

Soccer team faces rough road this weekend



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Texas A&M's Nicole Shook works the ball upfield during Sunday's 2-0 win over Texas Tech at the Aggie Soccer Complex.

The Aggies will face No. 9 Maryland and George Mason in the tournament.

By Lisa Nance
THE BATTALION

The 13th-ranked Texas A&M Soccer Team continues its tough week on the road as it travels to Fairfax, Va. for the George Mason/Lanzera Invitational.

Tonight, the Aggies will take on the No.9 Maryland Terrapins at 12 p.m., followed by a 1:00 p.m. face off against the George Mason Patriots to conclude tournament action on Sunday. All matches will be played at George Mason Stadium.

Head Soccer Coach G. Guerrieri said the Maryland team is one of the most talented teams that his A&M team has faced all year. The No.9 Terrapins have lost only one game this season.

"They are referred to as having the best midfield in the nation, which is good because that is also one of our strengths," Guerrieri said. "The game will really be who can win the battle of the midfield."

Maryland is coached by April Heinrichs, who was the captain of the 1991 World Champion team. Guerrieri said that his and Heinrichs' styles are very similar.

"She and I have been friends for a long time," Guerrieri said. "We have a lot of the same theories as far as where the game is going and development of the game."

The Terrapins are 10-1 for the

season and are enjoying one of their most successful seasons in school history. They are led by freshman forward Emmy Harbo, who has 20 points for the season and freshman forward Keri Sarver, who has 16 points this season.

On Sunday, the Aggies will face George Mason. The Patriots are 4-7-1 this season and are also led by freshmen. Lisa Echea, a freshman forward leads the team with six goals.

"George Mason has one of the most storied women's soccer teams in the nation, combined with a young, talented team," Guerrieri said. "A team that is as well-coached as the Patriots are will be more than prepared to play the Aggies on GMU's home field."

The A&M coaching staff has been looking at this part of the season for some time now.

"This is the part of the season that back in the summer my coaching staff and I were really looking at as far as eight days of the ultimate test," Guerrieri said. "We had to go to Texas, we have to go to Virginia to play Maryland, we have to go to Virginia to play George Mason and then come back and really only have a day's rest before we have to play a very good and very physical Nebraska team. These four games are a major test for us and I'm sure we'll come through."

The Aggies go into the tournament with a 10-3 overall record. They are led by sophomore sensation Bryn Blalack who has 15 goals for the season and 36 points. She is followed by junior Kristen Koop who has 11 goals and 29 points for the season.

Hakeem-less Rockets still take care of Spurs

	Houston Rockets 114	
	San Antonio Spurs 103	

New power forward Mark Bryant scored 14 points for Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — Newcomer Mark Bryant scored 14 points in 14 minutes and Clyde Drexler finished with 20 points, leading the Houston Rockets to a 114-103 exhibition victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday night.

The Rockets took a 56-51 halftime lead and then made the first big run of the game with a decisive 11-0 spurt early in the third quarter for a 71-59 lead with 7:52 left in the period.

Bryant signed with the Rockets as a free agent after playing seven seasons at Portland.

Vinny Del Negro led San Antonio with 15 points, and David Robinson scored 10 points in 12

Houston 114, San Antonio 103				
	fg	ft	reb	pts
Houston	31	25	32	114
San Antonio	27	24	22	103
Houston				
Brown	6-9	0-2	12	12
Horry	4-13	2-2	14	14
Bryant	6-10	2-2	14	14
Drexler	6-9	6-7	20	20
Smith	4-6	4-4	7	7
Jones	1-3	2-4	4	4
Cassell	2-6	5-6	10	10
Chiccutt	3-9	1-2	9	9
Elie	2-6	1-2	5	5
Totals	39-93	26-37	114	
San Antonio				
Elliott	1-2	3-4	5	5
Lohaus	3-5	0-0	8	8
Robinson	3-6	4-4	10	10
Del Negro	7-11	0-4	15	15
Johnson	2-9	2-4	6	6
Perdue	3-6	3-4	9	9
Person	2-7	4-4	8	8
Demps	3-8	3-7	10	10
Alexander	3-10	4-6	11	11
Totals	36-79	25-38	103	

Virtual Aggies gun down SMU, 33-31

	BATT SPORTS Sega Shootout	
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Virtual A&M moves to 5-0 with the win.

