

## UCLA shutout ends A&M's tourney run

### Bruins' forwards end soccer's season at Sweet 16

STAFF AND WIRE

Sunday afternoon No. 9 Texas A&M was unable to contain a trio of threats from No. 10 UCLA, bringing an end to the season at the Sweet 16 with a 4-0 loss.

In the process, the Bruins advanced to the Elite Eight in the NCAA women's soccer tournament and became the first team in 2000 to shut out the Aggies.

A&M (18-7-0) was unable to find a solution for the Bruins' combination of forwards, Stephanie Rigamat, Sarah-Gayle Swanson and Tracey Milburn.

Rigamat put the Aggies down with a goal in the 23rd minute as UCLA kept A&M on the defensive for most of the first half.

The Aggies made a push early in the second half, but UCLA goalie CiCi Peterson was able to turn back A&M's best scoring opportunity.

Andrea Starns rocketed a shot at the goal from just 6 yards out in the 53rd minute. Peterson punched the ball away and kept the Bruins up by one.

"For the first 20 minutes of the second half, we were able to dictate a rhythm that was conducive to the way we have to play," said A&M coach G. Guerrieri. "But when you are down, you have to take some chances that you normally would not take."

Rigamat returned the momentum in UCLA's direction with a goal in the 71st minute.

Swanson and Milburn sealed UCLA's bid for the Elite Eight by adding a goal each in the final 12 minutes.

The Aggies were only allowed to get off seven shots, just four of which were on goal, in the entire contest. Meanwhile, A&M goalie Esther Thompson could only come up with six saves out of the Bruins 10 shots at the net.

At first glance, A&M's soccer postseason run was not so unusual. After all it was Guerrieri's sixth straight appearance in the NCAA tournament and the second straight trip to the Round of 16.

But considering six Aggies were sidelined with injuries, making the tournament was a feat in itself.



The Texas A&M soccer team was stopped in its bid for the Final Four by a shutout performance from UCLA in the NCAA tourney's Round of 16.

**Weekend Sports**

**Volleyball** @ Texas Tech  
 Agg 2 Tech 3

**Basketball** @ George Washington  
 Agg 74 GW 94

**Soccer** @ UCLA  
 NCAA Tournament Round 16  
 Agg 0 UCLA 4

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## Basketball returns to Reed Arena

By JASON LINCOLN

The Battalion

The Texas A&M men's basketball team dropped its first game of the season on the road in less-than-impressive fashion.

The Aggies showed no signs of the defense that dominated their final exhibition game, allowing George Washington to stretch out to a 94-74 win.

Today defense is sure to be on the Aggies' minds as they host North Texas in their first non-exhibition game in Reed Arena this season. The Mean Green are also 0-1 on the season with a loss to Tulsa.

Last season UNT downed the Aggies by just three points. This year, A&M hopes to reverse the outcome with the benefit of the Reed Rowdies and a year's worth of added experience to a young Aggie roster.

"It'll be good to start our home schedule and play in front of our own fans," said A&M coach Melvin Watkins. "The kids are excited about that."

Tonight's 7 p.m. tipoff marks the start of a three-game home stretch for the Aggies.

## Aggie swim teams dominate competition at Invitational

### Team consistency propels Ag women to win in home pool

By JEREMY BROWN

The Battalion

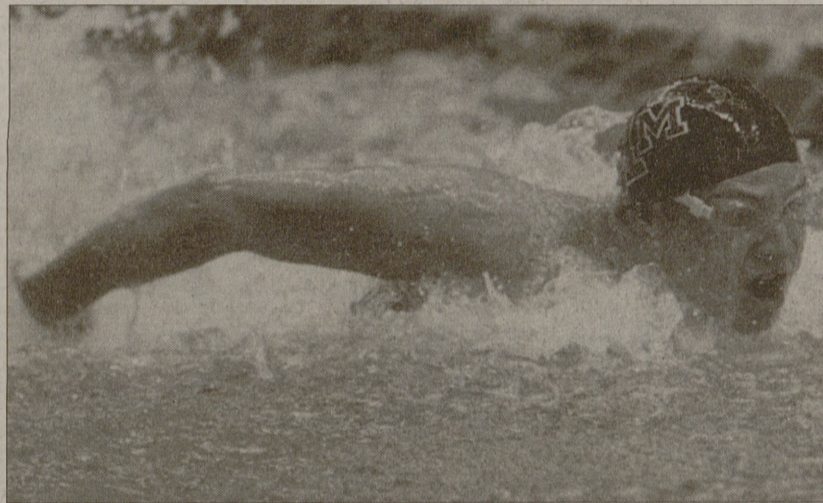
The Texas A&M women's swimming and diving team won the Texas A&M Invitational against solid competition Saturday, even though it was missing three of its top swimmers.

With Kelly Bolton, Casey Mucha and Katie Swan injured, the women still managed to score 2,550 points and defeat Kentucky and No. 15 SMU. Kentucky scored 1,892.5 points while SMU scored 2,296.5 points.

Women's coach Steve Bultman said the team's depth pulled them through, since several women stepped up to score.

"It is not just the top girls," Bultman said. "We had some very good swimmers from our other girls. Our walk-ons

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Devin Howard won first place and an NCAA Championship consideration time in the men's 200 fly in the Texas A&M Invitational.

### NCAA qualifiers highlight men's preview to postseason

By JEREMY BROWN

The Battalion

Despite facing some strong competition from No. 3 Stanford, No. 17 Penn State, Kentucky and Purdue, the eighth-ranked Texas A&M men's swimming and diving team came away with a first-place finish at the Texas A&M Invitational Saturday.

The men scored 598 points on the final day to move into the first place spot with 1,896 points. Purdue finished second with 1,667, followed by Stanford with 1,652.5.

"Top to bottom for this time of the year, this is probably the best overall performance we have ever had at a three-day invitational meet," said men's swimming coach Mel Nash.

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