

## Great college rivalries rock the weekend

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In the days of strikes, free agency, lock outs and collective bargaining agreements, it is no wonder that college football has taken off in the eyes of sports fans all over the country.

It is hard for sports fans to ignore the great rivalries and big games under the autumn sky that occupy our Saturdays. We sit back and watch as players from across the nation seem to deliver each weekend despite the big business that college football has become today with the television contracts and bowl coalitions.

What they deliver are the memories like Colorado's Michael Westbrook catch to defeat Michigan, a Michigan victory over the Irish two weeks before or A&M's crucial touchdown or big win. It's the tens of thousands of fans packing the stadiums, cheering their team to overcome the obstacle before them.

This weekend should prove no different with the great games on schedule.

No. 16 Texas vs. No. 15 Oklahoma-The official Red River rivalry continues this weekend. With both teams entering the game ranked for the first time since 1985, tradition takes a back seat to the importance of this year's game.

Since the Aggies have already defeated the Sooners. A win for Texas would give them a great deal of confidence for the Nov. 5 game with that other Texas team.

No. 3 Florida State vs. No. 13 Miami-It has been football's biggest rivalry since the late 1980's. With the Miami Hurricane's losing in the Orange Bowl to Washington, Florida State has the mental advantage knowing Miami can be defeated at home.

No. 8 Notre Dame vs. Boston College-Boston College gave college football one of the more incredible moments of the 1993 season. The last-second field goal defeated the mighty Irish and diminished their hopes of a national title.

No. 6 Arizona vs. No. 23 Colorado State-If you get the chance to see the "Desert Swarm" defense of Arizona you won't be disappointed.

No. 10 Texas A&M vs. Houston-Just kidding!

There are many others that will appeal to sports fan ready to spend his Saturday on the couch, and with cloudy skies and scattered showers predicted for Saturday many of you will be. So let baseball and hockey argue over their own matters, and check local listings for the game in your area.



### This day in Aggie football...

October 6, 1962: With :19 left in the game, Texas Tech takes a 3-0 lead over A&M in the SWC opener for both teams... Dan McIlhenny takes the ensuing kickoff a school record 100 yards for a touchdown to win the game 7-3.

# McConnell big part of Lady Aggies' success

## Goalkeeper ranks as one of South's best

By Jason Holstead  
THE BATTALION

When G. Guerrieri was named head coach of the Texas A&M women's soccer team, he knew exactly who he wanted to get.

Goalkeeper Sunny McConnell was that person because of the way she played the game.

Guerrieri first worked with McConnell during her junior year at Richardson Berkner High School. Guerrieri, a former goalkeeper with the University of Tulsa, knows the how very demanding the position can be.

"Sunny leads by example," Guerrieri said. "Through her work ethic and the incredible amount of time she puts into her game, the rest of the team learns from her success."

McConnell, a two-time member of the Olympic Development State Select Pool, said the idea of being a part of a new program influenced the decision to go A&M.

"I wanted to be a part of a new team that was going to be building a name for itself," McConnell said. "I respected coach G. (Guerrieri), and

when he got this job here, I knew this is where I wanted to come."

In her second year, McConnell's record is already ranking among the best goalkeepers in the South region. While splitting time with Senior goalkeeper Michelle Crofts, McConnell has a 4-2-1 record and is holding opponents to a 1.11 goals-against average.

Last year, McConnell debuted on the collegiate scene with a 14-3-1 record leading the team to the season-ending tenth ranking in the South.

She ranked among the top ten goalkeepers in the South for the entire season ending with 0.85 goals-against average placing her second in the region. Her eight shutouts also placed her second in the region.

McConnell, a GTE Achievement Academic Award winner, said her strengths as a goalkeeper include defending one-on-one plays and her closing speed to the ball.

However, she says that teamwork and communication demonstrated by the defense and the ball-control ability of the midfielders are the keys to success.



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Goalkeeper Sunny McConnell gets ready to make a save during soccer practice.

"I think our team's strengths are the ability to communicate with each other, read each other and play with each other," McConnell said. "We have a very strong midfield enabling us to work well and move with them."

# Houston expects tough game against A&M

## Helton says Cougars ready to step on the field and face strong Aggie defense

By Drew Diener  
THE BATTALION

As the nation's 10th-ranked team, Texas A&M should be licking its chops in anticipation of playing the winless University of Houston Cougars this Saturday. Cougars' head coach Kim Helton, however, said that his team is prepared to give the Aggies a tough battle.



Helton

"In past history, this has always been a good game," Helton said. "Players on our team know players on their team so it's like a family affair, and the competition has always been keen."

The Cougars will be without their first string quarterback Chuck Clements, who went down with a season-ending injury two weeks ago against Ohio State. Replacing Clements will be fifth year senior Clay Helton, who will be making his first career start.

"I couldn't be more excited," Helton said. "These are things that you

dream about."

I've been waiting five years for this," Clay Helton relieved Clements in the Ohio State game, completing seven of nine passes for 51 yards. Helton said that such numbers would not be so easy to attain against the Aggie defense.

