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By TRUE BROWN

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second of three national ampionship events of the season and will include a 128man singles competition and a The singles finalists and doues champions will receive utomatic berths in the ovember 8-11 Omni Hotels ational Collegiate Indoor

out of options. We have already moved everyone we can.'

Fortunately for the Aggies, Iowa State's rushing defense ranks in the bottom-half of the Big 12, allowing 185.2 yards per game.

Unfortunately for A&M, though, the Cyclones (5-1, 3-1) own one of the top offenses in the country. ISU is second only to Nebraska in the Big 12 in total offense, piling up 409.5 yards per game.

Quarterback Seneca Wallace and running back Ennis Haywood are keys to Iowa State's offense. Haywood, the Big 12's leading rusher, was named the conference's offensive player of the week last week after running for 196 yards and three touchdowns against Oklahoma State. Wallace, meanwhile, completed 16-of-19 passes for 150 yards and rushed for 67 yards.

On the season, Wallace earns 62.5 ground yards per game and averages over six yards per carry.

"The presence of Seneca has really helped us," said ISU football head coach Dan McCarney. "He is off to a great start. There is no question he is a threat running and passing the ball, and that helps keep opposing defenses honest."

A dominating rushing performance is exactly what the Cyclones want against A&M as the Aggies have struggled this

KSU's Aaron Lockett during A&M's 31-24 win last tomorrow at Kyle Field. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. run the ball effectively. mostly on option plays.

Improved A&M hosts OU, OSU

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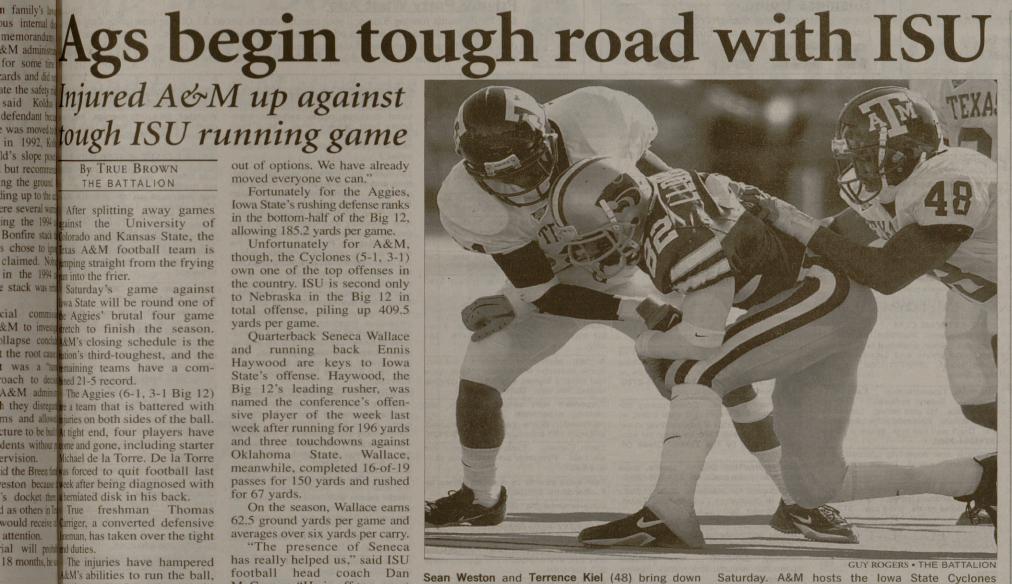
Last week, Kansas State plowed through A&M's defense of quarterback this week," said for 258 rushing yards, while Colorado racked up 170 the week before. KSU quarterback Ell week, so that is something we

season against opponents who Roberson gained 77 yards, really need to stop this week." See TURNAROUND on page 10.

"We'll be seeing the same type junior linebacker Jarrod Penright. "We opened up too many holes for Roberson to go through last -

The Cyclones' football program is in the midst of a tremendous turnaround

under McCarney, who joined ISU in 1994. McCarney was named the Big 12 coach of the year in 2000



## Aggies head to Norman

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The Texas A&M cross country team will compete at the Big 12 Cross Country Championships, Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Norman, Okla. The University of Oklahoma will host the meet.

The Aggies compete for the first time since their titleclinching run at the A&M Invitational on Oct. 13. Both the men's and women's teams took first place honors at the Invitational.

At the Big 12 Championships, the A&M women's squad looks to regain ranking in the FinishLynx Women's Cross Country poll after dropping from the No. 18 spot earlier this month.

Neither the women's nor the men's team is ranked nationally, but the women are ranked third and the men fourth regionally.

