities.

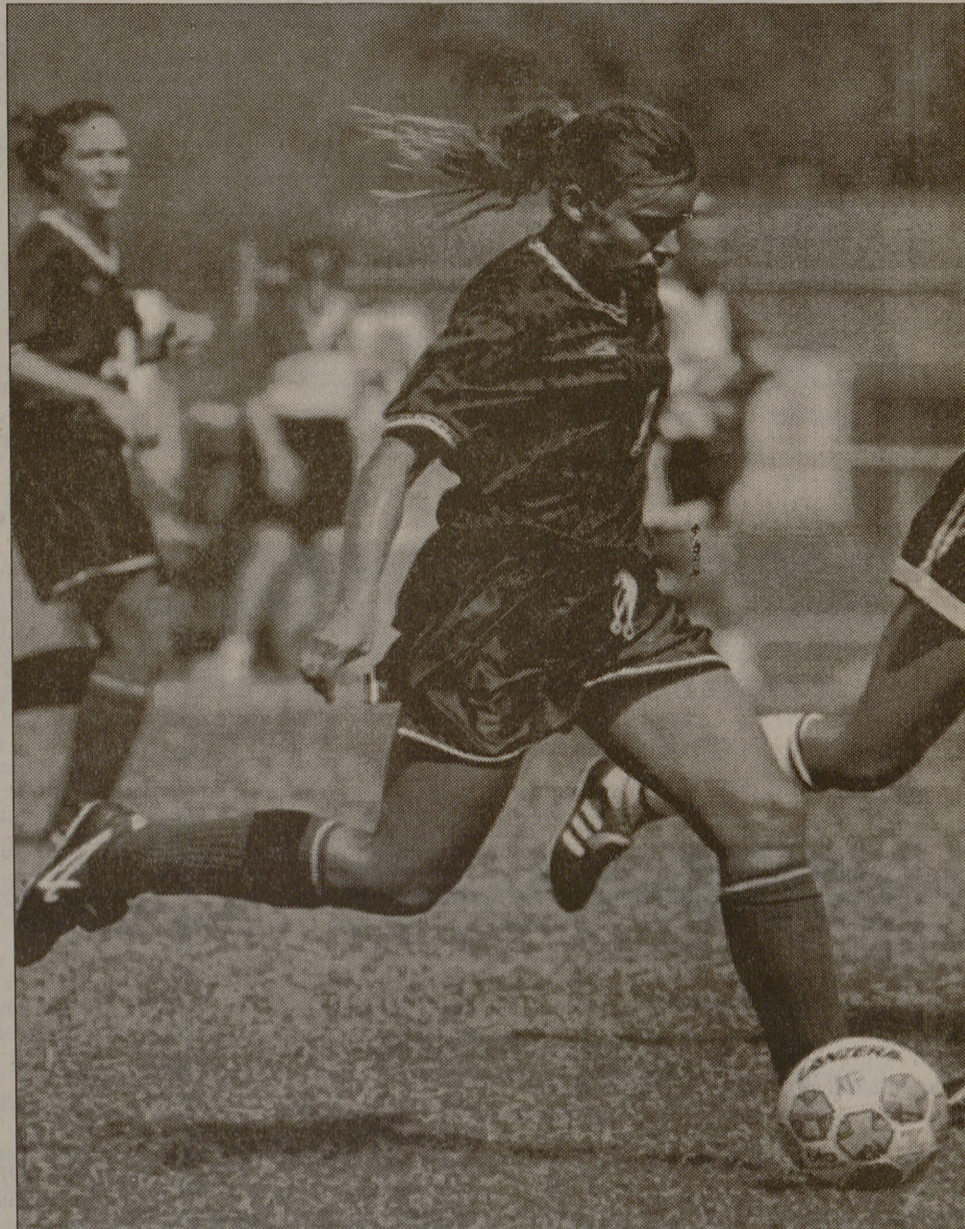
"I really don't think I'm that good of a one-on-one player," Csizmadia said. "I have trouble anticipating where the ball and my teammates are going to be. I also don't have the confidence to think that I can get past a player."

She does have confidence in her team, though.

"We're a really young team so at the first of the year we really didn't know what we had," Csizmadia said. "Then we went and played a ranked team like Arkansas-Fayetteville and lose to them 2-1 in overtime."

"I think that's when we started to realize what we had."

Which is why Csizmadia is now playing mind games knowing all the answers.



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Texas A&M freshman midfielder **Kim Duda** (foreground) prepares to boot the ball in Sunday's 4-2 Aggie victory over the Central Florida Golden Knights. Freshman midfielder **Jamie Csizmadia** (background) waits with anticipation on the results.



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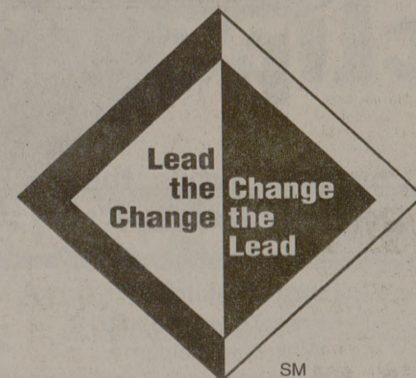
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