

McFalls makes '96 Olympics as alternate

□ The former softball standout was one of 66 finalists from a three-year search.

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Former Texas A&M standout softball player Jennifer McFalls was named an alternate to the 1996 United States Olympic Softball Team Monday.

McFalls, a native of Grand Prairie, is one of five alternates selected for the 15-member team which will debut in the Summer Olympics in Atlanta next summer.

The 15-member team was announced at a press conference Monday. It completed a selection process that has lasted for more than three years as scouts and coaches searched the nation in order to field the best possible team.

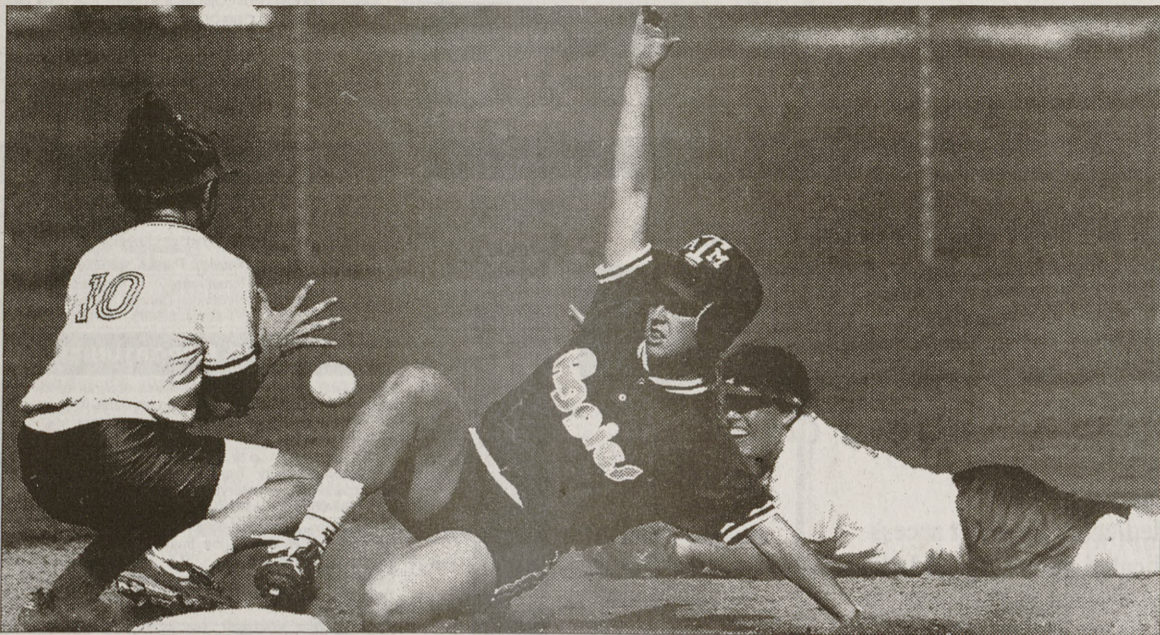
"The selection phase of the

program is now complete," Don E. Porter, executive director of the American Softball Association of America, said. "Now we enter the next phase of preparing America's team."

McFalls led the Aggies in batting average, hits, total bases and slugging percentage every season during her 4-year career at A&M. In 1993, she became the ninth player in school history to be named a first-team All-American. That year, her junior season, was perhaps the greatest offensive season ever by a Southwest Conference performer. McFalls batted .427 and scored 51 runs, both school records.

Because of the intense selection process, Porter said it was exceptionally hard to narrow the final field of 66 down to the 15 roster players and five alternates.

"The selection of this team was among the most difficult decisions this sport has ever had to make," Porter said. "The USA is blessed with an abundance of talented players."



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Former Texas A&M softball standout Jennifer McFalls slides safely into second base in the Lady Aggies' loss to Ohio State in the first round of the 1992 Aggie Invitational.

Pullig not flashy, just a winner

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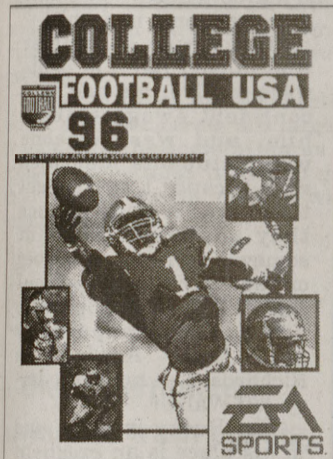
Nixon must somehow be behind it, or maybe even the CIA or the SPCA. All I know is that I'm involved in some kind of conspiracy because no matter where I go — be it on a shuttle bus, on an airplane or in a room full of people — there's always that one guy. He's that goofy guy who thinks he knows everything about everything, especially sports, and feels compelled to open his mouth and criticize the world and people's failures. Such was the case last Saturday at Kyle Field when our heroes in maroon played LSU.

Even before kickoff, I had pegged the guy behind me as the one because of a 10-minute discourse covering the coaching wizardry of Jackie Sherrill. Maybe it was the heat and humidity, but the guy had me and the rest of section 238 wanting to wrap a tire iron around his skull.

Hot dogs and Lemon Chills managed to keep him quiet for most of the first quarter, but toward the middle of the second, he stepped over the line when Corey

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College Football '96 best simulation yet Soccer team downs Arkansas



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EA's new college football game contains all 108 Division I teams.

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By David Winder
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M is on the path to the national championship, and you control every move. You run like Leeland McElroy, tackle like Brandon Mitchell and kick like Kyle Bryant. But unlike the college football video games of years past, a victory for the Aggies is not always guaranteed in College Football USA '96 from Electronic Arts.

The '96 version of the popular football series was designed to

be more realistic than any other game in existence. This means the computer can still kick your butt even after the 100th time you have played it. There are no automatic victories.

But there are tons of exciting features to fulfill your football fantasies. All 108 Division I schools are represented, so A&M versus Eastern Michigan is no longer just a pipe dream.

There are also more plays, 400 with eight offensive sets, more penalties and more receivers to choose from.

The guys at EA Sports also added a substitution option to go along with the 45-player rosters. If an offensive lineman keeps missing his assignment, you can

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□ Kristen Koop's career-high three goals led the Aggie attack.

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The Texas A&M Soccer Team moved to 2-0 on the 1995 season with an 8-3 victory over Arkansas in the Plano Labor Day Invitational.

The win extended the 19th-ranked Aggies' winning streak to 12 matches, dating back to Oct. 9, 1994.

Junior forward Kristen Koop recorded three goals to lead the team, only the third hat trick ever by an Aggie player.

"Once again, this match was another positive piece of evi-

dence for the benefits of attacking soccer," A&M Head Coach G. Guerrieri said. "I was really proud of all of our players for their ability to control the pace of the field."

The Aggies quickly jumped out to a 2-0 lead, and led 4-1 at halftime. The Razorbacks used two quick scores to move within 4-3, but A&M countered with three goals in a four-minute span to put the game on ice.

"It is nice to know that we can attack with great success," Guerrieri said. "With 15 goals in two games against good teams, we have proven that we have a great deal of creativity."

A&M returns to the Dallas area this weekend to compete in the SMU Puma Classic.

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