

It's on to the nationals

By CAROLYN BLOSSER
Texas A&M women's volleyball team will fly to Provo, Utah today to compete in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) National Volleyball Championship.

This is the first time the Aggie women have reached the AIAW Nationals in the five-year history of A&M women's volleyball program. The top 24 teams in the nation will be divided into four pools of six teams each, with the top two finishers from each pool advancing to the finals of this three-day tournament.

A&M begins play Thursday morning against fourth seeded Pepperdine University. Later that day the unseeded Aggies meet Northern Kentucky University and Maryland. Friday the Aggies play host Brigham Young University, seeded fifth in the tournament, and Portland State University.

If the Aggie women come out of their pool to qualify for the quarterfinals, A&M will be among the top

eight collegiate teams in the country.

Lamar and the University of Houston are the only other Texas teams which qualified for this year's Nationals. They are seeded seventh and eighth, respectively.

The University of Southern California is the tournament's top seed, with UCLA seeded second and University of Hawaii seeded third.

The Aggies finished among the top four teams in eight of the nine tournaments they competed in this season, and won the Lamar Invitational Tournament in early October.

A&M beat Lamar in two out of four matches this year. Against Houston the Aggies were narrowly defeated three games to two in both matches.

The stepping stone to Nationals is the AIAW Regional Tournament, in which the top finishers automatically qualify for Nationals.

A&M finished third in its regional tournament, but was picked to go to

Nationals based on its state record, and on its performances against nationally ranked Lamar and Houston.

For the Aggies to advance to the quarterfinals at Nationals, they have to beat either Pepperdine or Brigham Young, the two seeded teams in their pool. And A&M Coach Dave Schakel says this will be no easy task.

Both teams have a three-inch height advantage over the Aggies, both have played at nationals before, and both have their same players back from the past two years, Schakel said.

The Aggies play both Pepperdine and Brigham Young early in the morning and Schakel said he thinks that's to A&M's advantage "because we might catch one of them napping."

While Pepperdine and Brigham Young are both experienced teams, A&M has three starters new to the team this year. Donna Branch, a transfer from San Jacinto Junior College, is one of A&M's starting outside blockers, and a consistent all-

around performer, Schakel said. The other new Aggie starters are freshmen Wendy Wilson, Rhonda Reece. Wilson is strong spiking and receiving serves. Reece is one of A&M's best servers. Judy Bigon, an outside blocker, is A&M's only senior starter this year. She can spike with both hands and is A&M's best defensive player, Schakel said.

Vicki Marshal, A&M's strongest and most consistent spiker, middle blocker Dianne Duggan, make up the rest of the starting team.

Sophomores Ellen Schoenagel and Lisa Duncan substitute frequently. Schoenagel is an excellent boost in the middle blocking position and Duncan is an excellent setter, Schakel said.

Brenda Crim, Teresa Galt, Linda Shaw, Laura Cobb, Steve Rasmussen, Luanne Forney and Mary Raske round out the rest of A&M's team.



An overnight success

A&M freshman quarterback Mike Mosley captured the eyes of many fans in Aggieland. Mosley rushed for 109 yards, and

completed six passes in six attempts for 43 yards. A&M defeated the Cougars 27-7.

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Campbell named player of the year

United Press International
NEW YORK — Earl Campbell, unbeaten Texas University's 220-pound running back with an explosive "second effort" reminiscent of Jimmy Brown, was honored today as the United Press International's college football player of the year.

The 22-year-old native of Tyler, Tex., whose relentless pounding at rival lines enabled Texas to finish the season as the only perfect-record team in the country and made him the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, was a runaway winner in the annual post-season voting by sports writers and sports casters around the country.

Campbell received 36 votes compared to five for running back Terry Miller of Oklahoma State and three for tight end Ken McAfee of Notre Dame.

Similar in build to former star Jimmy Brown, the 6-foot, 1-inch Campbell displayed the same ability to "make a second effort" in the language of football. He made some of his most spectacular and important runs after seemingly being stopped

at the line of scrimmage or short gain by maintaining balance and jolting forward at the time.

Campbell's season statistics that he carried the ball 267 times in 11 games and gained 1,744 yards an average of 6.5 yards per carry and 158.5 per game while scoring 15 touchdowns. Charles Alexander of Louisiana State University finished second in the final NCAA statistics with an average of 5.5 yards per game and Oklahoma State's Miller was third with an average of 152.7.

There are two big factors to find in Earl Campbell's honor. Darrell Royal, the Texas coach, recruited and signed him. Campbell's pride and the other is love. The Old Texas are two strong factors to start basies from and they've got abundance of both.

Royal also recalls Campbell's reaction when the coach was tempting to recruit the Tyler School star — the best-known school football player in the state at the time.

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