

Aggs drop Baylor, 6-0

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The No. 12 Texas A&M soccer team got revenge for consecutive losses to Baylor by stomping the Bears 6-0 at the Aggie Soccer Complex Sunday night.

While five different Aggies scored goals in the game, it was forwards that led the way for A&M by keeping Baylor goalkeeper Stephanie Dempsey

in her fire. Senior forward Nicky Thrasher scored a goal on eight shots and added an assist, but more importantly, the Hermann and nominee got her first win against the Bears.

"It's just one of those things," Thrasher said. "With talent we have this year, we are not going to let them beat us. We took our shot on them, and it shows the scoreboard."

Freshman forward Linsey Johnson added five more shots, scoring a goal and two assists.

For the first 17 minutes, the game was played almost entirely in the middle of the field with neither team able to mount an attack.

A&M got on the board first when junior forward Heather Stiles tried a shot from the left side of the goal but Dempsey was able to get her hands on the ball. However, the ball bounced back into the goal



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Freshman forward **Linsey Johnson** slides for the ball against Baylor midfielder **Erin Freeman** during the Aggies' 6-0 win Sunday night.

off of Baylor's Melissa Humke.

Freshman defender Shannon Labhart scored the first goal of her career to make the score 2-0 four minutes later. The goal came on a free kick from midfield 45 yards out.

Thrasher and Johnson each added a goal before half to make the score 4-0 at the break.

The Aggies kept the pressure on Dempsey in the second half, taking 15 shots and scoring two more goals, while A&M's defense finished up the shut out.

The Aggies improve to 5-2-1 and 2-0-1 in the Big 12. Baylor drops to 4-6 and 0-4.

Friday's game with Houston was canceled due to rain.

lead in the final frame.

Freshman defensive lineman Marcus Jasmin made the biggest play of his young career, blocking a 33-yard field goal attempt by Stiles three minutes into the fourth quarter.

"The importance of Jasmin's block was two-fold — it allowed the Aggies to keep the lead and gave A&M a chance to run more time off the clock.

Two drives later, another Scates field goal gave A&M a 16-10 lead with 3:37 remaining in the game.

The Aggies had a chance to put the game away after Baylor turned the ball over on downs, but the struggling A&M offense stumbled again.

The Bears got the ball back on their own 30-yard line with 37 seconds remaining.

The Bears drove to the A&M 40-yard line in four plays.

Junior cornerback Sammy Davis batted down Cicero's first shot at the endzone with three seconds left on the clock, setting up Gentry's last-second heroics.

"Any time the ball is in the air, you never know," said senior defensive back Jay Brooks. "Our secondary did a great job of ripping [the Baylor player's] hands off the ball and coming up with the it in the pile."

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—the longest of his career. The Bears' Stiles replied, connecting with a career long of 50 yards for a 10-3 lead.

With time winding down in the second half and the Aggies needing to score, A&M drove to the Baylor 40-yard line in 13 plays.

Faced with fourth-and-goal from the 13 yards left in the half, Stiles turned to freshman

quarterback Keith Joseph. But Joseph's dive over the pile was stopped just short of the end zone, ending A&M's longest drive of the half.

"We went all the way down the field, but had a hard time getting it in," Slocum said. "We weren't getting the surges we needed from the offensive line."

Baylor held A&M to 116 yards on the ground, the worst performance this season by the Aggies.

"I think our defense came in and played lights out," said Baylor football head coach Jim Steele. "Our defense played extremely well against a very talented A&M team. We were there and mixed it up."

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