

A&M Soccer Team defeats Utah, 2-1

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The Battalion

The Texas A&M Soccer Team continued its streak of dominance yesterday by defeating the University of Utah 2-1 in front of 617 spectators.

The Aggies received their fourth straight victory in a hard-fought game that produced 21 fouls and seven yellow cards.

Once again, junior forward Nicky Thrasher stepped up to the task of pressuring her opponents with three shots on goal against Utah.

Thrasher was able to give the Aggies the go-ahead goal midway through the second half after receiving a pass from freshman mid-fielder Andrea Starns.

This is the fourth consecutive game in which Thrasher has scored a goal.

Senior forward Mandy Davidson was also able to find the back of the net in yesterday's game.

Two minutes into the second half, freshman forward Heather Ragsdale flicked a pass to Davidson, who was able to shoot the ball just out of the goalkeeper's reach into the upper-left corner of the goal.

Utah's lone goal came in the first half when freshman forward Shauna Gurr kicked the ball in the top-right corner of the goal.

The Aggie defense helped out the team by only allowing four shots on goal.

The victory over Utah increased A&M's record to 4-0.

The Aggies' next contest will be Friday in the GTE



PHOTO COURTESY OF TEXAS A&M SPORTS INFORMATION
Junior defender **Claire Elliott** looks for an open shot.

Soccer Classic at the Aggie Soccer Complex against Navy at 7:30 p.m.



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Members of the **Texas A&M Volleyball Team** congratulate each other on a well-played match. The No. 16 Aggies will face off against Southwest Texas State University tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Aggies ready for home-opener

STAFF AND WIRE

The 16th-ranked Texas A&M Volleyball Team makes its home debut tonight as the Aggies play host to Southwest Texas State University, which serves as the home-opener at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Tickets are available at the A&M Athletic Ticket Office in G. Rollie or the Kroger Family Center customer service desk in College Station.

The Aggies (3-1) opened the 1999 season last weekend at the L/MSU Volleyball Classic in East Lansing, Mich.

After dropping the opener to Clemson University, A&M rebounded to defeat No. 22 Michigan State University in five games and then swept both Eastern Ken-

tucky University and Cleveland State University to place second in the tournament.

Senior middle blockers Amber Woolsey and Lauri Leahy were named to the all-tournament team.

Southwest Texas, which returns two starters and two other letter-winners from last year's 25-9 squad, enters the match with a 1-2 record after defeating Rice University in the Bobcats' season opener and then losing to No. 12 Pepperdine University and Arizona State University last weekend at the ASU Sun Devil Challenge.

A&M is riding an eight-match winning streak against the Bobcats and holds a commanding 17-3 advantage in the all-time series between the teams.

They met last year in San Marcos with the Aggies prevailing, 15-6, 15-8, 15-13. The last time SWT defeated A&M was a five-game match in 1991.

The Aggies, who have won their last nine home-openers, are 17-4 in home debuts since 1978. The last time A&M lost its first home match of the season was in 1989 against LSU.

A&M travels to Albuquerque, N.M., this weekend to participate in the Jones Intercable Invitational. Other teams participating are host University of New Mexico, Washington State University and University of Colorado.

The Aggies then return home to host the Texas A&M Tournament Sept. 16-18.

Former softball coach chosen for Olympics

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USA Softball announced yesterday that former Texas A&M All-American shortstop and assistant coach Jennifer McFalls has been selected to the USA Softball Olympic Team that will participate in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.



MCFALLS

Thirty-nine of the nation's top female softball players competed in trials this past weekend in Midland, Mich., for the 15 coveted

spots on the USA Olympic Team. McFalls, listed as a utility infielder, is making her first appearance on the Olympic Team after serving as an alternate on the 1996 Olympic Team that won the first gold medal in the sport's history during the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga.

McFalls was the starting shortstop for the Aggies from 1991-94 and led the team in batting average, hits, total bases and slugging percentage every season.

One of the nation's most formidable batters and talented all-around defensive players during her collegiate career, the Grand Prairie, Texas, native set seven A&M all-time career batting

records, staking claim to more titles than any other player in school history. McFalls was recognized as the best shortstop in the nation in 1993 and became the ninth player in A&M's history to be named to the NSCA All-American first team.

McFalls served as an assistant coach for the Aggie softball team from 1995-97.

She has competed for the USA Softball National Team since 1994, and in 1998, she helped USA win its fourth consecutive World Championship crown. McFalls was a member of the USA gold medal

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Order has returned to Texas A&M



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~ Kappa Alpha Order will be hosting an information session
Thursday, September 16 at MSC Room 292-B at 6:00 P.M. and
Friday, September 17 at Rudder Room 707 at 6:00 P.M.

~ Hors d'oeuvres and Refreshments Provided

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