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Aggie athletics: Back in full for

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The 2000-2001 editions of Texas A&M athletics have begun, ready to serve up a multitude of fall sporting events. Twenty-three varsity sports compete for A&M. Football, volleyball, soccer, cross country, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's golf, women's golf and equestrian sports start the 2000-2001 season for A&M athletics.

The most popular fall sport is football, evidenced by Kyle Field's record average attendance of 73,126 fans in 1999. That record was set because of the opening of the Bernard C. Richardson Zone, making seating capacity 80,650.

Student football ticket allocation is based on classification. For example, beginning at 7 a.m. on September 4, seniors and graduate students go to G. Rollie White Coliseum (across from the Memorial Student Center) with their sports passes to pull tickets for the home opener against the University of Wyoming.

Juniors will do the same on Tuesday, sophomores on Wednesday and freshmen on Thursday. If there are any leftover tickets, they are available on Friday and Saturday to all classes.

Students must bring their student I.D. cards and tickets for admittance to all games. This process remains the same throughout the season.

The A&M volleyball team calls the 7,800-seat G. Rollie home. G. Rollie was the home of A&M men's and women's basketball teams from its opening in 1954 until Reed Arena opened in 1998.

The Aggie volleyball team, coming off a school-first Elite Eight finish in the NCAA tournament last year, will be opening the home portion of its schedule against the University of Houston on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.

Admission is free to volleyball games with an All-Sports pass or \$4 for students who do not have the All-Sports option.

The Aggie soccer team is also riding a wave of success into this season. It posted a 6-1 record during a preseason European tour held Aug. 13-19 against teams from England, Belgium,

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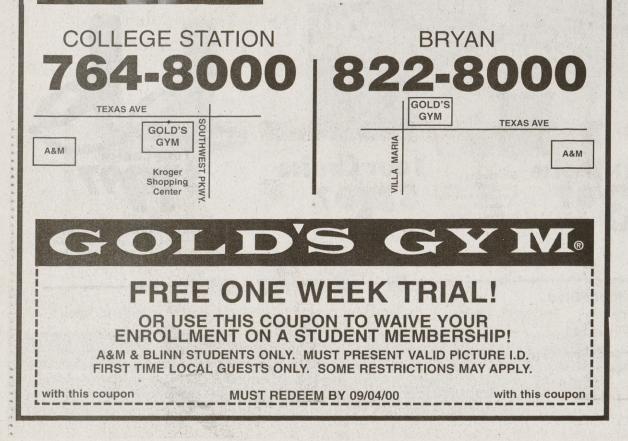
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