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# THE BATTALION SPORTS

## Lady Aggies take a step up in rankings

To say the Texas A&M Soccer Team is on a roll would be an understatement.

After shooting down Texas Tech and Baylor last weekend at the Aggie Soccer Complex, the Aggies own a 14-1 overall record and a 7-1 mark in the Big 12 Conference.

Not only did the pair of wins extend A&M's home winning streak to 14 — keeping them undefeated at the complex this season — but they also improved A&M's all-time home record to 30-1. More importantly, however, the Aggies moved up one notch in the NSCAA/Umbro national poll to an impressive No. 6 ranking and maintained second place in the Central Region.

**Red Raider shellacking**  
Last Friday, the Aggies blasted a surprised Tech squad 8-2 in front of 949 fans. The Red Raiders had barely realized the match started before the Aggies knocked in four goals in the first 10 minutes of play. Leading the Aggies in scoring were junior forward Bryn Blalack and senior forward Yvette Okler with two goals apiece. Senior forward Kristen Mouske, junior forward Diana Rowe, junior midfielder Jessica Mouske and freshman midfielder Julie Pinkerton each added a goal.

Mouske's first career goal capped off an A&M season-high mark of seven goals in the half. In another more dubious honor, the Aggies racked up a season-high 18 goals, while Tech had 11.

**Making up ground**  
With their 4-1 win over Baylor, the Aggies redeemed themselves in the Big 12 by snatching away Baylor's previous No. 1 spot, just behind unbeaten University of Nebraska. The Aggies now own a record of 10-1 and 4-1-1 in league play. Mouske scored two goals against the Bears, while Blalack added one and senior midfielder Allison Buckley scored her first goal of the season.

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## Sticking OUT of the crowd



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Junior midfielder **Diana Rowe** stands among members of the Bryan High boys soccer team. Rowe played on the boys' varsity team when she attended the high school.

## 'Gifted' Rowe achieving in all arenas at A&M

By NICKI SMITH  
THE BATTALION

When a team is 14-1 overall and ranked sixth in the nation, it is difficult for one athlete to stand out among the rest.

However, junior midfielder Diana Rowe has managed to make a name for herself on the Texas A&M Soccer Team.

Anyone who knew of Rowe prior to her start with the Aggies already realized she was a unique player. She was the only female player on an all-male soccer team at Bryan High School, and was named to the 1994 Women's Super 11 Recruits list. Rowe also played for the Southern U.S. Regional Champion Klein Challenge Soccer Club and the two-time champion South Texas State Team.

Head Coach G. Guerrieri describes Rowe in one word — "gifted."

"She is maybe the most technically sound player on the team," Guerrieri said. "When the ball is at her feet, we know that the game is in control."

Although this may sound like a lot of responsibility, Rowe has managed to excel in almost every aspect of life, on and off the field.

Aside from her soccer talent, Rowe has achieved success at A&M as a biomedical science major. She received a GTE Academic Achievement Award for the 1995-96 school year, is an honor student and a member of Aggie Athletes Involved and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Junior midfielder Jessica Mouske said Rowe has a personality that allows her to do just about anything.

"Diana is the type of person that is very outgoing and always has a positive attitude," Mouske said. "Not only is she very skilled, but we are all confident in her ability to perform well on the field. She is a good friend to everyone on the team."

As a freshman, Rowe was a formidable defensive stopper who started as sweeper the first half of the season before suffering a season-ending ankle injury.

She made the switch from defense to midfield in the spring of her sophomore year, and in addition to scoring her first goal, she was named a preseason All-SWC Team selection who started 20 of 23 matches for the Aggies.

Rowe said she thinks this is the year the Aggies will reach new heights.

"I feel that this is our year," Rowe said.

"We are shooting to end up in the NCAA Final Four and to earn a Big 12 ring."

As far as individual achievements are concerned, Rowe said she wants to be a strong link to the team.

"All I want to do is be a contributing member of this team on and off the field," Rowe said. "On the field, I feel that I distribute the ball pretty well, but I need to communicate with the team more and go in a lot further."

When one looks at statistics, it is not hard to see why the goals Rowe has set for herself are within her reach.

Rowe has started in 14 of 15 matches for the Aggies after replacing senior Jamie Czmadia at the center midfield position. In addition, she obtained her first career multiple-goal match in the Aggies' victory over Vanderbilt University and her first career multiple-assist match in the game against the University of Tulsa.

She currently ranks fourth on the team in scoring with eight goals, eight assists and two game-winning goals.

Guerrieri said Rowe has a knack for reading plays and dictating the game.

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## Aggies hope to fine-tune offense

By ROSS HECOX  
THE BATTALION

In college football, any road isn't pretty or ugly, is a welcome sight. But the following week, teams must focus on what needs to be done to prevent attractive wins from leading to losses.

The Texas A&M football team snagged its first road win of the season against Iowa State University last weekend, evening its record to 3-3 and 1-1 in Big 12 Conference. However, the Aggies managed only seven points in the final three quarters against the Cyclones, and just 323 total yards of offense — quite a drop from its conference-leading 513 yards per game entering the contest.

