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# Cross Country has strong showing at Big 12



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A&M's top woman finisher, Melissa Gulli, finished with a time of 21:07.

**STAFF AND WIRE**  
The Texas A&M women's cross country team finished fourth, its highest ever, in the 2000 Big 12 Championship race, on Saturday at the University of Colorado Buffalo Ranch race course. The men, in what coach Dave Hartman called their best race of the season, finished eighth.

The Aggies, riding the top-fifteen individual finishes of Melissa Gulli and Andrea Bookout, scored 114 points to earn their highest finish in the five-year history of the conference.

Gulli finished with a 21:07 to place 13th while Bookout was 14th with a time of 21:11.

Hartman said he was pleased with his team's performance at the conference meet.

"Finishing fourth at conference is an outstanding accomplishment for this program," Hartman said. "We ran strong, but we went out a little too hard. Some of the girls had an off day, but our main focus is on qualifying for nationals in two weeks."

Brooke Edwards had a great race in what was her last conference meet. Gulli and Bookout also had great performances today. We did have a very good conference meet, so I'm proud of the team."

The A&M men had a couple of top-30 finishes. Chris Lee and Andrew Cook, which gave them the spot. Lee clocked a 26:11 to put him at 29th, finished right behind his teammate at 30th, with a time of 26:12.

"The guys actually ran their best race of the day," Hartman said. "They went out a little hard, but we did a good job on that course today."

"We put ourselves in a good position for regional and we can build on what we did today for that meet in two weeks."

Host Colorado swept the men's and women's conference championships for the second consecutive year, the third time they have accomplished that feat since conference's inception.

The women were led by Kara Wheeler's second consecutive individual title, tying her own course record with a time of 19:38.

The men finished 1-2-3-4-6 for an almost perfect weekend. Jorge Torres won the individual title with a time of 16:07. Oklahoma State was second, then Texas and Nebraska.

The cross country teams will take this week's break before heading to Denton for the NCAA Regional

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### TWELFTH MAN

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Stadium in Manhattan, Kan., where the fans flooded the 50,000-seat stadium with Wildcat purple.

A&M adapted the tradition to Aggie maroon and an 80,000-plus-seat Kyle Field.

Saturday, Kansas State was unable to cope with its own tradition as the Twelfth Man forced Kansas State into multiple delays of game and false starts.

"I thought the crowd was fantastic," said A&M coach R.C. Slocum. "It was a beautiful day for college football with a good opponent and the crowd really responded."

Just three weeks earlier, A&M watched its winning streak of 22 games, the third longest in the nation, come to an end against previously winless Colorado. This week, the fans were determined not to lose another one in Kyle Field.

So they made it loud. So loud it interrupted Kansas State's attempts to audible at the line of scrimmage. So loud that it kept the Aggies go-

ing when the Wildcats gained some third-quarter momentum.

"Today was the loudest I've ever heard Kyle Field," said A&M center Seth McKinney. "I was getting a headache out there, but I loved every minute of it. It was great."

A&M's win over Kansas State not only helped ease the pain of the dramatic Colorado loss at Kyle Field, but also helped restore some of the magic to the Aggies' home-field advantage.

Similar to the team's performance, the A&M crowd stepped it up for the biggest games.

In a perfect conclusion to the Twelfth Man's game-making performance at Kyle Field, Jordan, wearing the No. 12 jersey, ran down the field on the Aggies' final kickoff and once more made a dramatic hit on Aaron Lockett at the 10-yard line, early in the fourth quarter.

It was almost as much of a crippling blow to Kansas State as the Twelfth Man's effect in the stands.

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### VOLLEYBALL

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an A&M timeout. Kills by Marshall and setter Jenna Moscovici and an ace from Cole put the Aggies up, 9-5.

After an Oklahoma timeout, Gibson came back to score another point on a kill. Oklahoma never gave up and continued putting points on the board with effective attacking and blocking.

A Gibson kill gave the Aggies a 14-9 lead, but the Sooners survived five match points before outside hitter A.D. Achilefu ended the match

### SOCCER

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half," said Peters. "We need to turn up our intensity in practice, so we make every game our best performance. Every game we play after the one we're playing is bigger, so we have to concentrate on the one we're playing."

"This is exactly where we wanted to be," said Guerrieri. "Immediately after the Nebraska game

with an ace.

"We did not keep up our intensity on our attack, and we were doing well in that third game," Li said. "It was just a matter of getting our attack back on target. Once we got our first target, our attacking began to improve."

Offensively, Gibson led the Aggies with 18 kills, while Moscovici contributed 13. Cole led the defense with 19 digs. A&M's Oklahoma .348 to .121.

A&M will travel to face Colorado, Wednesday to face Colo-

[loss], we went into the room, and told them they had to have to scratch and dig for every single win, and they did it."

The second-seeded Aggies begin the 2000 postseason on Wednesday. A&M is pitted against Colorado, the eighth-seeded team in the bracket. September, the Aggies defeated Buffalo by a 6-1 score. K. set for 5 p.m.

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