

Youth movement dominates Texas A&M cross country roster

The Texas A&M Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams started their seasons on the right foot Saturday with a handful of strong performances.

Youth is King

Even if the runners can't put it all together this year, most have a few more years to do so. On the men's side, there are no runners slated to use their final year of eligibility after this fall. The women will lose only senior Marisa Tuzzi, who led the track team last spring with a 4-minute, 35-second 1500-meter run.

Of the 33 runners on the two teams, 15 are freshmen and nine are sophomores. The newcomers are not only young, but also talented. On Saturday, freshmen Melissa Gulli, Sarah Doyle and Kristy Bonn finished with three of the seven fastest splits on the women's team. Gulli had the fastest split of the day with an 11-minute, 33-second two-mile time.

On the men's side, freshman Brandon Beasley led the team with the fastest two-man, four-mile relay with a time of 19:49. His first two-mile leg also was the fastest on the team at 9:43.

Redshirting

In a move expected to help the men put their best possible team together, seniors Scott Lengefeld and Stephen Erath have de-



past two seasons; Erath also has been a consistent scorer for the Aggies.

Unlike other sports, distance runners can improve significantly by redshirting late in their collegiate careers. The move will give both Lengefeld and Erath an extra year to develop as runners while the younger runners gain experience.

Lengefeld and Erath competed as unattached runners at the Cougar Classic in Houston Saturday. Lengefeld, who posted a 9:27 two-mile split, came back ten minutes later to run his next two-mile leg in 9:26. Next year, Lengefeld and Erath will pair up with the runners who emerge from this year's squad.

Young Coach, Fast Coach

Since graduating from college in 1996, new coach Dave Hartman has had tremendous suc-

cess. He coached the University of Texas-San Antonio's men's team to the Southland Conference Championship and a berth at the NCAA Cross Country Meet, where the team placed 20th. Hartman was named the 1997 Southland Conference Cross Country Coach of the Year for his work at UTSA.

Hartman has several prior connections to his men's team. Junior transfer Carl Stewart was coached by Hartman at UTSA last year. Perhaps the strangest connection, however, is the one with Scott Lengefeld.

As a freshman in 1995, Lengefeld was running at his first home meet at the Texas A&M University golf course. Up ahead, already showing A&M runners how to run, was Hartman. Hartman finished the 5.1-mile loop in 23 minutes, 36 seconds, winning the race and setting a course record.

Runners of the Week

This week's outstanding runners both competed in their first collegiate race.

Freshmen Melissa Gulli and Brandon Beasley take home the award for leading their respective teams at the University of Houston Cougar Classic Saturday.

Tom Kennedy is a senior kinesiology major.

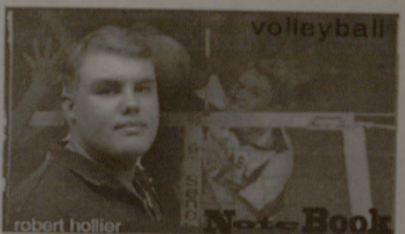


Senior Stacy Sykora helped the Aggies to a 3-1 record.

Aggies garner all-tournament

The No. 19 Texas A&M Volleyball Team competed in its first tournament of the young season, coming home with a 2-1 record.

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Robert Hollier

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All-Tournament Honors

As expected, senior Stacy Sykora and junior Amber Woolsey got off to strong starts this season. As

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NFL chooses Lerner as Browns owner

CHICAGO (AP) — NFL owners on Tuesday picked Alfred Lerner to be the owner of the new Cleveland Browns, handing him the task of bringing one of the league's signature franchises back to life.

Lerner, who helped Art Modell move the original Browns to Baltimore, paid \$530 million for the new team with \$54 million going to stadium costs. It is the most expensive pro sports team in U.S. history, surpassing the \$350 million Rupert Murdoch paid for the Los Angeles Dodgers earlier this year.

Owners met for nearly five hours Tuesday and took four bal-

lots before Lerner, who teamed with former San Francisco 49ers president Carmen Policy, eliminated Larry and Charles Dolan, who were teamed with Hall of Fame coach Don Shula.

Lerner, 65, becomes the fourth owner in Browns history.

The NFL expansion committee met for about 90 minutes before all the owners met and considered offers from Lerner, the Dolans and New York real estate magnate Howard Milstein. The committee unanimously endorsed the Lerner-Policy team, and the final vote among the 30 owners was unani-

mous with one abstention — Oakland's Al Davis.

The unanimous vote followed a motion by Modell to make the decision unanimous, commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. Dolan's bid was \$500 million with the stadium money factored in, and Milstein's was "substantially less," Tagliabue said.

Lerner's price also surpassed the previous record of \$140 million for an expansion team, set by Carolina and Jacksonville in 1993.

The new Browns begin play next season in a \$280 million, football-only stadium on the same spot

where the old Cleveland Stadium stood. The new owner gets millions in revenue from luxury boxes and club seats, plus the sale of 41,000 personal seat licenses.

It has yet to be decided when the Browns get money from the league's \$18.6 billion TV contract.

But some experts doubt the Browns can be a money-making venture at such a high price. Cleveland Indians owner Richard Jacobs and Cleveland toy manufacturer Thomas Murdough dropped out of the bidding, saying a profit could not be made if the price went above \$450 million.

Computing Toolbox

Computing News at Texas A&M by Computing and Information Services

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There are lots of things to take care of during the first part of the semester. In the rush, don't forget about the computing resources available through Computing and Information Services.

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many, including the new Student Computing Facility, are open 24 hours a day during the week. The locations of the labs can be found at www.tamu.edu/map.

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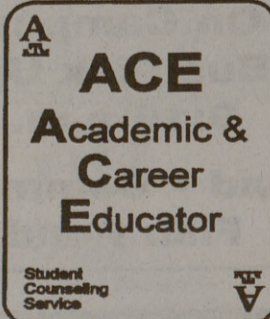
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