

## Soccer on road against Tech, CU

By JEREMY BROWN  
THE BATTALION

After surviving a tough non-conference slate with a 3-2 record, the Texas A&M soccer team begins its 2001 Big 12 schedule on the road this weekend against Texas Tech and Colorado.

The Aggies faced some of the best teams from the West coast and have climbed to No. 7 in the Soccer America poll and No. 9 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll. A&M slipped one spot to No. 12 in the Soccer Buzz poll despite a close loss to No. 3 Portland and a win over No. 13 Washington this past weekend.

A&M, which finished second in the Big 12 last year with an 8-2 conference record, will start this year's conference schedule against two of the Big

12's worst teams from last year. Last season, Colorado finished 8-11 and No. 7 in the Big 12 with a 4-6 record. Tech finished 10th out of the 11 Big 12 teams with a 4-14 record and a 2-8 Big 12 record.

The Red Raiders and Buffaloes are struggling again this year, but head soccer coach G. Guerrieri said both teams cannot be overlooked.

"Any time that we play against teams that are familiar with us and we have to go on the road, it is always a difficult game, more difficult than it is maybe on paper," Guerrieri said.

Tonight, the Aggies play in Lubbock where they lost in 1999. That was the only time A&M has lost to Tech with the all-time record between the schools being 6-1 in the Aggies' favor.

"We know that it is a difficult environment," Guerrieri said.

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forward Linsey Johnson and the Texas A&M soccer team will play Texas Tech in Lubbock on Friday and Colorado in Boulder on Sunday.

## Aggs begin season at Auburn invitational

By MAYA THOMAS  
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Cross Country team will travel to Auburn, Ala., to participate in the Auburn Invitational on Saturday.

Head Coach Dave Hartman said the Auburn Invitational will be the teams' first real meet of the season. After the Aztec Invitational was canceled in San Diego and running the B-squad members at the Baylor Invitational last weekend, the Aggies have a chance to show their strengths in a truly competitive meet.

"We have a good shot of winning... We expect it to be competitive, but if we race the way we are capable of, we can challenge both team titles in

the Auburn meet," Hartman said.

The cancellation of the Aztec Invitational due to the terrorist attacks meant the women's team missed the chance to defend their 2000 Aztec championship, and the men missed the chance to repeat winning top honors at the Aztec.

This week's meet in Auburn is a chance for the Aggies to put their feet to the test against some of the top teams from the region.

"There's going to be some pretty strong teams from the South regions and the Southeast regions," Hartman said.

"That's going to be good. We are going to race teams in that region so we get to see what they are like when we get

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## Men's and women's tennis open fall slate

By KEVIN ESPENLAUB  
THE BATTALION

Four members of the Texas A&M men's and women's tennis teams will open their fall schedule Friday with a trip to San Diego, Calif., to compete in co-ed team action that will conclude with the champion being crowned Sunday afternoon.

The fall season consists of individual competition by the Aggie netters in which no team scores are compiled and only individual national rankings are affected.

The only exception to the individual competitions of the fall semester takes place this weekend when the Aggies will send a four-person mixed-combination of men and women to San Diego to compete in the World Team Tennis Championships against other schools from around the

country in which the combined scores will determine a team champion.

The Aggies will be joining the co-hosts, the University of San Diego and San Diego State University as well as 13 other teams, including the University of Arizona, Oklahoma State University, Southern Methodist University, and Texas Christian University and the University of South Alabama, last year's champion. Texas A&M won the inaugural tournament in 1999.

Representing the Aggies will be sophomore Jessica Roland and senior Marjorie Terburgh from the women's team and junior Ryan Newport and Alex Barragan from the men's squad.

Each team match will consist of five sets. There will be one set each of men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's

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