lead Coach G. Guerrieri returns to alma mater as &M soccer faces Tulsa in fourth straight road game

THE BATTALION

After coming out the victor in wo Central Region games last ekend, the Texas A&M Soccer cam is out to show the nation truly deserves to be in the top olls and in the national chamship finals December 6-8 in ta Clara, Calif.

Though it was difficult to stay the road for four days, the es kicked and scored its way a 3-0 record, dropping derbilt University 4-1 Sept. 6, then squeaking by the ersity of Alabama 2-1 in overe play two days later.

These impressive ices earned the team a No. 8 t among the nation's best is in the Soccer America Poll, a No. 9 ranking in the USA ay Coaches Poll.

Despite their newfound nationublicity, the Aggies are taking game in stride while preparfor its Big 12 Conference opengainst the University of Kansas

But before the Jayhawks come ng, the team must beat the versity of Tulsa today at 3 p.m. Oklahoma.

While A&M Head Coach G. errieri said he is slightly biased a Tulsa alum, he challenged his n to keep improving and not to

Tulsa lightly. This is going to be a tough game nst a very experienced team," rieri said. "This is probably the est game on Tulsa's schedule, so will be even more motivated to at us. Not only are they highly

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Sophomore forward Nicole Shook looks to cross the ball in a game against Texas Tech last season.

motivated, but they also have a said the team does not know what

Because Tulsa is unranked and fairly unknown on the national scene, senior forward Yvette Okler

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NEW MEMBERS

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SMITH

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suffered a season-ending ligament tear which forced her to redshirt this season.

Scoring Machine
Blalack leads the team with five goals and one assist, and is on track to become the firstever A&M player to ever lead the team in scoring for four straight seasons.

Getting Defensive

Freshman goalkeeper Melanie Wilson got the goahead to start just two games into her college career following a stellar performance against 17th-ranked Vanderbilt. Wilson allowed just one goal in 90 minutes of play against the Commodores. In addition, Wilson started in a teethclenching Alabama game and played for what seemed an endless 120 minutes allowing

only one goal.

Currently, Wilson leads the Aggies in the goal tending area after playing 255 total minutes, racking up 10 saves and posting an impressive 0.71 goalsagainst average

On the Shelf

Joining Csizmadia on the A&M injury list is sophomore forward Nicole Shook, who also must sit out the season because of ligament tears in her right knee. In addition, sophomore defender Linda Castillejos is sidelined for two weeks with a knee injury suffered during an 16 squad scrimmage, freshman midfielder Heather Bertone is out with a strained thigh, and senior goalkeeper Sunny McConnell is recovering from an illness.

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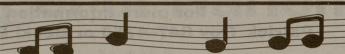
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