

## Aggie recruits and Texans take on California

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*The Battalion*

Texas and California declared war on each other Saturday night in the Shrine All-Star Football Classic.

The high school all-star football players left everything on the field until a last-second kick gave Texas its sixth straight loss.

The final blow came from UCLA-bound Chris Kluwe and a 53-yard game-winning kick that gave California a 29-27 victory.

Texans and the Californians represented their respective states on the field and gave their future college teams and fans a glimpse of what to expect in the coming years.

Future Aggies Adam Black (defensive back — Cypress Falls), Geoff Hangartner (offensive lineman — New Braunfels), Cody Scates (punter/place kicker — Tyler Lee), Jonte Buhl (defensive back — Pflugerville Connally) and Linnis Smith (defensive lineman — Tyler John Tyler) all played for the Texas team.

The Texas team also featured a trio

of highly-talented receivers who have one thing in common: they will wear orange and white in the fall when they suit up for the University of Texas Longhorns.

Wide receivers B. J. Johnson, Roy Williams and Sloan Thomas were expected to dominate in the game, but Williams was stopped by injuries.

He sprained his ankle a couple of days before the game, but still returned the opening kickoff.

Then, he separated his shoulder on the opening kickoff and did not return. Thomas shone brightly though, hauling in six receptions for 121 yards and one touchdown.

Texas' two quarterbacks, both college bound, also encountered trouble.

Aaron Karas and Hunter Wall each threw two interceptions, and Karas threw

one on the first play from scrimmage.

Karas settled down in the second half and improved his game. He finished 18 of 29 for 274 yards and three touchdowns.

Wall was 0-3 in passing. Karas will attend Baylor University, and Wall will play for Oklahoma University.

The leading rusher of the game was Texas' Vontez Duff, who ran 25 times and compiled 94 yards, including one touchdown. Duff is headed for the Golden Dome of Notre Dame.

The Texas team appeared to be dead in the water early in the third quarter as California increased its lead to 26-7 on a 63 yard touchdown pass, but the Texans fought back.

With 17.7 seconds left to play, Karas found Shir-donye Mitchell in the end zone, and the additional

point gave Texas a 27-26 lead and an apparent victory.

Almost before the celebration started, the California team crippled Texas' hopes. A 30-yard kick-off return gave California good field position, and then Texas made a mistake.

Aggie recruit Adam Black forgot that the WWF is not in charge of high school football.

Black clothes lined a California receiver on a streak-pass attempt. California got closer to the red-zone, and, after a six-yard pass, Kluwe got his chance.

Kluwe had missed a 51-yard attempt earlier in the game and shanked an extra-point attempt, but he had hit field goals consistently from 60-yards out in practice.

This time, Kluwe hit his mark, splitting the uprights and snatching the victory away from the Texas team.

Although Texas lost and the game was hard-hitting, there is a silver lining.

The front row of the stadium provided seats for the most deserving fans — children from the Shriner's Children's Hospital.



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## Aggies compete at Junior nationals

### Tracksters compete in Championships

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Four Texas A&M track and field team members competed at the USA Juniors Track and Field Championships last weekend at the University of North Texas with the hopes of making the World Junior National team.

On the men's team, Tommy Bonn and Jayme D'Agnolo both ran the 1500-meter run, placing second and fourth respectively. "They both ran smart races. Tommy started out in front by himself, battling the wind, and Jayme went out strong and held on."

— David Hartman  
coach

Bonn will continue to compete in meets before the World Junior team is selected in late July, and D'Agnolo will represent the United States at two track meets in Montreal, Canada.

Sara Steadman and Kemi Nurudeen represented the Aggie women. Steadman ran the 1500-meters, placing seventh, and the 3000-meters, placing 10th. Nurudeen competed in both the heptathlon and the long jump.

A damper was put on Nurudeen's heptathlon when she passed out during the eighth and final event.

"I took the 800 out very fast. At the last 100 meters, my head started to spin and I fell," Nurudeen said.

Although Nurudeen did not finish the last event of the heptathlon, she still managed to finish in 12th place.

"She wasn't used to running in the middle of the day, and that was her first heptathlon on the road," said Nurudeen's coach Martha Brennan. "I think it was a good experience for her. It was a chance for her to compete against a tough field, and it is only going to make her a better competitor."

## U.S. women's soccer team dominates in run

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — It was a different opponent with a similar result. The U.S. women's soccer team looks as dominant as ever through two games in the Gold Cup.

