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AP FOOTBALL TOP 25

	Record	Pvs
1. OU (50)	3-0	1
2. Miami (3)	3-0	2
3. Michigan (4)	3-0	5
4. USC (2)	3-0	4
5. Ohio St. (6)	3-0	3
6. Kansas St.	4-0	7
7. Georgia	3-0	8
8. Virginia Tech	2-0	9
9. Pittsburgh	2-0	11
10. Florida St.	3-0	10
11. LSU	3-0	12
12. Tennessee	2-0	13
13. Texas	1-1	6
14. Arkansas	2-0	—
15. Nebraska	3-0	18
16. Arizona St.	2-0	16
17. Florida	2-1	19
18. Iowa	3-0	23
19. Wash.	1-1	21
20. TCU	2-0	22
21. Alabama	2-1	—
22. Oregon	3-0	—
23. Missouri	3-0	—
24. Wash. St.	2-1	—
25. Purdue	1-1	—

(first place votes in parentheses)

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	Record	Pvs
1. OU (8)	3-0	1
2. Miami	3-0	3
3. USC (1)	3-0	2
4. Michigan	3-0	6
5. Ohio St.	3-0	4
6. Kansas St.	4-0	7
7. Georgia	3-0	9
8. Virginia Tech	2-0	8
9. Pittsburgh	2-0	12
10. LSU	3-0	11
11. Florida St.	3-0	10
12. Tennessee	2-0	13
13. Texas	1-1	5
14. Nebraska	3-0	20
15. Iowa	3-0	18
16. Arizona St.	2-0	16
17. Arkansas	2-0	—
18. Florida	2-1	18
19. TCU	2-0	24
20. Wash.	1-1	22
21. Oregon	3-0	—
22. A&M	2-0	25
23. Wash. St.	2-1	—
24. Alabama	2-1	—
25. N. Dame	1-1	14

(As voted by The Battalion sports staff. First place votes in parentheses.)

North Carolina edges A&M in OT



Texas A&M goalkeeper Katie Jo Spisak sits dejectedly after giving up the game-winning goal to top-ranked North Carolina's Libby Guess in overtime Sunday. NC won, 1-0.

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By Troy Miller
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Strong play from the Aggies and a brilliant performance in net by sophomore goalkeeper Kati Jo Spisak got the Texas A&M soccer team into overtime, but North Carolina prevailed on a golden goal one minute, 55 seconds into overtime to win 1-0 at the Challenge College Classic in Spring, Texas.

Spisak made seven saves in a performance that should garner her national attention as one of the best goalkeepers in the nation.

"She's awesome," said North Carolina coach Anson Dorrance of Spisak. "She played absolutely brilliantly today. She deserves every conceivable accolade based on what I saw today."

The No. 5 Aggies (4-1) were able to wear down the No. 1 Tar Heels (6-0) in a hot and humid match at Spring's Meyer Park. Most of the first half was played

in the Aggie defensive zone, but only a few quality opportunities were given to North Carolina and Spisak was there to save them all.

A shot by North Carolina in the 31st minute hit the right goal post, and 10 minutes later Spisak made a kick save in a one-on-one situation.

"To think of someone who is only a sophomore and how far (Spisak has) come in one year of college, the sky's the limit on her potential," said A&M coach G. Guerrieri. "She can be the best goalkeeper in the country."

After two opportunities in the first 15 minutes of the second half by North Carolina, which Spisak thwarted with two more exceptional saves, the tide began to turn as the heat began to take its toll on the Tar Heels.

"Our emphasis was on not giving them any room to breathe," Guerrieri said. "Last year we were defending, and they killed us 4-1 pretty easily. I was very pleased with the way the girls played today."

Play slowly began to sway to the Aggies' favor as A&M began to play more aggressively in the Tar Heel

zone. The substitution pattern utilized by Guerrieri throughout the match also began to pay dividends as the Aggie front line and midfielders seemed to have more energy compared to North Carolina, which was clearly gassed.

"I'm not sure we're as fit a team as we need to be," Dorrance said. "Obviously a game on Friday against (Texas) probably took something out of us, but I'm ecstatic and proud of my defense."

In the last 15 minutes, the Aggies had their best chances of the game as sophomore Holly Davis came in off the bench to provide three scoring chances.

In the 75th minute Davis headed a cross just a few feet over the Tar Heel goal. Two minutes later junior forward Emma Smith shot from point-blank range but was denied by Tar Heel goalkeeper Aly Winget. The rebound went right to Davis, who shot at the empty net, but junior midfielder Sara Randolph was able to deflect

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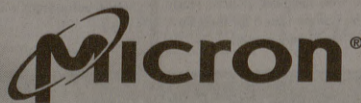
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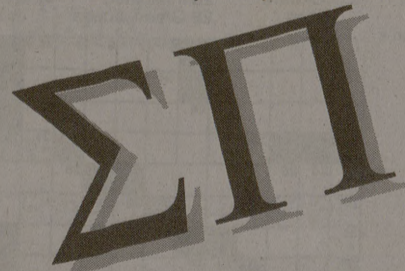
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