In 2000 the Aggies made a strong showing at the Big 12 Championships. The women's team finished fourth overall, the best A&M performance at the Big 12. In 2000, Melissa Gulli

finished 13th in the 6,000meter layout and Andrea

## 66 I expect the guys to be very strong this year.

- Dave Hartman A&M cross country coach

Bookout finished 14th. Mike

Hummel won individually in the 1,000-meter run at the Big 12 Indoor.

Last weekend, the No. 15 Texas A&M soccer team went on the road against two improved Big 12 teams and came away with two impressive wins. This weekend, the Aggies will try to repeat that

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performance at home against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. ding high w

Big 12 regular season title.

No. 10 Texas (9-3, 7-0) has won nine straight games and is the only undefeated team in Big 12 play. If Texas wins both of its games this weekend it will claim the regular season title even if it loses to A&M on Nov. 2.

No. 9 Nebraska can only claim the regular season title if it wins out and Texas loses two games.

A&M's freshman forward Linsey Johnson was named the Big 12

The A&M women's team has ithdrawn from this weekend's yler Collegiate Invitational and vill resume action Nov. 8-11 at he ITA Rolex National Indoor hampionships.

## A&M-Tech game to be on **PPV**

The Texas A&M-Texas Tech otball game on Nov. 3, origially not scheduled to be on elevision, will be shown on a ay-per-view basis.

The game became available or pay-per-view distribution because it was not selected or over-the-air broadcast, syndication or cable coverage. According to conference

ules, games not picked up for regular television can only be moadcast with pay-per-view.

A&M cut them down 4-0 and 5-2 respectively. With those wins, A&M (8-3-1, 5-1-1) passed both schools to move into third place in the Big 12.

'We are playing better and better every week," said A&M soccer head coach G. Guerrieri. "You never know when you are peaking until you get there, but we have been creating a lot of positive momentum."

This weekend A&M will again face two teams on the way up.

Oklahoma had its first winning season ever last year with a 10-9-1 record. This season, the Sooners already have nine wins and are ranked No. 8 in the Soccer Buzz Central Region standings.

"Oklahoma is an interesting team because they play with a differ-ent tactic than the rest of the Big 12," Guerrieri said. "First, they are always looking to counterattack because of their fast forwards, but when they have the ball they slow it down. It takes some real discipline to keep the game at our pace."

Oklahoma's style of play has limited opponents to .63 goals a game and the Sooners (9-4-1, 3-3-1) have had shutouts in three of their last five games

Freshman goalkeeper Catherine Wade played a big part in those shutouts and was named as the Big 12 defensive player of the week on Oct. 9

In Oklahoma's loss to Baylor, Wade shutout the Bears for 61 minutes until she went out with an injury. After she left the game, the Bears promptly scored three goals to take the 3-1 win.

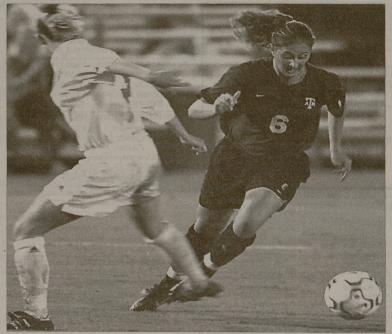
Sophomore forward Logan Womack leads the Sooner's "counterattack" with 11 goals.

Oklahoma State has already won seven games this season after only winning four last season. The Cowgirls (7-7-1, 2-4-1) are trying to qualify for their first Big 12 tournament.

"Oklahoma State is very organized defensively and are really good at getting behind the ball," Guerrieri said. "We can't let up our concentration because they have scored off of some really good individual efforts.'

offensive player of the week after scoring four goals against Kansas and Missouri. Against Missouri, she scored the Aggies' first hat trick since 1999.

A&M will face Oklahoma at 7 p.m. tonight and Oklahoma State at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Aggie Soccer Complex.



JOHN LIVAS • THE BATTALION A&M is 5-0 all-time against both the Sooners and Cowgirls. With only three games left, A&M will need help to win the 14. The Aggies will host Oklahoma and Oklahoma State this weekend. Senior forward Nicky Thrasher charges past a Nebraska defender Oct.

sixth on the Aggie team, and Andrew Cook finished second on the team and 30th overall.

The favorite to win at the Big 12 this year is Colorado who was ranked first until the most recent national poll and have finished first in several highly competitive meets. The Colorado men's team has never lost a Big 12 cross country title.

But fresh off their A&M Invitational win, the Aggies have a chance to make a nice showing at the Big 12 Championships.

"The men's team I think we'll be able to get right back into where the girls were last year, maybe even a little higher, " said head coach Dave Hartman. "I expect the guys to be very strong this year. Just because we redshirted a couple of key guys we were a little down, but this year we have no excuse.

Saturday the men's 8,000meter race starts at 10 a.m. and the women's 6,000-meter race starts at 11 a.m.

