Player Spotlight: Maddie Smith (Women’s Soccer)

Q: What made you want to join the club team?
A: As an incoming freshman, I knew I wanted to continue to play soccer competitively, whether that was during intramurals or finding a local B/CS club to play with. However, a few weeks before the beginning of my first semester, I found out about the Women’s Club Soccer team. After gaining more information about how the club functioned, I knew this was the perfect opportunity for me to not only spend much of my time focusing on school but also to play competitive, intercollegiate soccer at the same time. It is what I have always known: spend a day at school, go to soccer practice, then study and do homework.

Q: What has been your favorite part about being on the team?
A: I think my favorite part about being on the team is the lasting friendships that I have made throughout the years. As a freshman, the team was a huge help, providing me support and friendships both on and off the field. I am very grateful to have met such great people throughout my time spent on the club soccer team.

Q: What has been the best memory playing these past four years?
A: One of the best memories I have from playing these last few years was placing top 4 at Nationals my sophomore year. Though the road to Nationals was not pretty, it was full of hard work and determination. Taking first place at Regionals won us a free bid to Nationals, and six games and two penalty shootouts later, we took top 4 at Nationals - the furthest the team had ever gone.

Q: What has soccer taught you over the years?
A: Over the years, soccer has taught me many things about both life and myself. I have learned that though I am a competitive person, at the end of the day, it is just a game; the person’s interactions on the field in a time of desperation or a time of happiness defines who that person is, not their abilities on the field. Soccer has also taught me to be a team player and has helped me work with others more effectively. Soccer has also helped me with my communication skills on and off the field as well as compelled me to utilize proper time management to get work done in a timely manner.

Q: If you could be on any other club team which would it be and why?
A: If I could be on any other club team I would probably want to be on the paintball team because I have never done anything like it before. I would have a lot to learn, but I think it would be fun to shoot people and play with the paint!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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On Saturday, October 6th, the Texas A&M Men’s Rugby Club traveled to Norman, Oklahoma to compete in the Allied Rugby Conference 7’s North Tournament. Though the weather was quite cold, that did not hinder the Men’s Club from gaining victory with a 34-0 Win against Baylor and following it up with a 26-19 Win over Texas Tech. Unfortunately, Colorado State University was able to hold off the Aggies for a 28-19 win.

The Men’s Club was not fazed by this defeat and came back in the semi-finals to dominate Oklahoma 36-5. Once again the Aggies faced Colorado State University, but this time in the Finals. It was a grueling, defensive game, but the Aggies dug in and held on to their 12-5 lead to win the 2012 ARC 7’s North Championship.

Congratulations!

Sport Club Association Meeting Nov. 5th @ 6:30pm in SRC 281. Be There!
Paintball Shoots to Top Rank

On September 29th, the Texas A&M Paintball Team took 4 lines (squads) to compete in the South Central Collegiate Conference #1 Baylor Classic. The day was filled with unrelenting rain and an unforgiving terrain. Through the trench warfare and the mud slides, the Texas A&M Maroon Squad was able to capture 1st place.

After the tournament, with combination of the scores of all 4 lines, the Texas A&M Paintball Team was ranked 1st place in National Collegiate Paintball Association Class AA Division. Club President, and member of Maroon Squad, Michael Forgione is excited for the direction the club is going. This season has brought on the largest number of participants in the Texas A&M Paintball Club history, almost doubling in size compared to last year. The club is looking forward to a promising year that includes constructing a new facility outside of College Station.

For more information on the Paintball Club, visit: http://paintball.tamu.edu

Getting to Know Handball

Although the exact date is unknown, Texas A&M Handball has been on our campus since before 1951, for more than six decades. Since then, the team has been busy competing at the state and national levels. The team consists of about a dozen males and a few females but, have been working on recruiting more players, especially female athletes to compete for them in the national tournament. When the team competes in tournaments, everyone plays in at least one singles division and some will play in the doubles division. Divisions are based off a player’s skill level starting with Novice, which is new players that have never played before and end with Open, which are the highest skilled players. In singles matches, two players of similar skill levels will compete to 21 points. The first player to 21 wins. A player can only score points when they are serving.

In doubles matches, teams will compete in a division equivalent to the highest skilled player of the team. Each player will take a turn to serve when it is the teams turn to serve. Again, the teams are competing to 21 points, so the first team to 21 wins. Last year, the team won third place overall at the national tournament. This was a big accomplishment for them, considering they did not have any female players with them at the tournament and the top two teams were varsity programs. Varsity programs recruit their players out of high school. The Aggie Handball Club is looking for more players to join them at the national tournament in hope to bring a national championship title back to Texas A&M.

Want more information? Visit the team website at https://sites.google.com/a/txamhandball.net/www/home

Fall Season Updates

- Water Ski qualified for the National Collegiate Water Ski National Championships in Division II.
- Men’s Soccer ranked 1st in NIRSA/NCCS Region IV Men’s Division.
- Women’s Soccer ranked 5th in NIRSA/NCCS Region IV Women’s Division.
- Paintball ranked 1st in National Collegiate Paintball Association Class AA Division.
- Ultimate Frisbee placed 1st in the Just Plain Nasty Tournament winning a free bid for the next year.
- Bob Long placed 5th in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Sailing Association Single Hand Championship.

Congratulations!