

## Ags split weekend matchups

By MARK MERRELL  
THE BATTALION

Two days produced drastically different results for the Texas A&M women's swimming and diving team this weekend.

On Friday, the Aggies' only trip to Austin ended with a 180-120 defeat at the hands of the No. 4 Texas Longhorns. Saturday was a different story for A&M as they bounced back against the University of North Texas, defeating the Mean Green 173-113.

While Friday's trip to Austin did not produce the Aggies' desired outcome, several positives resulted from the meet. Among them were five lifetime-best times and more than 50 season-best times.

"[Texas] beat us pretty soundly, but I was really pleased with how we swam," said A&M coach Steve Bultman.

One of the best swimmers for the Aggies Friday was freshman Tiffany Moore, who took first place in the 500 freestyle and second place in the 1,000 freestyle. Moore's win in the 500 was the lone victory of the day for the Aggies.

"I didn't really expect to win the 500," Moore said. "I was really aiming for the 1,000, but when I didn't win it, I just focused in on the 500."

The struggles of Friday helped the Aggies Saturday. The Aggies dominated North Texas, claiming gold in all but three events. The Aggies did so despite having many of the women swim "off" events, ones in which they do not normally compete.

"It's good to swim some meets like this where you swim some off events," Bultman said. "You might find an event that someone can swim well, which might be a good event for them in the future."

# Sooners corral A&M title hopes

## Lack of offense spells disaster in 31-10 loss

By TRUE BROWN  
THE BATTALION

NORMAN, Okla. — Although it was a different game in a different state against a different team, the end result was the same for the Texas A&M football team.

For the second straight week, A&M's offense faltered and for the second straight game, the Aggies lost.

The No. 3 Oklahoma Sooners (9-1, 5-1 Big 12) fell behind early but recovered to shut down the Aggies for the final three quarters. OU ended A&M's hopes at a Big 12 South title, 31-10.

"It was real positive for us to play offense the way we did in the second half of the game," said OU head coach Bob Stoops. "We showed a tremendous amount of toughness and resiliency in coming back after the first quarter."

The Aggies (7-3, 4-3) jumped on the Sooners early, taking advantage of a 43-yard field goal by sophomore Cody Scates.

On OU's ensuing drive, the Aggie defense scored A&M's only touchdown.

Sooner quarterback Nate Hybl rolled right under pressure and threw a pass that A&M sophomore linebacker Everett Smith intercepted. During the return, Smith was hit and fumbled the ball at the OU 18-yard line. Junior linebacker Brian Gamble picked up the ball and carried it uncontested into the end zone.

Gamble's touchdown with 3:49 remaining in the first quarter marked the last time an Aggie would touch the football inside OU territory.

"We knew we were going to have to win the game with defense," Gamble said. "We knew we had to play the field-position game and try and score some points off of turnovers."

OU began its scoring spree at

8:59 of the second quarter, driving 55 yards in 13 plays before Tim Duncan hit a 35-yard field goal.

The Sooners benefited from a pass interference call against freshman cornerback Byron Jones on third-and-11 that kept OU's drive alive.

"We could have been able to afford a few minor mistakes," Gamble said. "But the mistakes we made today were huge and ended up as points for them."

After three consecutive three-and-outs by the A&M offense and a botched punt attempt with 1:40 remaining in the half, Oklahoma struck again.

Hybl found wide receiver Antwone Savage in the end zone for a 13-yard touchdown to knot the score at 10.

Hybl finished the game 25 of 38 passing attempts for 195 yards, the bulk of the Oklahoma offense.

"Nate did what he had to do when it mattered most," Stoops said. "His concentration, toughness and his direction of our offense are what impressed me the most."

The A&M offense continued to sputter and did not have another first down until two minutes into the fourth quarter. The Aggies managed only five first downs against OU.

"It's not really anything the defenses are doing (against us)," said senior center Seth McKinney. "It's just execution. That's been our problem all year."

While the Aggies failed to move the ball, the OU offense began to pick up steam, taking the lead on its first possession of the second half.

On fourth-and-goal from the A&M 10-yard line, Oklahoma used a fake field goal to take the lead.

OU holder Matt McCoy took the snap and threw a pass to Duncan, who ran around the right end and outraced senior linebacker Christian Rodriguez to the end zone.



Sophomore running back Oshlor Flemming is brought down by Oklahoma defensive tackle Bary Holleyman and linebacker Rocky Calmus Saturday during the Aggies' 31-10 loss to the Sooners in Norman.

"We should have had a guy scraping out there on containment on that play," said A&M football head coach R.C. Slocum. "That was a very good call on their part and it was a well-executed play."

