

SPORTS

THE BATTALION

Sydney 2000

Highlights:

First one in a long time: American diver Laura Wilkinson won the first U.S. gold medal in the 10-meter platform in 36 years Sunday. The American gold broke China's streak of four consecutive Olympic titles in the event.

Schedule:

TV Schedule: Monday

NBC (Prime time):

- 6 to 11 p.m. — Track, Synchronized Swimming, Diving, Gymnastics
- 11:41 to 1:11 p.m. — Track, Volleyball

Medal Watch:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	21	12	19	52
CHN	18	14	12	44
RUS	12	11	16	39
FRA	12	12	6	30

Record Book:

Track & Field: Japanese marathoner Naoko Takahashi set a new Olympic record on Sunday in Sydney with a time of 2 hours, 23 minutes, 14 seconds.

Eye on A&M

Softball: Shortstop Jennifer McFalls and the U.S. softball team have won two straight. **Volleyball:** Stacy Sykora and the U.S. volleyball team lost their first game. **Archery:** Vic Wunderle earned a bronze in team competition.

Aggies dominate first Big 12 matches

Soccer shuts out Tech in season opener

By REECE FLOOD
The Battalion

The Texas A&M soccer team kicked off conference action this weekend with a 3-0 victory over Texas Tech.

The Aggies were helped by a stiff wind blowing from the South in the first half. Texas Tech had a hard time penetrating the wind and the Aggie defense, managing only one shot in the first half.

A&M did not take long getting on the scoreboard. Junior forward Anne Tamporello put the ball in the back of the net just 3:23 into the game.

The shot came from sophomore forward Heather Ragsdale's pass across the front of the goal. The Texas Tech goalkeeper dove to stop the pass, but missed the ball, leaving Tamporello with a wide-open goal.

This is the second time this season that Tamporello has scored the first goal of the game for the Aggies.

"It's just feeling good," Tamporello said, "just getting something to get the team rolling."

Ragsdale added another point to the scoreboard later in the first half with a curving shot,

which found its way around the goalkeeper and sneaked inside the left goal post.

The Aggies went into halftime with a 2-0 lead, but A&M soccer coach G. Guerrieri said the team would have to change its strategy to combat the wind in the second half.

"At halftime, we talked about that we needed more of a commitment to better defending," Guerrieri said.

A&M did exactly that in the second half. With the same strong wind at their back, Texas Tech only managed to get eight shots off in the second half, as opposed to A&M's 15 first-half shots. Aggie freshman goalkeeper Esther Thompson was only forced to make one save in the second half.

A&M was slightly more successful battling against a stiff wind and a tough Texas Tech defense. Junior midfielder Juli Goin dribbled past two defenders and rifled a shot from the edge of the 18-yard box to score her first goal in the regular season as an Aggie.

Goin said it felt good to score her first official goal against a conference opponent.

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STUART VILLENUEVA/THE BATTALION

Texas A&M junior goalkeeper Angela Barker makes a save against the Colorado Buffaloes on Sunday. The Aggies are 2-0 in Big 12 competition.

Buffaloes fall hard at Soccer Complex

By JASON LINCOLN
The Battalion

This weekend, the Texas A&M soccer offensive power to work against Colorado, win team showed what the Big 12 Conference has in store this season. Just two days after defeating Texas Tech 3-0 in the con-

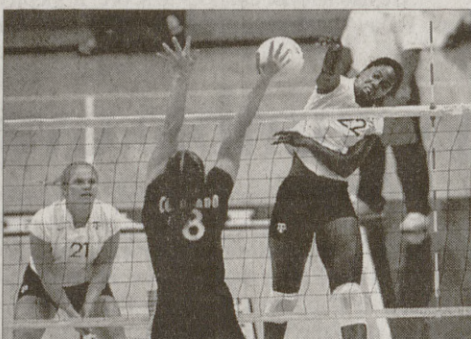
ference opener, the Aggies beat Colorado 6-1 Sunday afternoon.

The Aggies ran out to a 5-0 lead behind forwards Anne Tamporello and Heather Ragsdale.

Tamporello scored two goals to open the second period, tallying three

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A&M volleyball wins weekend homestand



CODY WAGES/THE BATTALION

Junior outside hitter Michelle Cole tries for a spike against Colorado Sunday at G. Rollie.

By BREE HOLZ
The Battalion

The Texas A&M volleyball team extended its Big 12 Conference winning streak to three games when it defeated the University of Colorado on Saturday 15-7, 15-13, 13-15, 15-9 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies moved to 3-1 in conference and 7-3 overall while the Buffaloes dropped to 1-2 in conference and 5-5 overall.

