# Sports

## **A&M** falls to Hartford

· Questionable noncall gives 11th-ranked Hawks 2-1 victory over A&M

> BY AARON COHAN The Battalion

After an energy depleting overtime win over SMU Friday night, the No. 10 Aggies hosted the 11th ranked Hartford Hawks.

Hartford, after suffering losses to national powerhouses such as North Carolina and Duke in the early season, was not to be overlooked by the Aggies

An early second half penalty kick by Heather Wiebe put the Aggies ahead by one. But two goals by the Hawks in the middle of

the second half was enough as the Hawks held on to a 2-1 win.

It was a defensive battle in the first half that made it difficult for either team to grab the

They are very physical and never let up on pushing the ball down the field," sophomore

midfielder Heather Wiebe said. Hartford forward Maria Kun was able to squeeze by the defense and get a shot off on standout goalkeeper Melanie Wilson.

However, just as she fired, senior defender and team captain Emily Elias made a slide tackle which resulted in the missed shot.

Sophomore midfielder Nicky Thrasher said the team was unable to take advantage of missed opportunities.

'We just could not capitalize on our attempts," Thrasher said.

The second half started off with a heavy of-

fensive attack by the Aggies.
A rough tackle by Hartford defender Sandra Doreleijers on Aggie forward Katie Offutt in the

50th minute drew a yellow card. This in turn gave A&M a penalty kick inside

Heather Wiebe took the shot and scored as Hartford goalie Ingrid Sternhoff was unable to defend the kick.

I am very confident in making penalty kicks," Wiebe said. "I never go any certain way when I kick.

Just eleven minutes later, as Hartford made offensive substitutions, Hartford's Maria Kun scored on a deflected shot off Claire Elliot and tied the game in the 61st minute.

As the Hawks kept the Aggie offensive players frustrated, the Hawks took the ball downfield and scored on a questionable non-call.

Hartford midfielder Signe Andersen appeared offsides but kicked the ball past A&M goalkeeper Melanie Wilson to take the lead.



Junior goalkeeper Melanie Wilson records a save in Saturday's 2-1 loss to Hartford.

The goal put Hartford up 2-1, the final score

of the game.

A&M looks to get back on track this week as they now get ready to face Nebraska in what is the start of their Big 12 games

Coach G. Guerrieri said A&M has a lot of work to do if the Aggies expect to beat Nebraska.

'We need to work on some bits and pieces of our game in preparation for the Cornhuskers," Guerrieri said. "They are a tough and physical team which will demand our top game to be played.

### Thrasher scores A&Vo goal in victory over

BY MICHAEL TAGLIENTI The Battalion

Just when it appeared that the Aggies could not buy a goal, sophomore forward Nicky Thrasher blasted a shot into an open net in the 14th minute of overtime as the No. 10 Texas A&M Soccer Team defeated the Southern Methodist Mustangs 1-0 at the Aggie Soccer Complex Friday.

Thrasher's shot ended a frantic sequence in overtime in which sophomore forward Alison Peters saw her shot on an open goal bounce off the post.

Thrasher was in the right place at the right time and kicked the rebound of Peters' shot into the goal for her first golden goal of the season.

The Aggies dominated the game, outshooting the Mustangs 19-10, but failed to put the ball in the net in regulation.

Coach G. Guerrieri said he was happy with the way the team rebounded after a tough loss to Stanford.

"I thought that we were solid all night," Guerrieri said. "We re-

ally did bottom out against Stanford. week in training wer trating on reestablishi and getting our style play out. I thought the out and we were able session of the ball for is the night against a very age idents fensive team.'

Guerrieri said this win because it was over will help the team g te in th

NCAA tournament. 'It means a little ext tonight's game was ven last year's game again where we have most of play, the fortunate thin lightning bolt didn't would beat us," Guerr

'We thought that t step for us towards and the NCAA tournamen we can beat a team to region like SMU is, it's game. We are longtime makes it that much sw

The overtime goal 190-minute scoreless

#### Doak Walker dies of complications at age 71

the 1948 Heisman Trophy winner who starred on two NFL championship teams and was paralyzed in a skiing accident earlier this year, died Sunday at 71.

Walker died at Routt Hospital in Steamboat Springs, the ski resort, about 100 miles from Denver where he had lived.

death was complications from the paralysis, which he had fought with the same determination he showed on the football field.

Walker was injured Jan. 30 when

he hit a change of terrain, was thrown into the air and slammed to the ground. The injury made it difficult for him to even talk.

He had regained some of his ability to talk through rehabilitation, during which he received thousands of letters and faxes from well-wishers and fans worldwide.

'His eyes would come alive, his The hospital said the cause of expression was wonderful, he was able to talk in short phrases," said Rod Hanna, a family spokesperson.

The accident that robbed him of the use of his arms and legs was especially tragic for a Hall of Fame

football player known for his breathtaking scoring runs.

Walker, born and raised in Dallas, ended his football career in 1956 after a legendary four years at SMU and six years with the Detroit Lions. He is immortalized by the annual Doak Walker Award, which honors the nation's top college running back.

"I don't think he had any peers. He was the last of the great single wing tailbacks," said Jim Sid Wright, who also played at SMU in the '40s but not with Walker. "He was the best all-around tailback that I ever saw.'

#### Prairie View students celebrate win over Languery opp

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (AP) -The buses rolled up to the gym in the predawn darkness

Prairie View A&M's football team had made this trip back to the campus many times over the years. Only now, whoops and cheers from dozens of students broke

On this day, when not even buzzing, ravenous mosquitoes could keep students away, Prairie View A&M had every right to call itself that strangest

of things — a winner.

NCAA record that began nine years ago, was finally, mercifully, over.

"I always believed. I never gave up," Charles Sloan said Sunday, recalling how Prairie View lost all 67 games while he pursued his undergraduate and master's degrees. The frustration ended Saturday

night with a 14-12 victory over Langston in Oklahoma City.

By the time school president Charles Hines got wind of the victory, students had deposited a goalpost from the nearby football

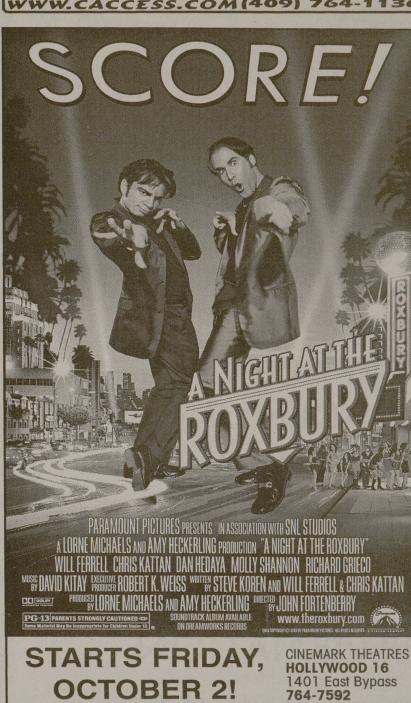
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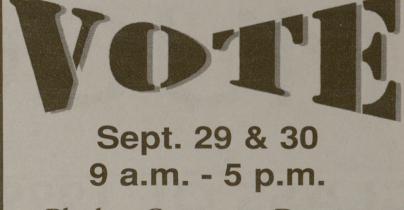
rooting for? P-V-U!" As usual, many oft 6,000 students on thi miles northwest of Ho left for the weekend.

But some hastened bad the cattle pastures and crops to join the party.





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