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ro (AP) — It was a short r Cal Ripken.

ROOfter ending his astonishof 2,632 consecutive ken was back in the linealtimore on Monday onto, the same team he n the streak started on

Sine to contemplate his deken was sure he made

egrets, no second he said during a news conference at Skyfelt great about how it as a great celebration in-

sad event.' mitted feeling strange **SPECIAL** ching a game from the sounded relieved to be to the field.

consider myself an every-To," he said. "I have a lot of

eft in me. closed his record run ight, removing himself tarting lineup in the Orihome game of the season e Yankees

Whye came more than three is the broke 2,130-game Yankee iron man Lou a record that had stood

streak was born out of a by Amplay and a lot of managers o put me in the

TED ALL FOOTBLO," Ripken said in Baltis your job to come to the WEIG and be available if the wants to put you in there

very proud, not necesh the numbers the streak ery proud that my teamnd my manager could

nat he's finally taken a day ext question is: Can anycome close to duplicating d run

wouldn't think so," said ees' Joe Girardi. "That's a ars to go so long without ijured. I don't see that ge Ski & Smiler er being broken."

n isn't so sure. id it someone else can do see myself as superhusaid after watching an game from the dugout for ime since May 29, 1982. 's no telling how long Rip-

Condes, Lifts, lift d have gone. g's streak ended when he longer cope with a rare disorder that later became s Lou Gehrig's disease.

ID OUTFORKED, or was completely healthy. lumnist called him selfdecided that spring trainmight be more fun if he to talk about playing

> es except Brady Anderson, into manager Ray asked to have his name from the starting lineup. Alomar said

dn't expect the record to way. But there was a lot cism of him and I think hy he ended it. That's sad, people don't know his

rson knew well in advance oken would be watching ame instead of playing ed to talk Ripken out of uickly realized his effort

o much easier for me to keep the streak alive bem not the one who has to Anderson said. "Playing **Beav** ame in one season is tough

the league in 1981. For one e had no idea what to do to

•SUN mself occupied. en fidgeted on the bench etting a call from reliever

'What are you doing?' said, 'I'm going to sit here itch a ball game," Ripken etabo said, 'You want me to come re and visit with you?"

en did just that. Independent talked with the fans and Distributor pictures between innings, erward he made it clear that his days next season will be (409) 69 laying third base — from the 300-695 ning through the ninth.

Aggies shutout for first time

he No. 7 Texas A&M Soccer Team lost to the No. 20 Stanford Cardinal 3-0 on Sunday. A&M was supposed to play two games last week, but their Tuesday night game with the Texas Longhorns was canceled because of rain.



Tough Schedule

The game against the 20th-ranked Cardinal marks the beginning of the toughest stretch of the Aggies' schedule. Four of the next five teams A&M faces are or were ranked in the national top 25. SMU was ranked in the top 20 in the preseason but dropped out after a 3-1 loss to Baylor.

After facing SMU, the Aggies welcome No. 17 Hartford to the Aggie Soccer Complex. The Aggies then travel to Lincoln, Neb., to face the 11th-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Next comes a game in Ames, Iowa, against the Iowa State Cyclones then back home to Aggieland to face the 20thranked Baylor Bears. Baylor attained its first top 25 ranking ever last week after their defeat of SMU.

Shut Out

With the 3-0 loss to Stanford, the Ag-

gies were shut out in the regular season for the first time since Oct. 20, 1996 when the Aggies lost to the University of North Carolina 3-0. At the time, UNC was ranked No. 2 in the country and the Tar Heels went on to win the national championship.

The last time the Aggies were shut out was in the first round of the NCAA playoffs, when A&M lost to SMU 1-0.

The loss to Stanford was the first A&M loss by more than one goal since a 5-3 loss to the University of San Diego in the first round of the 1996 NCAA playoffs.

The three-goal margin ties with the UNC game as the Aggies' second worse loss ever. The largest margin of defeat in an A&M soccer game was in 1994 when the Aggies lost to No. 1 North Carolina 4-0.

Preparing for the Ponies

Coach G. Guerrieri said the loss against Stanford was more a case of Stanford playing well than A&M playing

"Stanford played like world beaters," Guerrieri said. "They played great and just forced us to play our worst game in years. Now we have to put that behind us, go home and prepare for a tough match against SMU next weekend, and I'm very confident we can do that.

The Aggies' next game is Friday at 7 p.m. at the Aggie Soccer Complex against SMU.

> Michael Taglienti is a senior sports management major.

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Even with all her personal achievement, Elias said a major reason for her coming to Texas A&M was because of her family ties to the school.

"My sister came here and I came to visit her," Elias said. "During my visit I just fell in love with the school."

Guerrieri said he was also impressed with Elias when she came to visit.

"[She was] someone who we [the coaches] fell in love with when we were going through the recruiting phase with her back in 1995. She's come in and has always been a positive standard for the team to follow."

As soon as Elias set foot in Aggieland she began making her presence known.

In only the fifth game of her freshman season, she was inserted into the starting lineup, a position she has never relinquished

For her efforts made during her first year, she received A&M's Most Improved Player award. Her play remained solid during her sophomore and junior years when she start-

ed every game. Both years she was selected second-team

Of all her personal and team achievements,

Elias said the highlight of her soccer career

came at the end of the 1997 season.

"Winning the Big 12 and beating Nebraska is definitely the best moment I've had in soccer," she said

After the 1997 season, Elias was chosen as the team captain for this

season, an honor she said she looks upon with a great deal of pride.

"It's a leadership role and I feel like I have to set a good example for the other girls on the team," she said. "It's a real honor."

Senior forward Rebecca Stewart, who has played

with Elias throughout her career, said the choice of Elias as captain was a great one. 'What sets her apart from everyone else is her dedication and being a leader," Stewart said. "She stepped into the role of being

a captain this year and has done a great job. 'She does a good job of getting everyone together, bringing their spirits up and trying

to get them focused.' For her senior year, Elias said that she and the team have set some goals for this season.

"We are definitely going to try and defend our championship," Elias said. "We are also going to try and make it further into the playoffs and hopefully make it to the Final Four.'

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'My prep-school coach told me he was a good coach, and so did everybody else I talked to," Wise said. "And when I came here to watch a practice, I liked the way he

coached, and I thought he was a pretty cool guy.

Since his recent arrival, Wise said his positive feelings about the team's prospects have continued.

"I think we have some great players," he said. "We just need to work, and we're

going to be pretty good."

Despite his late arrival, Wise said fitting in with the team has proved an easy task.

"I get along with every-body," he said. "Everybody gets along with each other. This is the first team I've ever been on where I've seen that.

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