Staff and Wire Reports

□ A&M will join four other confer-

ence schools this fall in competition.

In 1993, the Texas A&M soccer team was born with high expectations and lofty goals. One of

those goals was attained Friday when the South-

west Conference voted in favor of conference affili-

ation for five SWC schools with soccer programs.

Joining A&M for a one-year stint in SWC soc-

cer will be the University of Texas, Southern Methodist, Texas Christian and Texas Tech. The

school that wins the SWC race next year will be the only SWC soccer champion ever. The following season, Texas Tech, UT and A&M will all join the Big 12 while SMU and TCU join the Western

Athletic Conference, along with Rice.
In its first two years of competition, A&M was

a member of the South Region, one of four such regions in Division I play, which also contained nine-time defending NCAA champion North Car-

posted a 15-2-2 record, including an 8-0 mark at

the Aggie Soccer Complex. Despite the strong record, the Aggies were not invited to the NCAA Championships despite ending the match on a

The Aggies will return 10 starters and nine of their top ten scorers from the 1994 team that

However, for the first time ever, A&M re-

In their two years as a program, the Aggies

The 1995 season begins for A&M with an exhi-

ceived votes in the Intercollegiate Soccer Associa-

have compiled a 30-5-3 record, a .829 winning

bition on Aug. 26 against a team of A&M alumni.

The regular season starts Sept. 3 against Mar-

quette University and the Aggies' first-ever con-

ference game will be at home against TCU on

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did this by holding various fund raisers, including cleaning Kyle Field, stuffing envelopes and selling T-shirts and sweat-shirts. With one tournament under their belt, the team is now striving to hold its own major tournament this fall. The members are planning to extend welcomes to a large variety of schools.
"We're inviting teams from

the California tournament because they get more funding, especially travel funding, "Mc-Nurlen said. "We're also trying to bring in Arkansas, Kansas State, Colorado and Texas Tech, which just got a team this year." During the spring and fall semesters, the team practices for two hours a day, five days a week on

Simpson Drill Field. A majority of the players have very little experience with lacrosse. Many practices are spent each semester with the more experienced players teaching the new players the fundamentals of lacrosse. The new players are brought

Texas A&M junior midfielder Kim Duda and her Sept. 18. The SWC Championships tournament teammates will begin SWC play Sept. 18 against TCU. will be held Nov. 2-5 in Dallas.

of lacrosse-cradling, scooping ground balls, throwing and catching, and then with offensive and defensive drills throwing and scrimmages. Despite the strain of having to play and show others the moves at the same time, McNurlen said

along first with the basic skills

much as being on the field. "I love having someone else catch on and get their skills going, "McNurlen said. "Sometimes it can be difficult drawing the line between friends and author-

she enjoys teaching almost as

The lacrosse team does more than just practice and play, however. In its two years, the team has been involved in numerous community organizations. In April, the team participated in Big Event for the second time,

"When I came here I played on a men's team because I wanted to play so much."

this time spreading wood chips at A&M's ropes course..

Last fall, team representatives introduced middle school students to lacrosse at St. Michael's Academy and last December, the team went caroling

Although the fall semester is

their off-season, the team will host their own invitational next semester. Next spring, they plan to play a full schedule, traveling throughout Texas to play other schools and returning to Califor

nia for another tournament. Olsen, who had played never lacrosse - Heather McNurlen noticing a flier in her dorm, said the team is a wonder-Texas A&M Women's Lacrosse President

ful experience for anyone, regardless of their playing ability. "It's a great experience for incoming freshmen who haven't found their spot yet on cam-pus," Olsen said. "I can't imag-

Weak-hitting Marlins bash Houston

□ Florida's Chris Hammond hits the first grand slam by a pitcher in nine years.

MIAMI (AP) — Chris Hammond hit the first grand slam by a pitcher in nearly nine years and Terry Pendleton went 5-for-5 to help the Florida Marlins beat the Houston Astros 9-7

Monday night. The Marlins, whose .224 batting average entering the game was last in the major leagues, had a season-high 19 hits.

Alex Arias went 4-for-4. Hammond put his team ahead 4-2 with a one-out homer in the second inning, but the left-hander didn't pitch

long enough to earn the victory. He departed with an 8-3 lead and the bases loaded in the fourth, and Mark Gardner retired Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell to end the inning Hammond's grand slam was the first

by a pitcher since Bob Forsch of St. Louis hit one against Pittsburgh's Mike Bielecki on Aug. 10, 1986. Pendleton had three singles, a double and a triple to tie his career high for hits in a game. He also committed two errors

at third base. Florida left fielder Jeff Conine's consecutive-game streak of 307, second only to Cal Ripken among active players, ended. Conine, who has been slowed by a strained left hamstring, had played in every game in Marlins history.

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