

Ags take on Stanford

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The No. 8 Texas A&M soccer team will attempt to avenge its season-opening loss against No. 4 Stanford in the third-round of the 2001 NCAA Women's College Cup Friday in Palo Alto, Calif.

The Aggies gave up four goals in only six shots to drop a 4-2 decision to the Cardinal in San Marcos on Sept. 7. An unusual amount of rain in College Station forced A&M to move the game to the Southwest Texas Soccer Complex.

"The thing that we were impressed with about Stanford was that they had the most organized defense that we saw all year long," said A&M head coach G. Guerrieri.

A&M controlled most of the game, taking 14 shots, but only connected on shots by freshman forward Linsey Johnson and junior defender Jessica Martin.

Johnson's goal was the first of her record-breaking season. She scored 15 goals to break the

freshman record of 13 set by Jamie Csizmadia in 1993.

Stanford's senior goalkeeper Carrie Walsh made four saves in the game, while junior midfielder Callie Withers

Maloney Field, A&M fell 3-0 to Stanford in 1998.

"Ninety-eight was the last time we were out there," Guerrieri said. "We went out there for a single game similar to this. We had a great weekend. We had incredible food. The sun was shining. We had a brilliant weekend and then we absolutely stunk up the field for 90 minutes. It was one of the worst performances we have ever had."

In Stanford's second-round game against Saint Mary's, junior forward Marcia Wallis scored two goals in the first 11 minutes as the Cardinals won, 3-1.

A&M won its second-round game against Southern Methodist University, 2-1 in overtime. Sophomore midfielder Kristen Strutz scored the winning goal with only 2:17 left in the game.

Friday's winner will move on to a fourth-round match up against the winner of Saturday's game between No. 11 Nebraska and No. 5 Portland, the only other teams to beat A&M this season.

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scored two first-half goals.

The early season loss dropped A&M to 1-2 against Stanford with the win coming in a 1997 match at the Aggie Soccer Complex.

In its only previous trip to



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A&M senior forward Nicky Thrasher goes up against an SMU player during the Aggies' 2-1 win Sunday. The No. 8 Aggies will play the No. 4 Stanford Cardinal today in Palo Alto, Calif.

Aggie basketball squad signs top prep star

By BRIAN RUFF
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Texas A&M basketball head coach Melvin Watkins announced Tuesday that one of the nation's top shooting guards, Antione Wright of Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass., has signed a national letter of intent to play college basketball at A&M.

Wright, a 6-foot-7-inch, 195-pound player was ranked as the top high school shooting guard in the country by ESPN.com. Wright posted impressive numbers during his junior year at Lawrence, averag-

ing 27 points, 13 rebounds and 3.7 blocks per game. "I am pretty happy with everything," Wright said. "It was the loyalty of A&M overall that

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A&M basketball signee

made me decide. They were always there, and they saw what I could do."

Wright was highly recruited by college basketball powerhouses Arizona, UCLA, Miami, Connecticut and Texas.

"I chose A&M because every person I met there was genuine," Wright said. "Each coach was family oriented."

Wright is ranked the fourth-best high school player in the class of 2002 by ESPN.com and is a consensus top-30 rated prospect.

"Our coach staff, as well as our team, was very excited when we received Antione's paperwork today, and know that he has officially become an

Aggie," Watkins said. "We look forward to him making a tremendous impact on our program."

The Aggies will lose senior guard Andy Leatherman next season after graduation, and Wright, along with freshman Daryl Mason, should make a young, exciting tandem to watch during the 2002-2003 season.

Wright, a native of San Bernardino, Calif., has already met NCAA eligibility requirements in his fourth year at Lawrence Academy.

"I want to bring my hard work to A&M," Wright said. "I want to earn the respect of every player and make an immediate impact."

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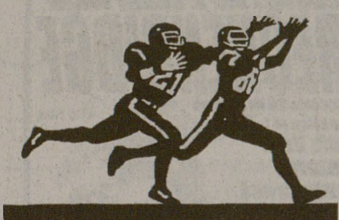
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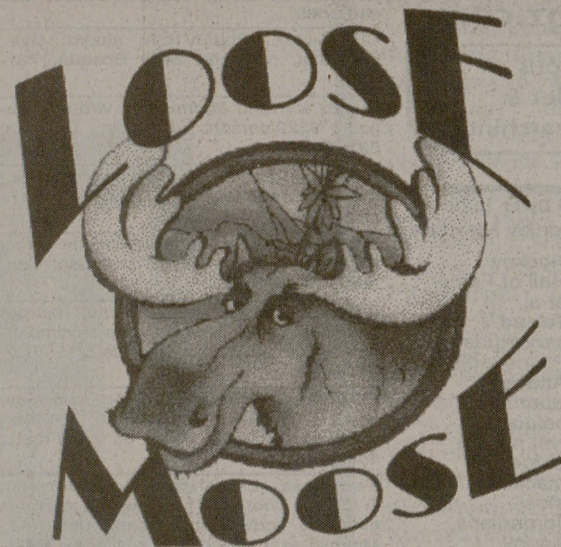
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