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# Women's soccer league ets teams for 8 cities

owned by Italian utilh mpany Bechtel Enterprise NEW YORK (AP) - Parlaying deeperal wealthy Boliviangerscketed investors, a strong television presence suspension of Bolivia's d the popularity of the World Cup champiwomen's professional soccer league arantees called by Presidens, a was the seventh time the ans to begin play next spring.

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ncy has been imposed sin: The Women's United Soccer Association urned to Bolivia in 1982 tid Monday it approved teams for eight cities: ver, quiet returns within: flanta, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Orndo-Tampa, San Diego, San Francisco and ington.

> Listed as alternates were: Chicago, imbus, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, ortland, Raleigh-Durham and St. Louis. of those cities might be selected if one e original eight drops out. Also under deration are Milwaukee, Denver and

he league begins in April 2001 and has letintent to play from all 20 members of the U.S. world championship team.

We want the focus entirely on the women's 'said Julie Foudy, co-captain of the 1999 team. "We all know how difficult it is to et a league off the ground.

With all the resources these companies and all the promotion you can have, we you need that directed focus and energy is solely behind the women's game. We are

totally committed to playing for just the WUSA and hoping that is the league that gets sanctioned.'

WUSA envisions stadiums with capacities of 6,500 to 10,000 for an 80-game schedule, far smaller than Major League Soccer sites. It might not find those venues immediately, and could temporarily emulate the MLS, which has many teams playing in NFL stadiums.

"We need to get one season behind us so we know our exact venue needs," said John Hendricks, chairman and CEO of Discovery Communications and WUSA's board chairman.

The keys to success are signing the best players and hooking up with television. TV coverage would be on TNT and CNNSI, mostly on weekend afternoons

The U.S. Soccer Federation set a May 1 deadline to submit business plans. The WUSA, with a four-year TV contract with Turner Broadcasting and such heavy corporate backers as Time-Warner, Comcast and Cox Communications, already has met that deadline.

"The official U.S. Soccer standards require each team with a minimum salary level of \$400,000," Hendricks said. "From the investor side, to get the absolute top players involved, we needed to double that budget.



#### **BY JASON LINCOLN** The Battalion

Day 14 — that is what the Texas A&M football team faces next in spring training.

The Aggies will conclude their last spring practice in pads with a scrimmage on Kyle Field at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

After that the team will have a brief practice in shorts on Wednesday and then it is all over until August.

"There is a challenge any time you get towards the end to not coast through the last day," A&M football coach R.C. Slocum said. "We'll be competing with the other teams to see that our 14th day is better than theirs.

The A&M coaching staff will have to wait and hope that their fifteen days of spring practice were more effective than the other 100plus Division I programs.

"It's really not much time," Slocum said about the spring training program. "Colleges are the worst-coached athletes in the country because of the limited time the coaches get to spend with the guys. 15 days all spring is really not enough.

Spring has not been kind to A&M, healthwise. Nine players are currently injured, including four offensive tackles and a pair of tight ends

"Practice is going well except that we've had guite a number of injuries," Slocum said. "That goes hand in hand with spring training though because of the condensed time period and the fact that your beating on each other every day."

Tuesday is the last chance for quarterback hopefuls Vance Smith, Mark Farris and Colby Freeman to put in their bid for the starting position before August.



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Singh uses advice for win

AUGUSTA, olic drinks in a pub. (AP) — Without clubs y drinkers said cheers handed down by his faright direction towards ther, Vijay Singh would during wartime," said never have learned to British Institute of Innker play golf in Fiji, a tiny th Pacific country d pub keepers expectite with about 12 golf cours-- and now, one Mas-

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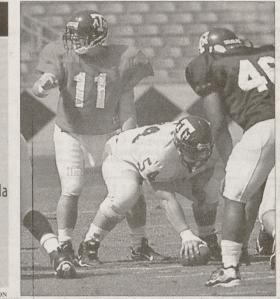
much to do with his head as his stroke. Singh required 124 putts over four days on the contoured, concrete-like greens of Augusta National, the highest number by a win-

ner since officials began counting. He also had four three-putts, disrupting the trend of recent winners who had no more than one.

He showed as much fear over his putts as when Tiger Woods, David Duval and Ernie Els all made their run at him during the weekend - none

"I missed the cut here two years and I was really disappointed," Singh said. "I talked to people about it, especially my wife. She said, You cannot come over here thinking you will putt bad. You've got to come here very positive with what you're going to do."

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76.	Michael Mahan	OL	shoulder
87.	Michael DeLaTorre	TE	back
89.	J.P. LeCompte	TE	?
51.	Taylor Whitley	OL	ankle
68.	Britt Lively	OL	ankle
73.	Alan Reuber	OL	broken tibia & fibula
5 .	Ja'Mar Toombs	RB	hamstring
9 .	Bethel Johnson	WR	ankle
29.	Maurice Harris	RB	hip pointer
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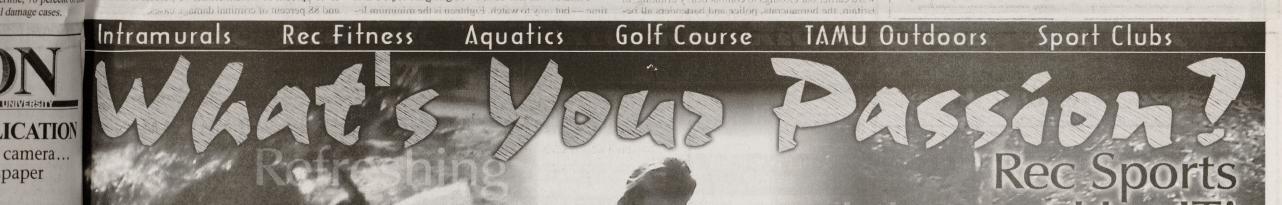


**ABOVE:** Sophomore running back Joe Weber carries the ball during the Aggies' scrimmage March 25 at Kyle Field. A&M has its last scrimmage of the spring Tuesday at 4:30 at Kyle Field.

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LEFT: Freshman quarterback Colby Freeman gets under center during the Aggies' scrimage. Freeman is battling for the starting position with sophomores Mark Farris and Vance Smith.

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rs champion. Without some putting advice from his wife, he might never have won a major. Three years ago, while teaching his acefully, encouraging & young son how to putt, Ardena Singh noticed

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