UPCOMING EVENTS

Men’s Soccer - Oct 9
Vs. Texas 7:30pm Penberthy 8

Baseball—Oct 10
Alumni Game 8pm
Brazos Valley Bank Ballpark

Men’s Soccer B - Oct 11
Vs. UT Arlington 3pm
Penberthy 8

Ice Hockey - Oct 16
vs. Texas Tech 5:45pm
Arctic Wolf Ice Arena

Men’s Volleyball - Oct 17
Alumni Game 10am –5:30PM
Rec Center Courts 5, 6, & 7

Women’s Soccer—Oct 17
Vs. SFA 1pm Penberthy 7

Women’s Water Polo - Oct 17
Lonestar Shootout 10am
Rec Center 50 Meter Pool

Men’s Lacrosse—Oct 17
Alumni Game 10am –2pm
Penberthy 8

Men’s Rugby—Oct 17
Alumni Game 10am –2pm
Rugby Pitch

Men’s Soccer B—Oct 18
Vs. TCU 3pm Penberthy Field 8

Ice Hockey-Oct 24
Vs. Texas Tech 5:45pm
Arctic Wolf Ice Arena

Judo—Oct 24
Go Shibata Tournament
Rec Center Courts 5 & 7

Women’s Rugby - Oct 24
Vs. HARC 10am Rugby Pitch

Women’s Lacrosse—Oct 24-25
Quickstick Invitational
Penberthy 7-12

Women’s Soccer—Oct 23
Vs. Texas St. 3pm Penberthy

Women’s Soccer—Oct 25
Vs. SH 3pm Penberthy Field 7

Ice Hockey—Oct 30 & 31
Vs. UTSA 5:45pm
Arctic Wolf Ice Arena

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Sport Clubs RECord

National Domination 2008-2009

By Rachel Benson

The Texas A&M Powerlifting Team made an impressive showing at their national competition at the end of last season. The women’s team finished second, and the men’s team finished 6th. As a combined team, the Aggies finished 3rd, only five points out of second place.

There were several major Aggie standouts. Tiffany McKinney finished 1st on benchpress, lifting 315 lbs (the most of any women in the competition). Alicia Summers also finished first in her weight class. Jake Carney had highest bench, and one of the top three squats in his weight class. Dustin Witte was the highest squatter at the meet, squatting 715 lbs. The Powerlifting Team is excited about the upcoming season, as it has brought many hopeful freshman, and the club is looking forward to making an appearance at nationals again this year. They are confident that they can take away first place.

The Texas A&M Gymnastics team once again made a statement at nationals. For the women, Candice Deroche placed 1st on the Beam with a 9.82, Renee McEntire placed 2nd All Around with a 37.325. The women’s team placed 1st with a 146.8. On the men’s side, Eli Richardson placed on Pommels with a 14.8, 1st on Rings with a 14.4, 1st on Parallel Bars with a 14.2, 1st on High Bar with a 13.8, and 1st All Around with a 84.3. Both the women’s and men’s teams look strong this year and they are hoping for another strong year at nationals.

TExAS A&M Competition Squad

By Jon Olson

Formerly known as Texas Ag Elite, the Texas A&M Competition Squad is going through more than just name changes this year. They also are competing in a collegiate division! Last year, the club competed in the All-Star International All-Girl division. This year, they move to the collegiate division, where they will compete against Division I schools rather than the clubs at gyms. The 26 member squad has one coach and two assistant coaches. In addition to the 26 performing members, there are alternates that are also members of the team, who must know the routine in the case of injury to the performing squad.

The squad practices Sunday, Monday and Wednesday night. The team is looking to be very successful this year, and with the transition to the collegiate division, they are excited to show that A&M has very talented squad. Also, it has helped out with the recruiting aspect of the club, and the increase in women coming to tryout should be significant in the coming years.

The first competition is coming up at the end of the Fall semester, with two more in the spring before NCA Nationals, where the Competition Squad looks to bring Texas A&M its first collegiate cheerleading National Championship!

Coaches’ Meeting—Wed, Oct. 20 @ 6pm in Rec Center Room 255
By Christopher Parker

Q: Being the newest member of sport clubs, what are your goals and aspirations for this coming season?
A: Becoming a sport club at Texas A&M has always been one of the major goals for our team, so this is a very exciting time for us. We're a fairly young team, and with this transition to sport club status we're hoping to lay the foundation for a very successful future for Texas A&M Crew. As far as competition goes, we're always out to win.

Q: Who do you compete against?
A: It varies. At larger scale regattas, we race against quite a few teams, like Oklahoma, Baylor, you name it. We also duel head to head against other teams. Our next race is exclusively against Rice, but the one we always look forward to is our duel against t.u.

Q: What are you looking for in a member and how many members does your club have?
A: Our crew now has around 40 members. Rowing isn't a very well known sport in the south, so even if one hasn't ever rowed before, we teach them how to. I myself never rowed until I got to college. As far as ideal candidates, it's always a good thing to be tall. You also have to be willing to wear spandex.

Q: Do you have any new recruits?
A: We have a freshman by the name of Andrew MacDonald, who was the Texas High School state MVP last year as a senior. He is amazing.

Q: Who are you most thankful for on the team?
A: Matt Davis, hands down. He is a grad student and has been the best player on the team the past 3 years. He is back to back Texas Conference MVP and two time All-American. He is the team’s best friend.

Q: When telling people about your team, what's the first thing you say?
A: Yes, that's the sport with Speedos, the yellow ball, and the weird hats.

Q: When and where do you practice?
A: Monday-Thursday, 6:15pm-8:15pm in the Rec Natatorium dive well.

Q: If you could only say one sentence about the Water Polo team, what would it be?
A: We look great in Speedos.

In-Season Spotlights

Women’s Soccer—By Ryan McCabe

Despite a 2008-2009 season that was cut short by Hurricane Ike, the Women’s Soccer club looks forward to a busy schedule in the coming year. The club begins the season 2-0-2 with wins against UTSA and Texas Tech and ties against UT and Baylor. With a schedule that includes a number of less experienced teams, the club is hoping for a strong winning record and will take the opportunity to try new line formations. Significant competitions to be attended this fall include an invitational tournament at the University of California – Santa Barbra and nationals hosted in Phoenix, AZ. The women’s next home game will be against Stephen F. Austin on October 17 at 1pm.

Q & A: Cameron Glass, Men’s Water Polo President—By Amanda Hoffman

Q: What is your favorite part of being the President of Men’s Water Polo?
A: It is getting to be the leader of the team inside and outside of the pool.

Q: Who is your biggest team rival? A: As usual, t.u. is our biggest rival. We will play them here in College Station on October 4th and then on October 25 at the University of Houston. My prediction is that we win by 2 goals each time!

Q: How do you predict the rest of the season will go for the team?
A: I know we will beat Texas, win our conference championship and place in the top eight in the nation.

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