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### Sport Clubs RECord

**Club Spotlight: Baseball**

By Christopher Parker

With some of the most experienced athletes on campus, the Texas A&M Baseball Club is preparing for and looking forward to their 2010 spring schedule. The Aggies have all but two players returning, are currently ranked 13th in the nation, and are looking toward a playoff berth. In their ten year history, the club has been extremely successful, so it is no surprise that Nationals (this year in Fort Myers, Florida) will definitely be on the agenda. Currently, they compete in the Gulf Coast South Conference along with Sam Houston State, University of Texas-San Antonio, Lone Star College (Kingwood), and Tulane University.

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On March 27th the Aggies take on UTSA in the first conference game of their season. Despite having a talented group of veterans, new additions are always welcome to the team and tryouts will take place **February 1st at 4:00pm at Brazos Valley Bank Ballpark**. For more information about the Baseball club (including upcoming games) go to clubbaseball.tamu.edu. Congratulations for a very successful first 10 years!!!!

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by Amber O’Connor

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New Officer’s Meeting—Tues, Feb. 9th @ 6pm in Room 255
Season Outlook—Women’s Water Polo

**By Amanda Hoffman & Jessica Morris**
The Women's Water Polo Club is very excited to begin their spring season seeded 18th on the Collegiate Water Polo Association’s (CWPA) poll for week 1. The club began their quest this past fall winning the University of Florida Invitational Tournament held on October 24 & 25. They are excited to have many returning players, as well as quite a few new prospects. Returning players to watch are goalie, Erin Kasperek and two meter set, Maryann Moyer. New prospects in the water are freshman Sarah Biemer and Amanda Espinoza. Their number one rival heading into the spring season is the University of Texas. The team fell to Texas at the 2009 CWPA conference championship game, 15-10. The club is looking to avenge the loss and regain the top spot in the Texas Division. The club's number one goal this season will be to win the division championship at Rice University. April 10-11 and advance to nationals at the University of Arizona, April 23-25. With the talent and dedication that this team shows both in and out of the pool, it is safe to say that their goals are attainable.

The club not only excels in the water but in classroom. The team was recognized for an outstanding GPA of 3.18 at the end of last semester with six members receiving 2009 Women’s Scholar Athlete Team awards. These members included Sarah McDermand, Rachel Edwards, Courtney Saint, Erin Kasperek, Meagan Patrick, and Maryann Moyer. Best of luck this season!

In Season: Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse

**Men’s Lacrosse**

*by Rachel Benson*

The Men’s Lacrosse Club has always been something to brag about. Always being ranked in the top five in the state, they have been to nationals multiple times. This year their main rivals are Texas Tech and Texas. Southern Methodist University is ranked above A&M in the preseason rankings, but the team is not worried about the rankings, and the team is excited to play them to “put them in their place.” This year the team is heading to a tournament in Baton Rouge, and they plan on attending nationals in Denver, Colorado. Austin Wall, president of the Men's Lacrosse Club, says that the outlook for the season is good. “The team is young, but if we can mesh as a team we have to guys to win nationals.” The team prepares themselves for nationals by practicing two hours Monday thru Friday evenings. Some returning players worth mentioning are Jason Jolly at goalie, who was voted Defensive MVP of their league, and Ethan Dubois at attack. The team is very anxious for the season to get started and show the state who is the dominant lacrosse team in Texas. Also notable games on the teams schedule this season are Arizona, USC and Kansas. These games will all be played at home.

**Women’s Lacrosse**

*by Rachel Benson*

After ending last season at the state tournament, and not advancing to nationals, the Women's Lacrosse team has had to start the season off strong, beginning with the first practice. Both last year and this year the team has had to deal with many changes. This year the team has eleven new rookies, as well as quite a few returning seniors. The lack of returning players has presented some unique challenges for the team, but they don't let it impact their outlook for the season. The team is traveling to Miami, Florida at the end of February to play the top teams in the nation, and regain their national ranking back. The team practices two hours everyday to prepare for the season ahead. Their top rivals are Texas and Texas State. The team started the season off by beating Texas State by one goal in the preseason tournament. The team has games every weekend of the Spring semester except for Easter, Spring Break and Aggieland Classic. Aggieland Classic is the teams fundraiser that "carries the team" through the season financially. This year the tournament will include 50 plus teams, and a newly added Middle School bracket. The Women's team is excited for the season, and after preseason is ranked higher than they were before the tournament. Games are at Penberthy, and all support is greatly appreciated!