

sports GLANCE

Aggies to face off with BYU Aug. 24

The Texas A&M Football Team will compete against Brigham Young University on Aug. 24 in the 1996 Pigskin Classic.

The game will be played in Provo, Utah, has an 11 a.m. kickoff time and will be televised nationally on ABC-TV.

"We look forward to kicking off the 1996 season in the Pigskin Classic against BYU, as well as representing the Big 12 Conference in its first official football game," Texas A&M Athletic Director Wally Groff said. "The Pigskin Classic provides great national exposure."

The Aggies have played in two preseason games, losing to Nebraska 23-14 in the 1988 Kickoff Classic and defeating Stanford 10-7 in the 1992 Classic.

A&M and BYU have met twice before. The Cougars won the first meeting in Houston in 1979, and the Aggies crushed BYU 65-14 in the 1990 Holiday Bowl.

Mariners give Griffey 4-year extension

SEATTLE (AP) — Ken Griffey will stay with the Seattle Mariners through the 2000 season, signing a four-year contract extension today worth \$34 million.

Griffey, the six-time All Star center fielder, is considered among the best players in the game. The extension starts with the 1997 season.

"I cannot tell you how excited the Mariners organization is to have the best player in baseball under contract through the turn of the century," Mariners president Chuck Armstrong.

SCORES ROUNDUP

NBA

Celtics 131, Grizzlies 98
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Basketball

The Men's Basketball Team will host Southern Methodist University on Saturday at 7 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Women's Basketball

The Women's Basketball Team will host Southern Methodist University on Saturday at 2 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Personal battles spur diving pair

Jarrold Flores and Mark Naftanel have both won the one-meter competitions.

By Lisa Nance
 THE BATTALION

All good things must come to an end. Texas A&M sophomore diver Jarrold Flores' undefeated dual-meet reign on the one-meter board ended in Kansas. However, it wasn't competition from another school that ended his reign, it was his teammate, freshman Mark Naftanel who snapped his streak.

Fueled by a hometown crowd, the Austin native picked up his first dual meet victory on the one-meter board, besting Flores' 274.75 points with 279.25 points.

The two divers have been neck-and-neck in competition ever since. In the last year of the Southwest Conference, Flores and Naftanel both have strong chances to win Texas A&M's first conference diving title since 1945.

Head Diving Coach Kevin Wright said that Flores and Naftanel are supportive of one another despite their competitive edge.

"Mark and Jarrold train well together," Wright said. "I think they encourage each other through healthy competition, but they are still able to be good teammates and cheer for each other and be supportive when one does well. It's not a negative situation at all."

"A lot of times Jarrold and Mark will trade back and forth, within a matter of just a few points from each other, in terms of who wins and who gets second."

Flores began his diving career just six years ago as a freshman at Spring High School. Last season, he became the first diver in A&M history to reach the NCAA meet, falling just short of the school's first SWC title in 50 years at last year's SWC Meet.

As a freshman, he set an impressive one-meter record, with only two losses thus far, setting the school record in the one-meter champi-

onship division.

Flores earned All-American honors, a first for an A&M diver, after scoring 456.90 points on the one-meter board to place 14th. He finished as the third-highest freshman point-scorer in the nation and was the highest scorer in the SWC.

Wright said Flores thrives in a competitive environment.

"Jarrod is a very natural athlete as far as his spinning ability," Wright said. "He came with somewhat of a gymnastics, tumbling orientation. He can bend well, he's very dynamic, strong, fast and quick. He's a good competitor who seems to thrive in a competitive environment."

"He is prepared to continue where he left off last year and continues to work hard and put in the effort that is required to do well."

Flores said the new diving facilities have motivated him to dive a lot more.

"The new facility has made me want to dive a lot more than last year because last year we were always outside and it was cold and we had

to deal with the weather," Flores said. "That wasn't too much fun. It's a lot more fun now."

If practice makes perfect, then the divers are in good hands. With the new facility, the divers are able to practice in any weather situation, and they take advantage of that fact by practicing twice a day.

Practice is something that Naftanel is used to. He has been competing since 1988. He was one of the top recruits in the

nation after graduating from Austin High School in 1995. While in high school he was a four-time, first-team high school All-American. He was honored as Texas UIL Diver of the Year after winning his second consecutive one-meter title.

He holds the 1995 NISCA one-meter record and is the reigning champion. He also represented the United States at a 1994 international diving competition in Germany and made the finals at the 1994 Olympic Festival.

Naftanel is recovering from a traumatic head injury that occurred in November that could have been season, possibly career ending.

While learning a new dive, Naftanel struck his head on the board, knocking himself unconscious. He was rushed to the hospital by ambulance and received eight staples in the back of his head.

Wright said that his comeback has been tremendous.

"He responded extremely well from that," Wright said. "He made a tremendous comeback and within a couple of weeks he was right back in training and he continues to practice his tower dives. He has really shown a lot of composure for such a severe accident."

Naftanel said that he did not have a hard time getting back into the groove of diving and that fear really never really played a part in his comeback.

"There was only one dive that I had a problem with that involved the same sort of action (as the dive where he hit

his head) and I had a problem one day with it," Naftanel said. "But I told myself that I've been doing this dive for three years and this is not any different than before."

While diving may look easy to the common spectator, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work and fine-tuning that goes into perfecting a dive. The first step is to practice the dives on dry-land training.