Two days after routing Trinidad and Tobago 11-0 in their tournament opener, the Americans overpowered Costa Rica 8-0 Sunday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Nikki Serlenga scored three goals and Susan Bush had a goal and four assists for the United States, which clinched a berth in the semifinals of the eight-nation tournament.

The Americans dictated play from the opening minutes, keeping the ball in the Costa Rican half of the field for more than 90 percent of the first half. The U.S. team failed to click on many early scoring runs but was never threatened by its smaller, slower opponent.

Serlenga broke the scoreless tie in the ninth minute, beating Costa Rica goalkeeper Marie

Claire Herra with a shot from the top of the penalty area.

Shannon MacMillan scored a minute later and Bush made it 3-0 when she dashed into the goal crease and sent home a long cross from Parlow in the 22nd minute.

Christie Welsh scored off a cross from Bush in the 47th minute to make the score 4-0 and Serlenga sent a rocket past Herra from just outside the crease in the 53rd minute for a 5-0 lead.

Serlenga scored in the 64th minute for her first hat trick since joining the team. Welsh and Sara Whalen added goals in the final 15 minutes.

World Cup veterans Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly, Tiffany Milbrett and Kate Sobrero did not play.

The stadium, which seats 42,000, was less than one-quarter filled when the U.S. game started, despite sunny skies and temperatures in the 80s.

### Sports in Brief

#### Inkster survives to win LPGA championship

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Another thrilling finish for Juli Inkster gave her another LPGA Championship. Despite a 4-over 75, the highest closing score by an LPGA champion in at least 25 years, Inkster survived a long, weary day at DuPont Country Club and beat Stefania Croce of Italy with a par on the second playoff hole.

"I struggled coming in, but I hit the shots when I had to, and I'm proud of that," Inkster said.

Wendy Ward called a one-stroke penalty when her ball moved as she stood over a par

putt on the 13th green. She finished one stroke out of the playoff.

Inkster became the first player since Patty Sheehan in 1983-84 to successfully defend in the LPGA Championship.

This one might have aged her. Croce was safely in at 281 after finishing off a 2-under 69 nearly two hours earlier.

Inkster, who led by three strokes with five holes to play, took an ugly double-bogey on the trees on 14 and missed a 6-foot par putt on 18 to force the playoff.

The only easy part for Inkster on a tough, blustery afternoon was the nd.

Croce overshot the 10th green with a 9-iron and had to chip from thick rough to a green that sloped away from her.

### PLAYBOOKS

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"[the playbooks] are not something we want out there, but we weren't getting into a panic," Cassidy said.

Members of the Aggie football team were not happy to discover that their playbooks might have been bought by future opponents.

"I think it's fraud," said Jason Glenn, Senior Linebacker. "Having [the playbooks] makes it a whole lot easier for the other team to compete."

A&M threatened the Website with legal action. Asserting that A&M's playbooks are University property and that a trademark is implied, A&M forced the Website to suspend operations on May 19. According to Plonsky, the University of Texas is currently considering taking similar action.

One question that remains unanswered is how the playbooks of more than 20 programs across the country were obtained by SportsPlayBooks.com.

"We don't know how they got the books," said Nutt, "but we don't want them circulating."

Plonsky agreed, saying that those who gave up the playbooks and those who sold them on the Internet "can't have the best interests of college football in mind."

While nobody is certain how the playbooks were obtained, speculation centers on former or disgruntled current players.

"I doubt that we just left it around," said Glenn. "The coaches are really good about collecting those things."

While stressing that there is no concrete proof to prove this, one sports information employee from a school that had its playbook offered for sale, speaking under the condition of anonymity, said "they probably contacted former players and offered to buy them." The owners of the Website — the Austin-area high school coaches, according to The Dallas Morning News — were not available for comment.

For the time being, coaches across the country hope that damage caused by the sale of their playbooks on the Internet is minimal. The owners of SportsPlayBooks.com, however, intend to return to business soon. A message on their Website stated that "We will try to resolve any (legal) issues so we can be up and running again sometime this summer."

Responding to the fact that Texas A&M's 1999 defensive playbook was one of SportsPlayBooks.com's biggest sellers, Tim Cassidy said, "It's a compliment — people from across the country know the job that Coach (R.C.) Slocum has done here with the 'Wrecking Crew'."

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