

## SPORTS

## THE BATTALION

**Runners invade College Station for A&M Invitational**

The A&M cross country team kicked off its season under the direction of new head coach Dan Waters last weekend by finishing second in men's and women's divisions at the Lobo invitational at the University of New Mexico.

"They fared really well in the altitude there," Waters said. "Everyone really competed hard. We know where our fitness level is, and we'll get a lot faster and a lot better."

Highlighting the men's showing in New Mexico were holdovers senior Jonathan Lewis and junior Matt McLeod, who finished eighth and 10th respectively.

McLeod and Lewis are some of the runners Waters will be looking to for team leadership.

"Lewis is one of the best we've had, and McLeod looks to be one of the top five this year," Waters said.

On the women's side, Waters said last year's missed opportunities will translate into success this year.

"A couple of girls that either got injured or redshirted last year are getting to run," Waters said. "An underachieving team from last year has a chance to do some things."

Fourteen teams will participate in the two-day tournaments, including the University of Texas, Texas Christian University and Rice University.

"We'll run our race, work together and make sure we all run well at home," Waters said.

**Soccer**

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A&M will offer.

"We wanted to play an out-of-region, top-25 team," Cano said. "Playing at one of the toughest places, against one of the best teams will be a test, and we'll find out how good we are."

The Anteaters are led by senior defender

**Runnin' wild**

EVAN O'CONNELL - THE BATTALION

Aggie senior cross country team member and senior wildlife and fisheries science major Vanessa Kelly runs through Research Park. A&M is hosting an invitational tournament this weekend which will showcase 14 collegiate teams from around Texas.

Alyson Spencer and sophomore forward Britney Webster. Webster has two game-winning goals already this season. Yet, UC-Irvine has yet to be tested this year and traveling to A&M is a tall task.

"We started out kind of slow, but the last game we played well," Cano said. "Going to College Station is no easy task, and we will learn a lot about ourselves. Playing at A&M will get us going, and our kids will eat it up. We're looking forward to it."

ability to throw the deep ball accurately and on a line," Torbush said. "And he probably has as quick of release as I've ever seen."

With game-breakers like senior wide receiver Airese Currie, the Tigers aren't short on speed either.

"It's going to be as fine athletic team as anybody we're going to see," said A&M head coach Dennis Franchione. "We obviously have two or three outstanding teams on our schedule that are going to have great speed, but across the board speed - this team has it."

Like the Aggies, though, Clemson is a little banged up at the running back position. Junior Duane Coleman, last year's starter, has yet to play a down this season after breaking a bone in his foot last month, but is listed as questionable for Saturday's game.

Coaches from both sides hesitate to call this game vital, noting the importance of every game, but all understand how significant a win this weekend could be for their respective team.

For Clemson, it would mean getting back on track and living up to its high potential. The Tigers can't afford to open up 1-2 with all the obstacles that still lie ahead.

And for the Aggies, a win would mean making a statement to the rest of the Big 12. It would mean showing that they can contend with a top-level team with a high-powered offense.

**The Match ups**

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\* Depending on health status of Courtney Lewis  
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