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Ags run up Highway 6

The Texas A&M Track and Field teams travel to Waco for the Dr. Pepper Outdoor Invitational.

By JEREMY FURTICK
THE BATTALION

It looks like the weather will finally cooperate with the Texas A&M Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams as they travel to Waco for the Dr. Pepper Outdoor Invitational Saturday.

Sloppy weather hindered the athletes at last weekend's College Station Relays, a meet Head Coach Ted Nelson called A&M's first major outdoor competition. But Nelson said his teams performed well anyway and are looking forward to a good showing at Baylor.

"We're working on our passing of the baton in the women's 4x100 (meter) relay and the men's 4x100 (meter) relay," he said. "We haven't worked on it that much so far, and it is correctable, so I expect us to improve this weekend."

Nelson pointed to a few performances from last weekend's meet which gave him encouragement for Waco. Seniors Anjanette Kirkland and Rosa Jolivet sparked in the 100-meter hurdles, while freshman Chimika Carter also impressed him in the event.

"Chimika Carter came to the front last weekend," Nelson said. "She's one of the freshmen we're counting on. She finished fourth overall and just ran great."

Kirkland said the attitude of the teams has improved because of their impressive performances last weekend because of the change of venue.

"Everyone on the team feels good, everyone is working well and everyone's spirits are higher now that we're outdoors," Kirkland said.

Junior Larry Wade, the fifth-ranked 110-meter hurdle runner in NCAA history, will not compete in his best event. Wade is recovering from a stress fracture in his back which caused him to miss the 1996 outdoor season. He has ran the 400-meter dash in the previous out-



Tim Moog, The Battalion
Freshman hurdler **Chimika Carter** practices at the Frank G. Anderson Complex.

door meets this year, but after reinjuring his back last weekend, it is questionable whether he will run in the event.

"Larry may not run this weekend," Nelson said. "He's still a little gimpy from his back."

The invitational will field the men's and women's teams from A&M, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas State, Angelo State and Baylor. Seton Hall, Georgetown and Howard Payne will be sending only their men's teams to compete.

Lady Ags head to Iowa cornfield

By SARA DUESING
THE BATTALION

In the heart of its season, the Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team (9-2 overall, 2-0 Big 12) finds itself only three spots out of its top 20 goal, currently ranked 23rd in the nation. The Lady Aggies take their first conference road trip as they face Iowa State University today in Ames, Iowa, at 1 p.m.

Head Women's Tennis Coach Bobby Kleinecke said he has been pleased with the team's performance this season.

"We are a lot farther ahead than I thought," Kleinecke said. "With such a young team and a lot of unanswered questions, we have passed every test with flying colors."

Sophomore Monica San Miguel said the team has stayed consistent throughout the season and hopes to continue to stay focused and steady. "We have a really good attitude and have been working hard," she said. "We've been giving it all we have every match and it is showing in our record."

Kleinecke said after a recent successful run following their only two losses, it is important for the team

to maintain its success.

"We have been playing well now for an extended period of time and know that is now the norm," he said. "Now we focus on not letting up and meeting our potential against any opponent."

Although A&M is favored to win against Iowa State, San Miguel said there is still some pressure because it is a conference match.

"There is something on the line here and we want to win so we can get well-seated at regionals," she said. "We have to come out and play our game. We can't take any team lightly. It is important we take care of business."

Kleinecke said although Iowa State may not seem much of a threat, the team is still going to seek a challenge.

"This is a more internal match and a challenge for us not to play to the level of our opponent," he said.

With six players undefeated in singles competition and approaching individual conference titles, Kleinecke said although the team's strength is in singles, the Lady Aggies want to dominate overall.

"We have to make up for those two losses and focus on doubles,



Rony Angkriwan, The Battalion
Sophomore **Monica San Miguel** practices her backhand.

too," he said. "We want to do well in all nine matches."

Following their match in Iowa, the Lady Aggies will travel to Missouri to face the University of Missouri Sunday.

SOFTBALL

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Solesbee then hit the ball to right field scoring Perez.

It was all Perez again as she doubled to center field in the third inning. Freshman Angie Long advanced her

off a sacrifice bunt, and Smith brought Perez in with a single to left field.

Although UTSA scored two runs in the sixth inning, Tucker stepped-up to the plate with a home run to left field which put the score at 3-2.

Jackson said Tucker made the difference in the game.

"She struggled the whole game but made the adjustment," Jackson said. "She took the ball for a bunt and we couldn't have asked for better timing from her."

In the seventh inning, Giocon placed Solesbee on the mound and was able to hold the game at 3-2 and to win."

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