Junior outside hitter Erin Gibson scored the first point

of game one for the Aggies with a kill, then led the Aggies to an 8-2 lead which forced a Colorado timeout.

The Buffaloes came back to score two points on A&M hitting errors, but A&M's defense was unstopable. Three blocks from senior middle blocker Heather Marshall caused the Buffaloes to call another timeout with the Aggies leading, 13-6.

Colorado scored one more point on a block, but A&M quickly ended the match with

a kill from sophomore middle blocker Tara Pulaski.

In game two, the Aggies jumped to another quick lead with kills from junior outside hitter Brandi Mount and Gibson. A&M was ahead 6-1 when the Buffaloes began chipping away at its lead.

Colorado scored four consecutive points before junior setter Jenna Moscovic ended its momentum with a service ace. Gibson continued to pound the ball, and numerous Buffalo hitting errors caused

Colorado to call a timeout.

With the Aggies ahead 11-7, the Buffaloes came out of the timeout fired up.

Colorado served an ace, then took advantage of A&M hitting errors to move the score to 11-10.

Colorado tied the score at 11-11 with another service ace, then took the lead with a kill.

A block from Pulaski and a kill from junior outside hitter Michelle Cole returned the lead to A&M.

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CELEBRATE OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

• **Celebrate this Saturday!**—Good times and free festivities and food are ahead as we invite you to join the Department of Rec Sports, September 30th to celebrate our very own 75th Anniversary. **Festivities begin two hours before the A&M vs. Tech Football game.** We want you involved in our biggest and proudest celebration ever, so join us in the revelry, 75 years serving Aggies!



AQUATICS

- **Basic Scuba**—Two sessions offered, Oct. 6 & 20. Register now through Oct. 6. Fees are \$185/\$195/\$205 dependent on A&M affiliation.
- **Intro to Competitive Diving**—Register now through Oct. 13. Classes start Oct. 16, fees are \$25/\$30/\$35 dependent on A&M affiliation.
- **Learn To Swim**—Register now through Oct. 16. Classes start Oct. 16, fees are \$25/\$30/\$35 dependent on A&M affiliation.
- **Advanced Learn To Swim**—Register now through Nov. 6. Classes start Nov. 6 and fees are \$25/\$30/\$35 dependent on A&M affiliation.

REC FITNESS AND CLASSES

- **Need Motivational Help?**—Sign up for a session with one of Rec Sports' 17 Nationally Certified Personal Trainers at Member Services. Individual and Partner Sessions are available, check out our competitive rates at Member Services.
- **Massage Therapy**—\$35 for Rec Members and \$45 for non Rec Members. Appointments can be made at Member Services.
- **Healthy Living Lecture, Sports Nutrition**—This Wednesday, September 27th, acquire sound advice on integrating nutrition and fitness together. Lecture begins and doors close at 5:30 p.m. in room 281 of the Rec Center.
- **Rec Runners, Make Your Mark! Marathon Training Program**—Geared to the runner that would like to train successfully for a marathon. Information and Q&A Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in room 272 of the Rec Center.

GOLF

- | GREEN CHARGES | WEEKDAYS | WEEKENDS |
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| Student Green Charges | \$11 | \$14 |
| Faculty/Staff/Alumni/Retiree | \$14 | \$17 |
| Guests | \$17 | \$20 |
- **Two for Tuesdays at Penberthy Driving Range**—Refine your skills at a bargain price! 2 large buckets of balls for the price of one \$6.
 - **Friends Ride Free at the Golf Course**—Rent a golf cart for two people at half price \$9. Offer good Monday - Thursday only.
 - **Sharpen Skills, Golf Lessons!**—Now available at the Golf Course for individuals and groups.
- Call the Pro Shop at 845-1723 for more information. Prices subject to change. Offers good for a limited time and while supplies last.

INTRAMURALS

	REGISTRATION
CoRec Softball	September 18 - September 26
Squash	September 18 - September 26
Handball	September 18 - September 26
Golf Skills Challenge	September 18 - September 26
Volleyball	September 25 - October 3
Horseshoes	September 25 - October 3
Table Tennis	October 2 - October 10
Track Meet	October 9 - October 17
Putt Putt Golf	October 9 - October 17
Halloween Fun Run	October 16 - October 24

Intramural sports registration closes at 6:00pm on closing date. For a complete listing of fall Intramurals, please visit our flyer kiosks & our website in addition to this ad weekly for upcoming registration dates.

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