

Soccer matches 1999's Sweet 16 bid

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After a 4-0 thumping of the Marquette Golden Eagles in the second round of the 2000 NCAA tournament on Sunday, the Aggie soccer team (18-6) will take on the sixth-seeded UCLA Bruins (16-3-1) in Los Angeles Sunday afternoon.

The Bruins look to end one of Texas A&M's best seasons on record.

The Aggies, coming off a solid match against the Eagles, advanced to the Sweet 16 group of the tournament for the third time in the program's history.

Andrea Starns, Heather Wiebe, Amber Childress and Heather Williams netted goals for the Aggies in front of the hometown crowd at the Aggie Soccer Complex Saturday.

Forward Heather Ragsdale leads the Aggies' scorers with 14 goals and nine assists for a total of 37 points, four points ahead of standout Kristen Strutz, who tallied 11 goals and 11 assists on the season, including two assists against Marquette.

Goalkeeper Esther Thompson also recorded another shutout, giving her a total of 7.5 for the season. Thompson's shutout of Marquette was the first by an Aggie team in the NCAA tournament.

UCLA, coming off a 3-0 win over cross-town rival University of Southern California, is led by a trio of Bruins, all with 30 points on the season. Sarah-Gayle Swanson leads the team with 13 goals and four assists. Tracey Milburn has posted 12 goals on the season and has recorded six assists on the year.

Boasting a .37 goals against average, UCLA goaltender CiCi Peterson tallied 12.5 shutouts on the season for the Bruins. The UCLA squad took care of Marquette during the regular season with a 5-1 victory on Oct. 6.

UCLA, like the Aggies, was granted a first-round bye in the tournament.

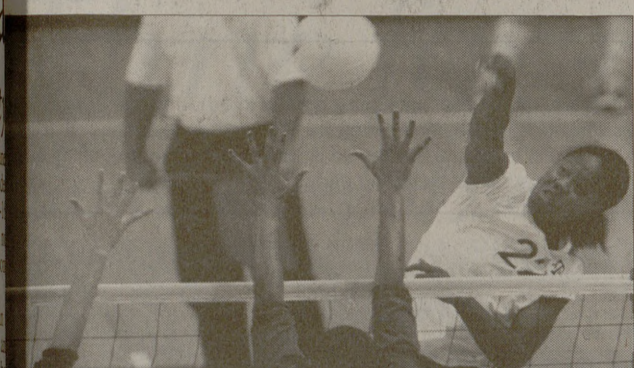
The young Aggie squad looks to put a blemish in the Bruins' perfect 7-0 record at UCLA's Drake Stadium. The Aggies are 6-3 on the road this season.

The winner of Sunday's match will advance to the Elite 8 round of the tournament and face the winner of the Florida State vs. Clemson matchup in South Carolina. The Aggies were defeated, 4-1, by the FSU Seminoles on Sept. 8.

Sunday's matchup between the Bruins and Aggies will be the first meeting between the two programs. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.



BERNARDO GARZA/THE BATTALION
The Texas A&M soccer team travels to California Sunday to take on UCLA in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.



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The Texas A&M volleyball team will face off against Texas Tech in the final road match of the season on Saturday.

Volleyball faces Tech in final road match

By BREE HOLZ
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With only three matches remaining in regular season play, the No. 23 Texas A&M volleyball team will battle Texas Tech University in its last Big 12 road match. First serve is set for 7 p.m. in Lubbock at the United Spirit Arena.

The Aggies are coming off a dominating 3-0 win over Baylor Wednesday night, while Tech dropped a 3-2 decision to Colorado in Boulder.

Currently, the Aggies sit in fourth place in the Big 12 with a 12-5 record while Tech holds a 10-7 league record and is tied with Colorado for fifth place.

The Aggies hold a 36-21 all-time record over the Red Raiders since 1976, including a 7-2 record since Big 12 play began. A&M has not lost in Lubbock since 1994, and defeated Tech earlier this season, 3-0, at G. Rollie White Coliseum. In that match, the Aggies set an A&M record for blocks in a three-game Big 12 match with 17.

"We'll go in and give them all we've got," said A&M coach Laurie Corbelli. "Tech has some unique things that they do that can be challenging. It's going to be a huge challenge, and the team is ready to take it on."

A&M has a tough home stretch ahead. Along with Tech, A&M still must face Kansas State, which defeated it earlier this season, and Texas, which A&M defeated in Austin. Fortunately for the Aggies, the last two matches are at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"The win over Baylor was a huge confidence boost for us," said middle blocker Heather Marshall. "We're going to focus in on the last three games and give it all we've got. We know what's in store for us."

Aggie invite previews NCAA Championships

By JEREMY BROWN
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The Texas A&M swimming teams will compete against some of the nation's best this weekend while hosting the Texas A&M Invitational at the Student Recreation Center Natatorium. The meet began Thursday and will wrap up Saturday.

The men will compete against No. 3 Stanford, No. 17 Penn State, Purdue, Kentucky and individual swimmers from No. 1 Texas and No. 2 Auburn. The women will compete against No. 15 SMU, Kentucky and individuals from No. 6 Auburn.

Coming into the meet, A&M has dominated its competition. The men's team, ranked No. 8 in the nation, is 3-0 in dual meet competition with wins over TCU, Kansas and Nebraska. The men also finished second in the Big 12 Relays.

The women's team is 4-0 and finished third in the Big 12 Relays despite injuries to Kelly Bolton, Katie Swan and Casey Mucha. The team's wins were over TCU, Kansas, Arkansas and North Texas.

"We were missing three really good swimmers but the other girls have done a great job stepping up," said women's coach Steve Bultman.

Bultman and men's coach Mel Nash said the A&M Invitational will provide solid competition for their teams. Nash named Stanford in particular as a test for his team.

"They bring in people you can really measure yourself against," Nash said. "It really makes for some good racing at this point in the year."

During the final two days of competition, the preliminaries for the individual swimming events will begin at 11 a.m. and the diving prelims will begin at 1 p.m. The finals for the individual events and the relays will begin at 7 p.m.

Sports in Brief - Aggie linebacker completes surgery

Texas A&M linebacker Jason Glenn underwent surgery to repair a ruptured lateral collateral ligament and lateral tendon in his left knee on Thursday.

The injury, sustained in the fourth quarter against Oklahoma Saturday, ended Glenn's Aggie career.

Team medical staff expect Glenn to make a full recovery before the NFL Combine in February.

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November 18, 2:42 a.m.

The MSC will provide a positive environment for students to gather and share in the Aggie Spirit. Prior to the ceremony, a wide variety of free, constructive activities are planned and professional counseling will be available.

- Dominoes, Cards, and Food
9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
MSC Hullabaloo
- Free Bowling and Pool
9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
MSC Basement
- Crafts: Painting and Card Center
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
MSC 225
- MSC Tours
8:00, 9:00 & 10:00 p.m.
- Ceremony Cards
MSC Hallway
MSC Flagroom
Rudder Fountain
- Scripture and Prayer Service
University Lutheran Chapel
315 College Main, 12:42 a.m.
- Bonfire Remembrance Prayer Vigil
12:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Catholic Center
603 Church Avenue
- "Fearless Witness"
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Saturday, November 18
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- Forrest Gump & Bonfire Benefit Concert
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Rudder Theater
- Camaraderie Breakfast
11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
MSC 12th Man
- Bingo
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
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- Free Video Games
MSC Hullabaloo
10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
- Poetry Reading:
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