

Sports

Carriers have solid weekend Coach Hartman's debut

BY TOM KENNEDY
The Battalion

Texas A&M Men's and Women's Cross Country started off their season with a strong performance Cougar Classic in Houston Saturday morning. The flat course at McGregor Park did not prove to be a challenge to either squad. The men covered a 4-by-2 mile course in teams, with each man running two separate legs on Saturday. The highest placing from the men came from the sophomore Jim Pat Darcey and freshman Chris Ho placed fifth with a combined time of 40 minutes and 23 seconds. The Aggies also took sixth with true freshmen on Beasley and Mike Sovinsky covering the 2-mile in 40:34. The team of junior transfer student Carl Stewart and freshman Bryan Oubre came in one sector for a seventh place finish. Overall, first year coach Dave Hartman was not with how the men ran, adding that their best is yet to come. It will be a developmental year because we have a lot of freshmen and a transfer (from University of San Antonio)," Hartman said. The fastest individual split by an Aggie was run by Ho on Beasley in 19:49. The men breaking the 20-minute barrier for their 2-mile split were Stewart in 19:50 and Darcey in 19:51. The women, covering a 2-by-2 mile course, fared very well. The way for the Aggies was the team of junior Ann Dwyer and Sandie Ramsey, who placed

fourth with a time of 23:50. Freshmen Kristy Bonn and Lauren Crawford finished in seventh place with a time of 24:01. Sophomore Brooke Edwards and freshman Katy Gilstrap teamed up for an eighth place finish with a time of 24:16. "On the girls' side, we did really well; we were really strong," Hartman said. "As we gain experience, the women's team ... will move up." True freshman Melissa Gulli led the way for the women with an 11:33 two-mile leg. Dwyer and freshman Sarah Doyle finished in 11:40 and 11:45, respectively. Others finishing in twelve minutes or under were Edwards in 11:53, sophomore Debbie Villarreal in 11:55, Bonn in 11:57, and senior Marisa Tuzzi in 12:00. Gulli, who had the lead after running her two mile leg, felt that the race was a good starting point. "It was pretty good for the start of the season," Gulli said. "We'll have a really good team this year and we'll go far." The race, which the teams ran in a controlled manner, was used to determine a starting point for all of the runners. Darcey said he felt the meet would show the team what it needs to work on. "We're trying to see where everybody is at and where our fitness level is at," Darcey said. The men and women look ahead to their first team scoring of the season at the University of Miami-Ohio next Saturday. Hartman is excited to see how his teams will fare in team competition. "It'll be interesting to see how they all run at once," Hartman said. "I think we'll improve on our finish in the Big 12."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Soccer club team conducts tryouts

The Texas A&M Women's Soccer Club Team will conduct tryouts this week at Simpson Drill Field. The tryouts will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

No. 19 Ags win 2, lose one to Pacific

The No. 19 Texas A&M Volleyball Team finished with a 2-1 record over the weekend at the Pacific Tournament. The Aggies won their first two games before falling to No. 11 Pacific in the final game. In the first game, the Aggies defeated Creighton 15-2, 15-8 and 15-1. Senior Stacy Sykora had a match-high 15 kills and 11 digs, and junior Amber Woolsey added 12 kills in the win. A&M improved to 2-0 the following day with a 3-1 (9-15, 15-12, 15-9, 15-5) victory over Georgia Tech. The Aggies were led again by Sykora, who had 20 kills, and Jenna Moscovic, who had a team-high 48 assists and 10 digs. The Aggies fell in their third match to Pacific 15-6, 15-11, 15-11 despite a team-high 19 kills and 10 digs from Sykora. Both Sykora and Woolsey were named to the All-Tournament Team. Pacific placed four on the team and Georgia Tech placed one.

Slocum to speak at 12th Man meeting

Texas A&M Football Coach R.C. Slocum will be the guest speaker at the 12th Man Student Foundation tonight at 7 p.m. in Rudder 601. Slocum is the school's all-time winningest coach, passing Homer Norton in last year's win over Texas.

Break up the Saints

Ditka and Co. avenge opening 1997 loss to Dick Vermeil's Rams

LOUIS (AP) — Mike Ditka's second season started out a lot better than the first, despite losing quarterback Billy Joe Hobert. The New Orleans Saints turned their half-turnovers into touchdowns and had only one turnover, passing with a mistake-laden performance from the St. Louis Rams in a 24-17 opening victory Saturday. Lamar Smith caught one down pass and threw for another on an option play. The Saints opened at St. Louis for the second straight year. Ditka lost 38-24 to Dick Vermeil last year in the coaching comeback game for both men. Hobert ruptured his right Achilles tendon dropping back to pass on the artificial turf with 14:20 remaining. Hobert, who is likely out for the season, was 11-for-23 for 170 yards and one touchdown before being replaced by Danny Wuerffel. New Orleans also won despite rushing for only 35 yards on 24 carries and getting shut out in the second half. The Rams fumbled five times, losing one of them, and had one interception of Tony Banks' deflected pass that led to a Saints touchdown on the following play. Four Rams missed a chance to tackle Smith on a 35-yard pass play from Hobert that put New Orleans ahead 24-0. Banks had an effective game statistically. He was 29-for-44 for 298 yards and one touchdown and hit Eddie Kennison for a 15-yard score that cut the gap to 24-14 with 7:14 left in the third.

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