

Aggies host Southwest Texa A&M awarded home field in first round of NCL

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The Big 12 tournament champion Texas A&M soccer team will host No. 10 University of Texas-Austin, Southern Methodist University and Southwest Texas State University this weekend at the Aggie Soccer Complex for the first and second rounds of the 2001 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship.

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- G. Guerrieri A&M soccer head coach

Guerrieri and the players gathered at Olsen Field Monday as the NCAA bracket was announced. After beating two ranked teams this weekend to claim the Big 12's automatic bid, the No. 8 Aggies were disappointed that they did not receive one of the top eight seeds in the tournament.

'We would have liked to been one of the protected and seeded teams, but it is out of our hands," Guerrieri said. "We are pleased to host [a regional] and to play at home."

Friday in the first round, UT will face SMU at 5 p.m. and A&M will face SWT at 7:30 p.m. The winners of those games will meet Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Friday's game will be a home-coming for SWT head coach Kat Conner, who was an assistant coach at A&M before taking the head coaching position at SWT.

Defending national champion North Carolina claimed the No. 1 seed, followed by California-Santa Clara, UCLA, Portland, Stanford, Florida, Notre Dame and Connecticut.

The eight teams will host regionals this weekend and will continue to get home games until they are defeated, face a higher seeded team or reach the semifinals.

The final four teams will meet in Gerald J. Ford Stadium at SMU Dec. 7 and 9 in the 2001 Women's College Cup.

'The goal is to win it all, and to win it all we would have to go on a couple trips," Guerrieri said.

This year's NCAA bracket features 64 teams, up from 48 last year. However, only four of those teams are from the Big 12, with No. 11 Nebraska and Kansas joining A&M and UT.

A&M's 1-0 win over UT in the Big 12 tournament championship will be broadcast on Fox Sports Southwest on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 12 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 18,

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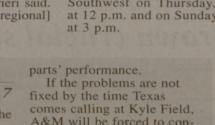
Continued from I said A&M offensive coordinator Dino Babers. "They have (defensive) scheme and great athletes in that scheme."

The three-point offensive output against the Sooners cam heels of another slow offensive game for the Aggies. They we out 12-0 by the Texas Tech Red Raiders last weekend.

"What happened last week and what happened this wee toughest two stretches that I have been a part of," Babes "We have to get ready and get going to get after [Texas]. We to stay positive.'

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Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



A&M will be forced to continue to compare notes with Oklahoma and Texas.

Doug Fuentes is a senior

offensive unit, no one would criticize them if they felt a grudge about their counter-



teams like Ball State and Vanderbilt instead of

journalism major.