

Injured Aggies produce goals Williams receives honor

The Texas A&M Soccer Team went 1-1 to open the season last week. The Aggies defeated the University of North Texas 5-1 Monday but came up short in a 1-0 overtime loss to the 4th-ranked Florida Gators Friday.

Let's Hear it Soccer Notebook for the Trainers

Both redshirt freshman forward Michelle Remington and junior defender Ashley Fendley missed much of last season after suffering knee injuries. Both players made their presence felt against UNT as Remington scored two goals and Fendley added an assist to her stellar defensive play.

Murderer's Row

The Aggies are facing one of the toughest schedules in the nation this year. A&M has five top-20 opponents on its schedule, including four top-10

teams. Including the game with the Gators, the Aggies will face No. 20 SMU, No. 10 Nebraska, No. 9 Hartford and No. 2 Santa Clara.

The schedule reflects A&M soccer coach G. Guerrieri's philosophy of testing his team against the best teams in the nation.

Youth Movement

Guerrieri knew that with the loss of four seniors from last year's team, this year's squad would be a young one, but he did not realize how young.

For the second year in a row, the Aggies have been able to convince a recruit to give up her senior year of high school to come to A&M.

Sophomore forward Nicky Thrasher joined the team last year after graduating a year early from El Paso Franklin High School.

Amber Childers followed Thrasher's

precedent by graduating early from Trinity Valley High School and joining this year's squad.

Weekly MVP

Writers have the Pulitzer Prize, humanitarians have the Nobel Prize, college football players have the Heisman Trophy and college soccer players now have the Battalion Weekly MVP Award. This week the award goes to junior goalkeeper Melanie Wilson. Wilson started off the season with 140 minutes of play without allowing a goal.

An All-Big 12 Conference performer last year, Wilson showed fans at the Aggie Soccer Complex why she is one of the top goalies in the nation with spectacular saves against Florida.

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DALLAS (AP) — Texas running back Ricky Williams, Oklahoma State linebacker Troy West and Colorado punt returner Cedric Cormier have been named the Big 12's players of the week.

Williams opened his senior season in grand fashion, setting a school record with six touchdowns and 215 yards in the Longhorns' 66-36 victory over New Mexico State.

Williams also moved to second place on the school's all-time scoring list and he's within 75 yards of breaking Earl Campbell's school rushing record.



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Big 12 quarterbacks suffer injuries

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma and Texas Tech went into this season excited about their new starting quarterbacks. By the second quarter of their season openers, both were out with injuries.

In their place came a third-string walk-on who moved to second team when the guy ahead of him was suspended and a fifth-year senior with one career completion.

Both teams came out winners.

Patrick Fletcher of Oklahoma and Matt Tittle of Texas Tech weren't the only backups taking center stage Saturday. Nebraska second-string quarterback Eric Crouch started because of an injury to starter Bobby Newcombe and he also led his team to victory.

Fletcher was hailed as "a sparkplug for the whole team" by tailback De'Mond Parker after leading the Sooners to a 37-9 victory over North Texas. That's quite a turnaround from a few months ago, when new defensive coordinator Rex Ryan called Fletcher "no Joe Namath" after he had a big day in a spring scrimmage.

OOU coach John Blake was hesitant to heap praise upon Fletcher, who completed all five of his passes for 84 yards and ran for 37 yards as the Sooners returned to their offensive roots with an option-oriented system.

"With our offense, ... you've got to have three or four quarterbacks ready because it is so physical," Blake said Monday. "I think if you lose a starter in the offensive line that could be more key because of the continuity needed between those guys."

Starting quarterback Brandon Daniels went down with a left shoulder injury in the second quarter. Blake said Mon-

day that Daniels feels better, but is still sore. Doctors will re-evaluate him early this week to determine whether he can start Saturday against Texas Christian.

Tittle was forced into action in the second quarter of Texas Tech's 35-3 victory over Texas-El Paso when starter Rob Peters finally bowed to the pain of a separated shoulder in the second quarter. He hurt it on the first series, but tried to keep playing.

When Tittle came in, the score was 0-0. His first complete pass — a 45-yarder to Donnie Hart — gave the Red Raiders a 7-0 lead. He finished the game 10 of 18 for 172 yards.

Tittle spent the last four years stuck behind Zebbie Lethridge and was slated to back up Peters, a junior, this year. He'll end up getting his first career start on Saturday against North Texas.

"Somebody asked me if I was surprised at how Matt Tittle played. I said I was but I wasn't. He really has been competing hard for the job," coach Spike Dykes said.

Dykes said he hopes to have Peters back the following weekend against Fresno State. But, he's also confident that Tittle would be ready for the challenge.

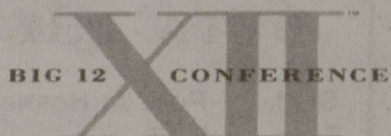
"We don't want a quarterback controversy before the season gets started," Dykes said. "We're just glad to have both of them."

Nebraska coach Frank Solich feels the same way about Newcombe and Crouch. He's seen both of them in action and both have been victorious.

Crouch completed 11 of 17 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown, and he ran seven times for 69 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Cornhuskers to a 38-7 victory over Alabama-Birmingham.

He suffered early jitters and was slowed late by cramps, but he also showed good leadership and poise.

"It was really no surprise to us," Solich said. "We felt (Crouch) had the athletic ability ... and the mental makeup to do really well."



The Texas Longhorns will face UCLA on Saturday in a rematch of last year's 66-

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