As tough as the real Texas A&M Football Team's season has been for Aggie fans, the squad's virtual counterparts are doing their best to ease the pain.

Thursday, in one of the gutsiest games ever played on College Football '96, the Aggies overcame a score of injuries, penalties and plain old bad luck to stun Southern Methodist University, 33-31.

The Aggies made their comeback without the services of star tailback Leeland McElroy and starting noseguard Eddie Jasper — both of whom fell victim to first-half injuries.

Down 21-7 at one point, A&M fought back but still found itself down 31-28 with 51 seconds remaining. On a fourth-and-goal play from the SMU eight-yard line, quarterback Corey Pullig under-threw wide receiver Albert Con-

nell, turning the ball over to the Mustangs.

Enter the Wrecking Crew. As the Mustangs futilely tried to run the ball and run out the clock, A&M cornerback Ray Mickens exploded through the line and tackled SMU tailback Bryan Harmon in the end zone for a safety.

With 34 seconds left, A&M had closed within 31-30 and was preparing to receive a kickoff. However, the ensuing drive stalled on a fourth down at the Mustang 43-yard line — too risky a field goal with 17 second remaining on the clock.

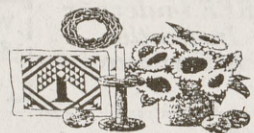
Instead, Offensive Coordinator Steve Ensminger reached deep into his playbook and pulled out a halfback pass that saw freshman Surr Parker complete a 27-yard strike to Connell.

With eight ticks left on the clock, sophomore Kyle Bryant nailed a 31-yard field goal to give the Aggies a 33-31 win and a perfect 5-0 record.

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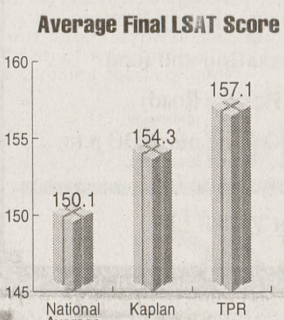
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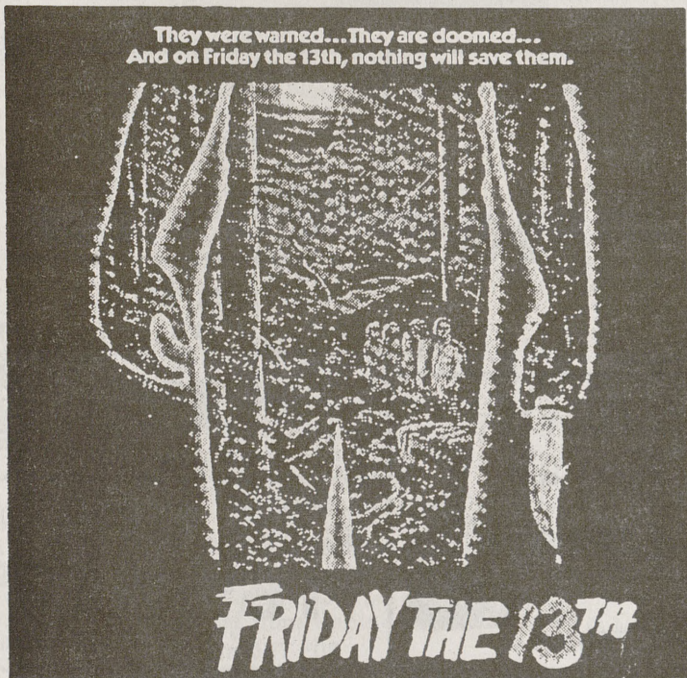
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