

# Cowboy in 0 Unfinished Business

## A&M women's golf set for return to '98 success

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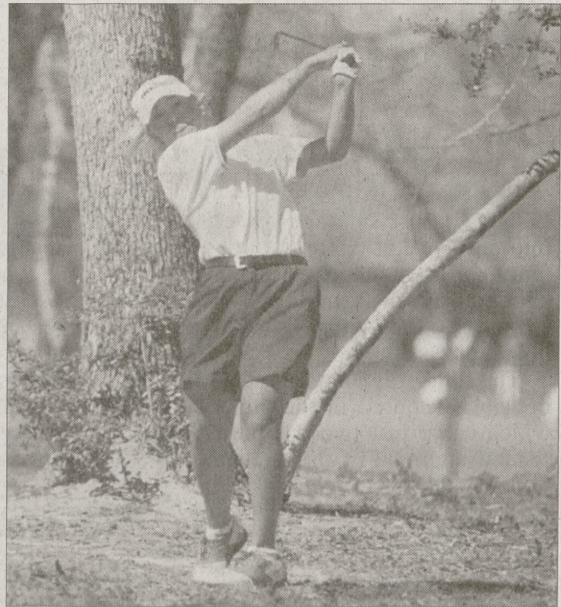
After a difficult 1999 season full of injuries, the Texas A&M women's golf team is expecting a great 2000. The Aggie golfers want to get back on the road to success with a good showing at the Big 12 Preview Tournament Monday and Tuesday in Waco.

"We hope to win," said women's golf coach Jeanne Sutherland. "That is what we are going over to Waco for." The Big 12 Preview Tournament is held each year in the fall so women's golf teams from the conference will know what to expect from themselves and the other 11 teams. "The fall is important for us to see which lineup is going to work and to build confidence for the spring," Sutherland said.

Last season, the Aggies finished sixth in the Big 12 Preview before finishing in eighth place, which was the team's worst finish in a conference tournament under Sutherland. Injuries played a key role — McKenzie Dyslin broke her wrist and Anna Jonsson suffered a back injury, but both are now healthy for their junior year.

The Aggie golfers have competed in one tournament this season — the Dick McGuire Invitational hosted by New Mexico University. The Aggies finished eighth out of 18 teams after a slow start the first day.

A&M's top individual performers at the tournament were senior Mimi Epps, who tied for 15th with a three-round total of 226, and Dyslin, who tied for 20th with a 228.



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Junior Jennie Poth and the Aggies open the 2000 schedule in Waco today and on Tuesday.

The Big 12 Preview will be an excellent early test for the Aggie golfers because of the Big 12's strength as a conference. However, Sutherland has confidence in this year's team.

"This is a great team. It's the strongest we've been since '98, when we had that great senior class," Sutherland said. "We have better balance than we have had since I have been here up and down the lineup. It's going to be fun to watch."

The 1998 team won the Big 12 title, so such a comparison speaks volumes about Sutherland's faith in her team.

Going into the Big 12 Preview, Epps, Dyslin, and Jonsson secured their spots in the lineup, but there is a dog-fight for the last two spots. Senior Marta Ostos, juniors Jennifer Cates and Jennifer Poth, and freshman Mira Bendevis all have a shot at making the lineup.

"Anybody can step up into the top five," Sutherland said. "Our biggest strength is that these women aren't afraid to set high goals and work to achieve them."

### Sports in Brief

#### Nebraska sweeps Aggie volleyball

The Texas A&M volleyball team was swept on Saturday by the No. 1-ranked University of Nebraska Cornhuskers. The 15-13, 16-14, 15-7 Nebraska victory over the 22nd-ranked Aggies kept the 'Huskers on top of the nation and the Big 12 by improving their record to 6-2 in league play.

The loss broke A&M's four-match winning streak and dropped it to 8-4 overall and 3-2 in the Big 12.

The Aggies took the initial lead in game one of the match, courtesy of an Erin Gibson ace, but would not lead in the first game again as the 'Huskers took over.

The Aggies tied it up nine times in the second game, but Nebraska broke a 14-14 tie with a kill and an A&M error.

A&M opened the fourth game by building a 4-1 lead but Nebras-

ka then racked up nine unanswered points before putting the Aggies away.

Coach Laurie Corbelli said that she hopes her young Aggies can take something away from the Nebraska match.

"We were bringing a young team into a new environment and it took a full game before we were able to get started," she said. "It was a good experience for our young team. If we can learn from this I will be happy."

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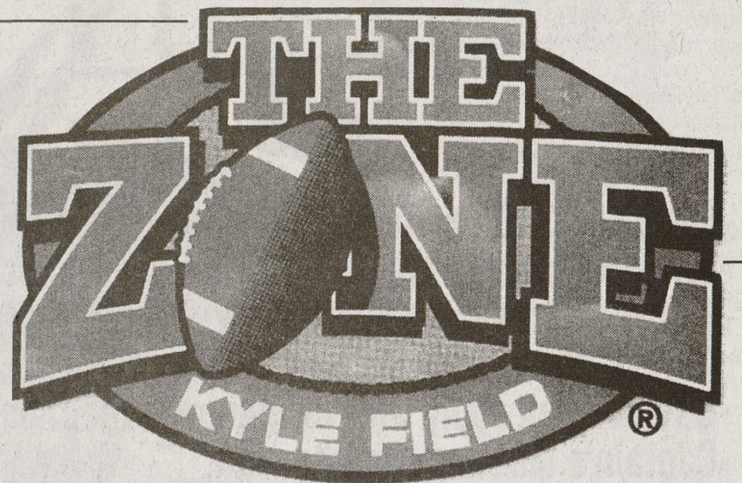
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