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Texas A&M junior midfielder Amber Childers, right, is looking to continue the Aggies' past dominance of Big 12 soccer in 2000.

Soccer set for Big 12

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After running a gantlet of non-conference games, the Texas A&M soccer team and the rest of the Big 12 is set to begin conference play this weekend.

Each team in the conference will play 10 conference games — one against each team. The eight teams with the best conference record at the end of the season are accepted into the 2000 Big 12 Tournament, which begins Nov. 1.

As in other sports, the Big 12 has proven to be an impressive force in soccer with two teams in the top 25. Nebraska's undefeated 8-0 record has earned it the No. 3 spot in the nation while A&M (5-3) is at No. 10.

"I think the Big 12 right now is one of the top three conferences in the country along with the ACC and the PAC 10," said A&M soccer coach G. Guerrieri.

Guerrieri said the Aggies are striving to win the conference title this year. If history is any indication, the Aggies are in good shape.

A&M won the Big 12 regular season and tournament title in 1997 (the first Big 12 Championship in the school history) and has finished near

the top of the conference every year since its inception in 1996.

Guerrieri said that, if the team is going to win the conference again this year, it will have to focus on playing well defensively.

"The cliché 'defense wins championships' is fact," Guerrieri said. "When we won our championships in the past, it was because of great team-defending and timely goals, and we'll be looking for those things again this year."

The Aggies have proven to be a force in the Big 12 with an unbeaten all-time record against seven conference teams: Colorado (4-0), Iowa State (5-0-1), Kansas (4-0), Missouri (4-0), Oklahoma (3-0), Oklahoma State (4-0) and Texas (10-0). Add to that a 5-1 all-time record against Texas Tech, and it seems A&M has conference competition well in hand.

But then there are Nebraska and Baylor. These two teams have a tendency of standing in A&M's way of success. Nebraska kept A&M from winning the Big 12 tournament twice ('96, '98) and defeated the Aggies in the 1998 NCAA Tournament and the 1999 NCAA Women's College Cup. The Cornhuskers hold an all-time

record of 7-3 over the Aggies.

Guerrieri said Nebraska is the cream of the Big 12.

"They're clearly the team to beat," Guerrieri said before pointing out Nebraska's 8-0 record and No. 3 ranking. "The table is set for them. It's up to us to disrupt the party."

Baylor also leads the A&M series 3-2 and has a tendency for playing the Aggies close, including two overtime games in the five-game series.

This may present a problem for the Aggies as they will have to face both Baylor (Oct. 1) and Nebraska (Oct. 8) on the road this season.

But A&M will have more time to prepare for those two tough road games. It will get the Big 12 portion of its schedule kicked off Friday at 7 p.m. against Texas Tech at the Aggie Soccer Complex. Colorado will visit the Aggies on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Other Big 12 teams traveling to College Station to take on the Aggies are Kansas (Oct. 13), Missouri (Oct. 15) and Texas (Oct. 26).

In addition to taking on Nebraska and Baylor on the road, the Aggies will travel to face Iowa State (Oct. 6), Oklahoma (Oct. 20) and Oklahoma State (Oct. 22).

Aggie's vacation pays off with Olympic silver medal

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Victor Wunderle became the first Aggie to win a medal in the 2000 Sydney Olympics on Wednesday, he took the silver men's individual archery competition. Wunderle, a wildlife and fisheries sciences major from Mason City, Ill., took a sabbatical from studies at Texas A&M to train in Chula Vista, Cal., for the Games. He followed the same procedure in

1996 for the Atlanta Olympics, but came away empty handed.

Frank Thomas, coach of the A&M club team, said he was proud of how Wunderle performed.

"Victor has done well for himself in Sydney," Thomas said. "Getting through that field was impressive."

According to Thomas, Australia's Simon Fairweather, the man who beat Wunderle for the gold, probably had a

distinct advantage over his American counterpart because his fellow countrymen were cheering him on.

"When we were down in Atlanta in 1996, it was pretty crazy," Thomas said. "I'm sure the Australians were just as vocal as we were."

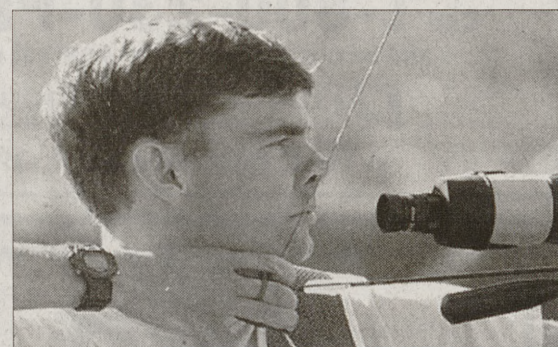
The silver is the latest in a long string of accomplishments for Wunderle.

He is the only person to ever be a two-time Junior World Champion, and he is

also a three-time College Division National Champion. He also has won the National Championship, (over every archer in the country) twice.

"One of the things about archery is that you can do it forever," Thomas said. "One of this year's team members is 60 years old."

If that holds true, then the 24-year-old Wunderle could be hitting targets for a long time to come.



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- American Airlines
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- Arthur Anderson
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- National Instruments
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- OLDE Discount Corporation
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- PriceWaterhouseCoopers
- Management Consulting
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP
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- SourceNet Solutions
- Southwest Bank of Texas
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- Tek Systems
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- Reliant Energy
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- Sewell Automotive Companies
- Shell Oil Company
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