"They have the quickest defense that we've seen, quicker than Ohio State," Helton said. "They have two great cornerbacks (senior Ray Mickens and sophomore Donovan Greer) that can play bump and run with the best of them."

Trying to protect Clay Helton from the relentless Wrecking Crew attack will be a young offensive line anchored by junior left tackle Jimmy Herndon and senior right tackle Billy Milner. Milner said that the line will have their work cut out for them Saturday when they line up against a stifling A&M defensive line.

"We've got to stop their pass rush and keep our quarterback protected," Milner said. "Because they blitz a lot, we need to open holes (for our running game)."

Behind the strength of sophomore workhorse Jermaine Williams, the Houston ground attack has managed 70.5 yards per game. Williams' 47 carries for 253 yards leads the team.

McGuire will be up against an A&M

defense that has held all four of its opponents this season to under 100 yards rushing. Coach Helton said that his team has great respect for the type of damage the Wrecking Crew is capable of doing.

"They have a 'Confront You' defense," Helton said. "Every team has struggled against them this year. Our objective is to move the ball and score points."

On the other side of the ball, the Cougars are faced with the unpleasant task of containing A&M running backs Rodney Thomas and Leeland McElroy. Opponents have rushed for an average of 278.5 yards per game against the Cougar defense this season. Ohio State ran the ball 62 times for 312 yards en-route to a 52-0 victory.

"Kansas (359 yards against Houston in week one) and Ohio State have good running games," Helton said. "But A&M has two of the better running backs in the country. They will provide an excellent challenge."

Clay Helton said that the Cougars have practiced well this week and are eager to step on the field.

"We're improving weekly and we're ready to play," Helton said. "When you get to play a great team like A&M, you get up for it."

# NBA tries to avoid lockout

NEW YORK (AP) — Amid two work stoppages in pro sports, NBA commissioner David Stern tried to quell talk of a lockout Wednesday, saying the league was willing to negotiate any system to fairly divide revenues with its players.

"We're open to almost any idea or proposal," he said. After the league's Board of Governors meeting, Stern and owners left open the possibility the season could start without a collective bargaining agreement. The NBA's deal with its players expired at the end of last season, and no talks have been held since July.

"We would like to have a deal as soon as possible," Stern said. "There are no ultimatums. There's no gantlet being thrown down here."

Calls to Charles Grantham, executive director of the players' union, were not immediately returned.

Although the owners briefly discussed lockouts and strikes as potential results of a bargaining impasse, they avoided setting a deadline for reaching an agreement, even though training camps open this weekend. "We don't want to establish a hostile environment," said Utah Jazz owner Larry Miller, a committee member. "I think that we purposely did not establish a deadline to foster this positive environment."

"We know what a strike is, we know what a lockout is," Stern said. "But because of the relationship that has existed between us and our players, those particular weapons have never been called into action. In a meeting to approve several rule changes and a new owner for the Minnesota Timberwolves, labor talk dominated the gathering."

Stern spoke while standing in front of a blue-and-red graph showing how league revenues have increased since 1982-83 when a salary cap was first imposed. Up from \$135 million 12 years ago, the NBA divided \$925 million last season, 53 percent of which went to player wages and benefits.

Stern said the league was willing to include an additional \$100 million in revenues as a part of the pie divided by players and owners.

# Nebraska's Frazier to miss rest of '94 season

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier, hospitalized with a blood clot in his right leg, is all but certain to miss the rest of the season.

A doctor Wednesday recommended surgery and said Frazier, once a leading contender for the Heisman Trophy, should have no physical contact for three to six months.

Dr. Deepak Gangahar, a cardiovascular surgeon, said the 20-year-old junior from Bradenton, Fla., should remain in the hospital for a week to 10 days for an operation.

"Medicine is an inexact science," Gangahar said from Bryan Memorial Hospital. "But as it goes today that is my recommendation to the coach."

"You never say never in athletics," Osborne said after practice. "But I wouldn't hold out that hope to anybody. The main concern now is down the road

... to get him healthy."

"Tommie kept his chin up and recognized the reality," Gangahar said.

The doctor said he is 90 percent sure Frazier will have surgery to tie off a surface vein that had a smaller blood clot. That smaller vein, he said, likely rubbed against the larger inner vein, causing the second blood clot in two weeks.

The larger second clot discovered Tuesday has been dissolved, Gangahar said. Doctors now want Frazier's blood to gradually thicken so they can operate to tie off the smaller vein.

After a first clot was discovered Sept. 25 behind Frazier's right knee,

Gangahar said Frazier would be out for the season if the clot re-formed.

While clots like Frazier's are not rare, Gangahar said they usually occur among the elderly or those with heart disease or cancer.

"We have done numerous tests to determine that he is not suffering from any other blood or disease related problems," he said.

Frazier was spending "some private time with his mother," said Chris Anderson, the university's sports information director. Priscilla Frazier came to Lincoln on Wednesday.

"You just hope the kid's OK," said Oklahoma State coach Pat Jones, whose team plays at Nebraska on Saturday.

Added Colorado coach Bill McCartney: "Our prayers are with Tommie Frazier. We're certainly pulling for him. I don't like hearing this."



Frazier

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