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## Volleyball team wins zone tournetoa

By Carolyn Blosser

Texas A&M's forever amazing women's intercollegiate volleyball team has been creating exciting news all season long, and this past weekend was certainly no exception. At the Zone Tournament in Huntsville the Aggies, putting to-gether perhaps their finest showing in A&M's short history, twice de-feated nationally ranked University of Houston in separate matches, as they stormed their way to the Zone

Championship. To fully appreciate this outstand-ing accomplishment, one must first consider the obstacles that A&M

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faced along the way. To begin with, out of the four different zones in Texas, A&M's zone (East zone) is the toughest and strongest in the state. It includes the University of Houston, who has the distinction of being ranked third in the nation, and Lamar University, last year's State champion

But the biggest obstacle the Ags faced, without a doubt, came in the 6'5" package of Flo Hyman, the Cougars' star player. She, along with a couple of her U. of H. teammates, competed on the United States Olympic Volleyball team.

Fortunately, however, obstacles

don't seem to bother the Aggies, at least they didn't this past weekend.

U. of H. and A&M came into the six team Zone Tournament seeded first and second, respectively, which enabled them both to receive byes in the first round of competition.

A&M's first match came in the second round against Lamar University. The Ags won easily 15-6, 15-12, thus gaining a berth in the final round of the winner's bracket against U. of H.

This match against U. of H. and the mighty Flo was not so easy. It proved to be a stuggle all the way with the Aggies prevailing 15-13, 15-9, 15-10 in the final match to cap-

16-14. Since this was the Cougars' first loss in the double elimination tournament, they still remained in contention for the championship. The Cougars then defeated Lamar in the losers bracket, giving Lamar a third place finish in the tournament and U. of H. another shot at A&M in the finals

Beating U. of H. once in a tour-nament is an incredible accom-plishment, but doing it twice is asking the impossible. But apparently, no one told this to the Aggies.

Looking as strong as ever, the Ags convincingly defeated the Cougars

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