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A&M freshman defender **Heather Ragsdale** dribbles the ball against Florida State University Oct. 17 at the Aggie Soccer Complex. The Aggies host the University of Houston Sunday at 1 p.m.

## 11th-ranked Soccer team finishes regular season against Houston

BY REECE FLOOD  
The Battalion

The Texas A&M Soccer Team (14-4, 7-3 Big 12) is preparing for the end of what has been a successful season. The Aggies will play the last game of their regular season against the University of Houston this Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Aggie Soccer Complex.

Sunday's Halloween game could be the last home game of the season for the Aggies unless A&M is named as a host team in the NCAA Tournament.

Senior defender Ashley Fendley said while the Aggies are looking forward to the game, the seniors are beginning to realize their Aggie soccer career is nearly over.

"We were all thinking about how fast it's gone by," she said. "We're kind of sad. We've all been talking about it a lot. It's kind of drawn us together."

The Aggies are hoping to end the season with a victory over Houston, but they know they will

have to earn it against a tough Cougar team.

Houston (10-6-1) started the season off slow, but then rattled off seven straight Conference USA victories.

A&M coach G. Guerrieri said he knows the Cougars are on a roll and beating them will be no easy task.

"They've really caught fire over last month," he said. "We're expecting them to be really opportunistic. If we don't get in and play absolutely at 100 percent, then they could knock us off."

The Aggies have lost only one home game this season, which could pose a problem for the Cougars as they are only 4-4 when playing on another team's field.

Junior forward Nicky Thrasher said one reason for the Aggies' success at home this year is the fans.

"The atmosphere is just awesome," she said. "When you walk out to get introduced to play a game, the crowd is into it. It's so loud."

Guerrieri also said the home crowd plays a factor in the Aggies' games. So far A&M is averaging nearly 1,700 fans per game and Guerrieri said he hopes there will be even more fans at the game this Sunday.

"We lead the Big 12 in attendance," Guerrieri said. "I'm sure that the 12th Man will come again on Halloween afternoon to help us finish this off."

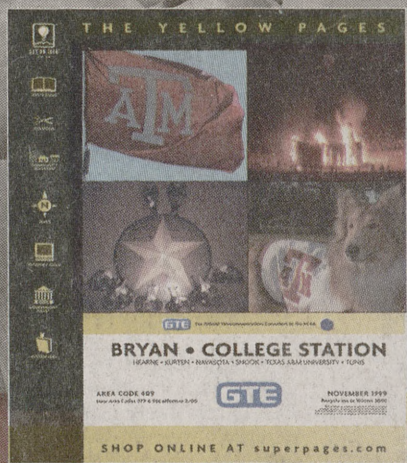
Thrasher said another reason for the Aggies' success at home is the Aggie Soccer Complex itself.

"The facility is awesome," she said. "You can't ask for a better field. When you get to play something like that, your team is going to be awesome."

Thrasher said the Aggies were looking for a Halloween game at Sunday's home game against the Cougars.

"Lot's of goals, lots of goals, hopefully," Thrasher said. "The nine goals last weekend was really good for us. Here we'll do the same this game."

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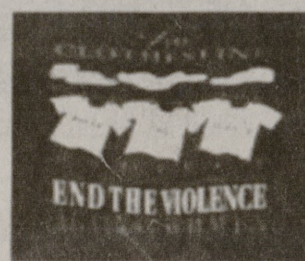
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