

A Aggies advance to sweet sixteen

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The Texas A&M soccer team celebrates in front of devastated Southern Methodist players after its 2-1 overtime victory over the Mustangs Sunday afternoon at the Aggie Soccer Complex.

McLeod fell down stopping a cross from Strutz.

"I did not want my last game to be here," Thrasher said. "I think after the first half, everybody realized how sluggish we

were playing, and things just really turned around."

SMU controlled the first half of the game, taking a 1-0 lead into the second half.

"We were very fortunate to

only be down 1-0 at halftime," said A&M head coach G. Guerrieri. "We felt very lucky that our defense held in key situations."

Guerrieri said his team was

flat the first 20 minutes and he let them know about it during an SMU injury timeout.

The talk did not work though as SMU senior forward Sarah Harvey scored a goal 30:56 into the game. She took the ball from freshman midfielder Amanda Burke and hit a shot from 25-yards out.

"This is disappointing because we think we have a good team playing," SMU head coach George Van Linder said with tears in his eyes. "At the rate we were playing, I am just frustrated that it didn't go through the way we wanted it to. I think we had some opportunities."

SMU had to upset No. 10 University of Texas to advance to Sunday's game. The Mustangs took advantage of two Harvey goals to pull out a 2-1 victory and remain undefeated against UT. UT's loss prevented it from meeting A&M for a third time this season.

"We would love to play Texas any time that we can, I think it is good for my job security," Guerrieri said. "As far as SMU, they are a real rival for our soccer team. This is the first time we have beaten them in

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DeBastos to run at NCAAs

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Texas A&M junior cross country runner Juan DeBastos will be the only Aggie continuing the season Monday at the 2001 NCAA Division I Championships in Greenville, S.C.

DeBastos earned a spot in the tournament with his sixth-place finish at the South Central Regional at the Texas A&M Golf Course. DeBastos was running the 10K race for the first time this season and impressed men's head cross-country coach Dave Hartman.

"Juan ran a great race," Hartman said. "He ran a smart race this weekend. He made his way up in the pack and qualified for the NCAA's."

The race will be at Furman University and will bring together the top 38 individual racers in the men's and women's categories, as well as the nation's top 31 teams. The A&M men's team missed the automatic qualification when it placed fourth at the regional. The top two teams from the South Central Regional, the University of Texas-Austin and the University of Arkansas, qualified for the Championships.

"[Juan] has a great chance at becoming an All-American next week ... but I'm sure he's very disappointed that his buddies won't be going with him," Hartman said. "He's a real team player."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ags host Colonials to open season

The Texas A&M men's basketball team will open its 2001-2002 season tonight at Reed Arena against the George Washington Colonials. The Aggies will open regular season play after going 2-0 in

exhibition games against Australia's Team ezybonds and the Electronic Arts Sports Midwest All-Stars.

George Washington opened its season at the NABC Classic with a win over Marshall and a loss in the finals to Western Kentucky. The Colonials lead the all-time

series with the Aggies 3-1, including a 94-74 victory over A&M last season in Washington, D.C.

No. 22 Wildcats shut down Ags 3-2

The Kansas State Wildcats upset the No. 13 Texas A&M vol-

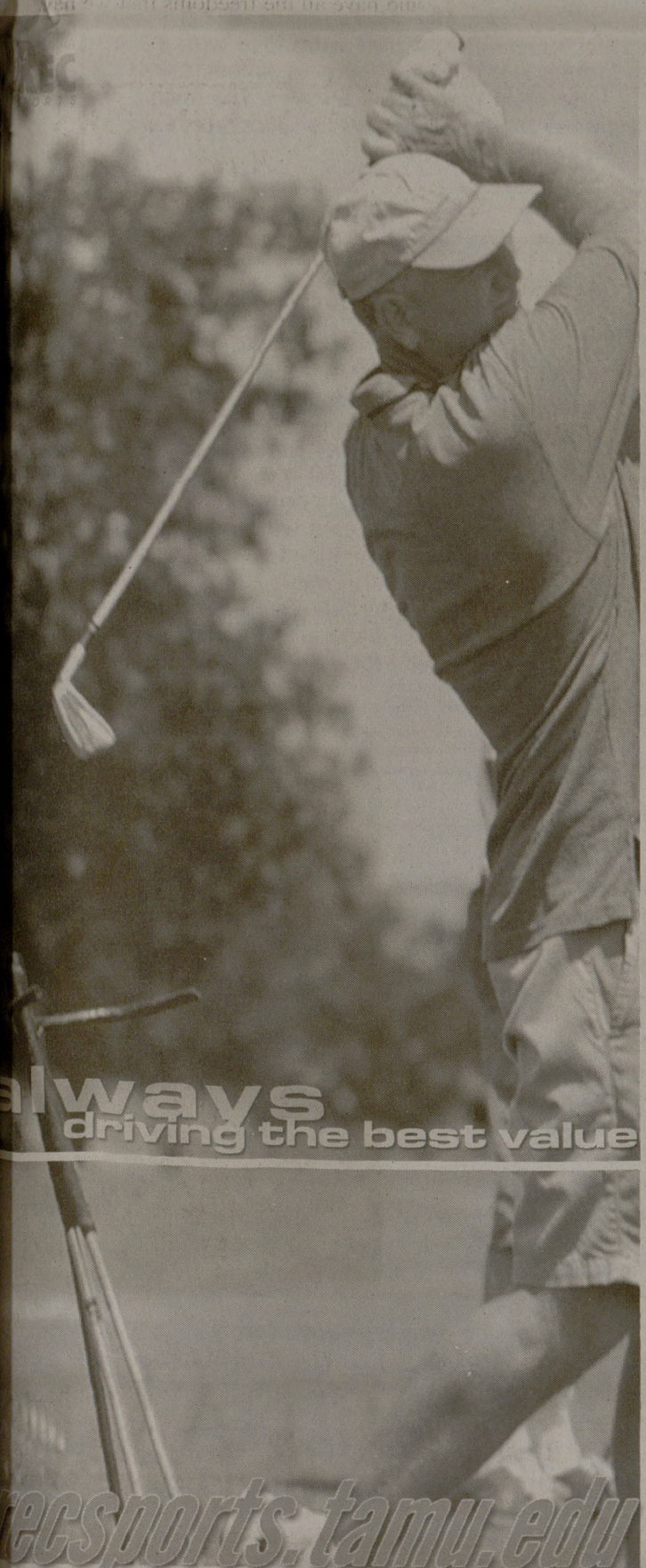
leyball team Saturday in Manhattan, Kan.

The Wildcats' 33-31, 31-29, 18-30, 26-30, 15-10 win moved KSU within a half-game of the second-place Aggies in the Big 12 Conference race. A&M has yet to win a game in Manhattan.

Senior setter Jenna Moscovic

posted her fifth triple-double of the season with a career-high 13 kills, 55 assists and 11 digs in a losing effort.

A&M (21-5, 14-4 Big 12) will finish its regular season next week with home matches against the University of Texas Wednesday and Texas Tech Saturday.



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