With momentum firmly on their side, the Sooner defense held its ground and never looked back.

"I thought we played well

and showed them some different looks (on defense)," Rodriguez said. "We were able to keep them from scoring some, but unfortunately, they got the fake field goal and the touchdown before the half, and that was the turning point of the game."

The A&M offense managed only 132 yards against the

Sooners, its worst production since a 37-0 loss to Nebraska in 1999.

"I'm worried about confidence," said A&M offensive coordinator Dino Babers. "We need to go back and rebuild. We still have two more games to play this season. We need to try and find a way to get better."

# Aggie runners finish fourth, sixth at NCAA

Staff & Wire



STUART VILLANUEVA • THE BATTALION  
Senior Mike Hummell and the Texas A&M men's cross country team finished sixth.

The Texas A&M women's cross country team placed fourth and the Aggie men sixth at Saturday's NCAA South Central Regional held at the A&M golf course.

The Aggie women's team missed the chance to defend its 2000 title and qualify for the NCAA Championships.

"The women ran a really good race," said A&M head coach Dave Hartman. "If you told me at the beginning of the season that we would finish fifth in the Big 12 and fourth in the region, I wouldn't have believed it."

[The women's team] has risen to the occasion every time."

Arkansas did not disappoint and walked away with first-place finishes in the men's and women's races. Saturday's first-place finishes were the Razorbacks' 13th-straight win at the South Central Regional.

Arkansas' and Texas' respective first and second place finishes will advance them to the NCAA Championships.

The A&M men posted a team score of 136 points, 21 points behind Texas. Juan De Bastos led the Aggies to their sixth place finish. Hartman said de Bastos' performance could earn him a

spot on the All-America team, which will be named next week.

"Juan ran a great race," Hartman said. "Juan was worried going into this race because it was his first 10-K. He has a great chance to be (named) an All-American next week."

The Aggie women, led by junior Andrea Bookout, posted a team score of 109 points to finish 24 points behind second place UT.

Bookout was competing for the second time this season.

"At the beginning of the season, we made a decision to redshirt three of our top five and (sophomore

Sarah) Steadman and Bookout have been struggling with injuries all year long," Hartman said. "At the beginning of the season, they didn't seem to have a chance and these girls really gained a lot of confidence as the season went on."

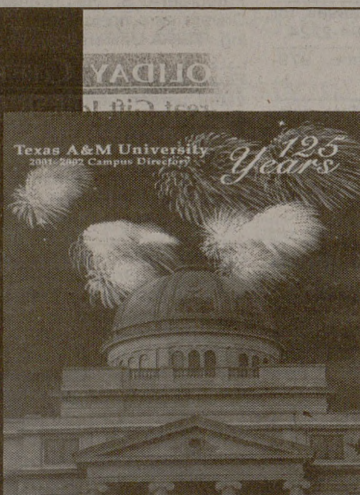
The A&M women finished 24 points behind second-place Texas, missing an automatic bid into the NCAA Championship.

At-large bids to the NCAA Championship will be announced at an undisclosed date. The championships will be held Nov. 19 in Greenville, S.C..

## Class of 2002

Get your FREE Senior Portrait made for the 2002 Aggieland yearbook. Go by AR Photography at 1410 Texas Ave. S. (next to Copy Corner in the Redmond Terrace Shopping Center) or call 693-8183. M-F 9-11:30 A.M. and 1:30-4 P.M.

AGGIELAND  
Texas A&M University Yearbook • 100 Years of Excellence  
845-2682 aggieland.tamu.edu



## WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER

2001-2002 Texas A&M University Campus Directory

Listings of departments, administrators, faculty, staff, students, and other information about A&M, plus yellow pages.

**S**TUDENTS: If you ordered a 2001-2002 Campus Directory, stop by the basement of the Reed McDonald Building to pick up your copy. (Look for the distribution table.) Please bring Student ID. If you did not order a Campus Directory as a fee option when you registered for Fall '01 classes, you may purchase a copy for \$3 plus tax in room 015 Reed McDonald Building (by cash, check or credit card).

**D**EPARTMENTS: If you ordered Campus Directories and requested delivery, deliveries will be made within the next few days. If you did not order Campus Directories, you may charge and pick them up at 015 Reed McDonald. Cost is \$3 per copy. Please bring a Student Media Work Request.

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

## Guaranteed Parking for the 2002 Spring Semester!

\$55 a month

\$175 a semester\*

Monday-Sunday, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (excluding special events)

\*After January 9, semester lease will be \$200 with a \$25 deposit.

### College Main Parking Garage

309 College Main in Northgate  
One block from TAMU,  
with free shuttle service to campus!

For more information call 764-3565.