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SIDE NOTES

Aggie soccer team ready to fight back after loss

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A continuation of previews of Texas A&M's football opponents. Today features Iowa State University.

Over the Weekend

Watch the University of Colorado play in-state rival Colorado State Saturday at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports Network.

The University of Texas plays The University of North Texas Saturday. The game is available on Pay Per View and starts at 6 p.m.

Briefly

Texas A&M's Cristina Echavarry, Kansas' Meghan Miller and Oklahoma State's Candice Byler were named the first Big 12 Soccer Players of the Week for the 2004 season.

Seven Big 12 Conference men's and women's golf teams were tabbed to GolfWeek's Pre-season Top 30 Poll. Oklahoma State (5), Texas (7) and Oklahoma (21) highlighted the men's list, while Oklahoma State (5), Texas (11), Texas A&M (12) and Missouri (17) wrapped up the women's side.

The No. 13 Texas A&M women's soccer team suffered its first setback of the season last Sunday, a 4-1 loss to No. 12 Clemson. This weekend, the Aggies will attempt to forget about that game and jump back on the winning track as they travel to Ivy League country to face Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania this weekend.

The Tigers took advantage of a flat effort by A&M and took the game despite being outshot 25-10. A&M head coach G. Guerrieri said his team has not hit the panic button yet.

"We will be alright," Guerrieri said. "It's just one game. The season isn't over for us by any means. I didn't think we got mauled. We just came out flat."

The Aggies head north to face two teams that are both ranked regionally. Princeton, ranked No. 5 in the Mid-Atlantic region, has appeared in the NCAA Tournament each of the past five years and has 10 returning seniors. They are coming off a trip to Europe similar to A&M's summer trip, and they should be ready to play.

Pennsylvania, ranked No. 7 in the Mid-Atlantic region, said it is ready to make a run at the Ivy League Title.

"We have a tremendous respect for Texas A&M," said Penn head coach Darren Ambrose. "They are a very athletic team and will be a tough opponent for us. They had a little bit of a setback last week, but that will make them come out and try to reestablish themselves. Our preparation will change after we play The College of Charleston, and we will get ready for A&M."

The loss to Clemson should help out the Aggies in the long run. The team learned that anything can happen if it doesn't bring its "A" game.

"I'm glad we got that loss out of the way," said junior goalkeeper Katy Jo



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Aggie defender Paige Carmichael (right) tackles Clemson midfielder Elizabeth Jobe (left) during the first half Sunday night at the Aggie Soccer Complex.

Spisak. "You can tell we are motivated because the practices have been more intense."

Guerrieri agrees that the loss has motivated his team and made it or his players hungrier for a win. Guerrieri said the upcoming games at Princeton and Penn are not must-win games, but games that the team needs to win.

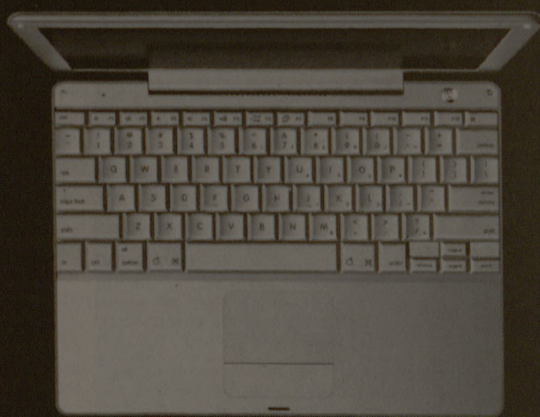
"Every game we go into we have to win. Yet, if we fight, give it all we have and just fall short, that's OK," Guerrieri said. That's OK because we gave it our best shot. A loss this weekend isn't going to drop us from the NCAAs."

The Aggies will look to get back on track offensively this weekend. Senior Christina Echavarry, the Big 12 Player

of the Week, has been a huge bright spot, scoring all three of the team's goals this season. Yet, she has not been given much help, and A&M will look for more of a balanced attack.

The A&M-Princeton game will kick off at 6:30 p.m., and the Aggies' game at Pennsylvania on Sunday will get started at 10:30 a.m.

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