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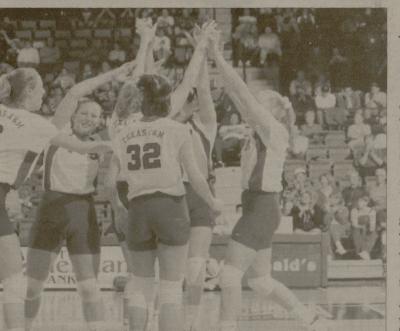


PHOTO COURTESY OF TEXAS A&M SPORTS INFORMATION nbers of the Texas A&M Volleyball Team congratulate each other on a well-played match. The No. 16 Ag-

#### to longer by will face off against Southwest Texas State University tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum. aggies ready for home-opener

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e 16th-ranked Texas A&M Vol-Dall Team makes its home debut ight as the Aggies play host to ithwest Texas State University. it serve is at 7 p.m. at G. Rollie ite Coliseum.

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1sing, Mich. for all levels of pu After dropping the opener to "Wed Septth Imson University, A&M reunded to defeat No. 22 Michi-State University in five games then swept both Eastern Kentucky University and Cleveland State University to place second in

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-Tickets are available at the A&M 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

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

### A&M Soccer Team defeats Utah, 2-1

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 goal-

keeper'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 topright 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

The Aggies' next contest will be Friday in the GTE Navy at 7:30 p.m.



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

#### Former softball coach chosen for Olympics

USA Softball announced yesterday that former Texas A&M All-America 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, Aus-

Thirty-nine of the nation's top

female softball players competed in

trials this past weekend in Mid-

land, Mich., for the 15 coveted

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 short-stop 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 allaround defensive players during her collegiate career, the Grand Prairie, Texas, native set seven A&M all-time career batting

spots on the USA Olympic Team. 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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- 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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