Senior wide receiver Albert Connell said the A&M offense is capable of better numbers and needs a stronger performance against Kansas State University Saturday at Kyle Field.

"We didn't produce as well as we could have," Connell said. "We had a lot of dropped passes and a few penalties. We need to execute better than that. I feel that we have one of the best offenses in the Big 12, and we haven't lost faith in it."

The Wrecking Crew controlled Cyclone running back Troy Davis last weekend, but it

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Keith Mitchell  
Senior outside linebacker

too is working to improve before facing a balanced Kansas State attack that averages 140.2 yards rushing and 170.5 yards passing per contest.

The combination of fielding a young secondary and facing several pass-oriented offenses this season made the Aggie defensive line a focal point. Not only must it stop the run, but its pressure on the quarterback was needed to give opponents less time to expose an inexperienced backfield.

Senior defensive end Pat Williams said the defensive line had a sluggish start to the season, but it is becoming more effective.

"The secondary is kind of young, so we've tried to put more pressure on the quarterback," Williams said. "We started off slow, but we're coming on game by game now." A&M Head Coach R.C. Slocum said the secondary has stepped up as well, playing with more experience and added contributions.

"Our secondary has improved with the emergence of (freshman free safety) Brandon Jennings and the improvement of (sophomore free safety) Toya Jones," Slocum said. "(Sophomore cornerback) Shun Horn has gotten some experience, and really showed some signs of being a good player."

Senior outside linebacker Keith Mitchell said the team as a whole is making gradual improvements, and that the Aggies must be considered favorites to win the Big 12 South.

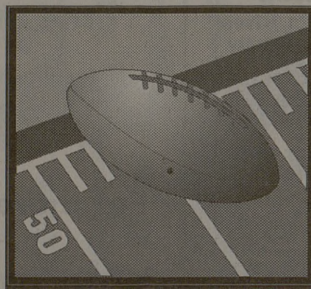
"We've had all kinds of adversity and we've been down for a long time," Mitchell said. "But we're steadily coming up. We're getting better each week. We're going to come to a point where the score might not look that good, but we're going to do whatever it takes to win."

A&M will play two consecutive games at home against Kansas State and Texas Tech Universities.

The Aggies have dominated at Kyle Field in the past, winning 31 consecutive games there by an average margin of 23.8 points. But in the last four games, the team's home record stands at 2-2, with losses to the University of Texas last season and the University of Colorado (Sept. 28).

Although the team has not been as successful at home lately, junior quarterback Brannndon Stewart said the home atmosphere still favors the host team, making past performances — good or bad — less of a factor.

"It's always hard on a visiting team because of the sound level and [the team] is out of its own element," Stewart said. "And that plays more of a factor than what [the home team] has done in the past."



### Individual A&M Statistics

Rushing	G	Att	Net	Avg	TD	Long
Sirr Parker	6	100	491	4.9	2	42
Eric Bernard	6	52	379	7.3	4	40
D'Andre Hardeman	6	43	284	6.6	8	74
Dante Hall	6	30	191	6.4	2	31
Albert Connell	6	1	63	63.0	1	63
<b>Team Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>74</b>

Receiving	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Albert Connell	6	41	589	14.4	4	70
Donte Hawkins	6	23	288	12.5	0	27
Derrick Spiller	5	10	129	12.9	0	27
Eric Bernard	6	6	53	8.8	0	43
D'Andre Hardeman	6	6	39	6.5	1	9
Aaron Oliver	3	5	97	19.4	1	57
Sirr Parker	6	5	44	8.8	1	16
Leroy Hodge	6	4	78	19.5	0	29
Dan Cambell	6	4	44	11.0	0	15
Barry Johnson	5	3	59	19.7	0	25
Mike Williams	6	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Team Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1420</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>70</b>

Passing	G	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD
Brannndon Stewart	6	123.76	187-104-5	55.6	1361	7
Randy McCown	2	77.29	9-4-1	44.4	59	0
<b>Team Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>121.62</b>	<b>196-108-6</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>1420</b>	<b>7</b>

Interceptions	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rich Coody	3	93	31.0	0	64
Dat Nguyen	2	38	19.0	1	36
Donovan Greer	1	27	27.0	0	27
Andre Williams	1	0	0.0	0	0
Shun Horn	1	26	26.0	0	26
<b>Team Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>

Defensive Leaders	UT	AT	Total	For Loss	Sacks
Dat Nguyen	48	25	73	6-19	1.5-12
Warrick Holdman	24	18	42	4-9	1-5
Keith Mitchell	25	14	39	11-57	7-0-45
Shun Horn	22	9	31	0-0	0-0
Donovan Greer	20	6	26	2-10	1-0-8
Edward Jasper	12	11	23	4-28	2-0-20
Brandon Mitchell	15	7	22	6-26	4-0-19
Pat Williams	14	8	22	5-12	1-0-3
Rich Coody	14	8	22	2-3	0.5-1