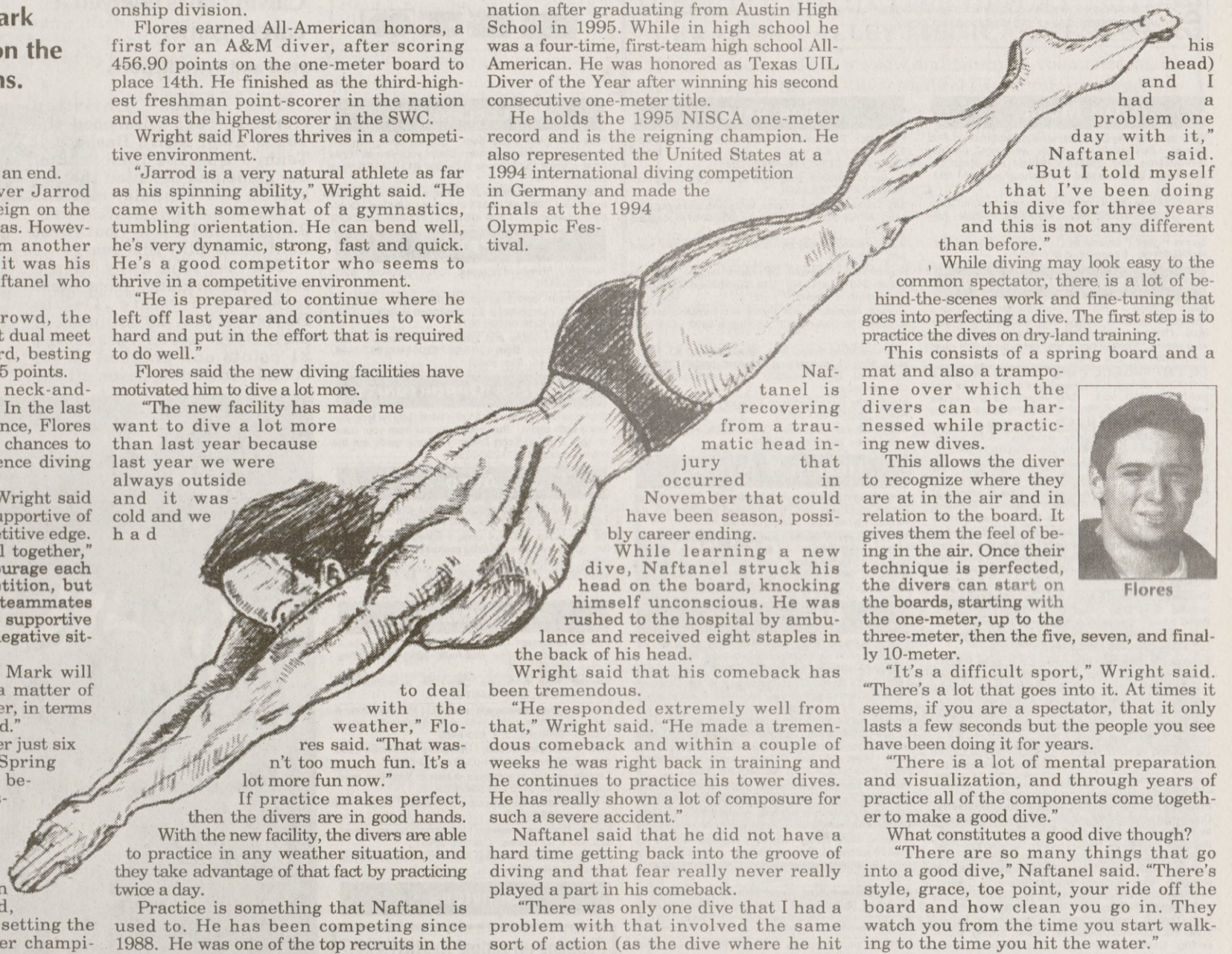
This consists of a spring board and a mat and also a trampoline over which the divers can be harnessed while practicing new dives.

This allows the diver to recognize where they are at in the air and in relation to the board. It gives them the feel of being in the air. Once their technique is perfected, the divers can start on the boards, starting with the one-meter, up to the three-meter, then the five, seven, and finally 10-meter.

"It's a difficult sport," Wright said. "There's a lot that goes into it. At times it seems, if you are a spectator, that it only lasts a few seconds but the people you see have been doing it for years."

"There is a lot of mental preparation and visualization, and through years of practice all of the components come together to make a good dive."

What constitutes a good dive though? "There are so many things that go into a good dive," Naftanel said. "There's style, grace, toe point, your ride off the board and how clean you go in. They watch you from the time you start walking to the time you hit the water."



Flores

Embarrassment 101: Taking a kinesiology course

I must be crazy. Last semester when I registered for aerobic running and strength training classes, it seemed like a good idea. After all, I wanted to get in shape and I had all Christmas Break to get started so that I would be prepared for these classes.

Unfortunately, it didn't happen. Just because I write about sports doesn't mean I'm athletic.

Even though graduation looms in May, I started this semester with dread. But I sucked it up and decided that this was the only way I was going to make myself work out.



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So every Monday and Tuesday, I get out of bed and start my day with aerobic running, while every Tuesday and Thursday I get my day started with strength training. It usually takes me all of Friday, Saturday and Sunday to recover.

I really don't mind the working out part of it. But what I don't like — and this is usually the source of my dread — is the humiliation that kinesiology classes bring upon me.

I am convinced that the only reason that all students, regardless of their major, are required to have four hours of P.E. is so that they can learn to deal

with this humiliation.

OK, maybe you are one of those athletic types who can not work out for months and still be able to run a mile in under seven minutes, but I know that there are some others who can relate with me and who feel the humiliation also.

For instance, in my aerobic running class we always start off with a "warm-up jog" that probably isn't more than 400 yards. Well, for some reason, some members of the class feel that they must run this "warm-up jog" at top speed, putting pressure on the not-so-fast people, namely me, to keep up.

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