

Volleyball team tours California and Utah

Just how good is this year's Texas A&M volleyball team?
The team will have its answer after a 10-day trip to California and Utah where it will face nationally ranked competition, including defending national champion University of Southern California.

The Aggies will get a shot at USC today when San Diego State University hosts a 20-team tournament. Under the direction of Coach Dave Schakel, a professional volleyball player, the Aggies go into the tournament with a 7-2 season record. Both Aggie losses came at the hands of defending state champion University of Texas at Arlington last weekend.

In last week's tournament play, Vicki Marshall led the Aggies with 11 kills (unreturned spikes), followed by Dianne Douglas and Wendy Wilson with eight each. Wilson also led the Aggies on service reception. Douglas and teammate Donna Branch played outstanding on defense.

Marshall, Wilson, Douglas and Branch, along with Kirsten Bloom and Nancy Dunn make up the starting Aggie lineup. Other prospective starters for the 10-day excursion are Lisa Duncan, Pam Hill and Mary Raschke. Crystal Cobb, Pam Miller and Krista Sodich complete the Aggie squad.

In San Diego, the Aggies face Fresno State and Oral Roberts be-

fore meeting USC and Arizona State. The quarterfinals will be played tonight with the semi-finals and the finals to be played Saturday. From San Diego, the Aggies will fly to Logan, Utah where they will challenge fourth ranked Utah State in a dual match.

Tournament play will continue on Sept. 28 when Texas A&M travels to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where the Aggies will be seeded fourth in a 20-team field.

The Aggies will face Colorado State University, Northern Colorado, Wever State College, University of California and Portland State University before playoff action begins.

"The trip will provide the needed experience for the team," Schakel said, "and let us know what we'll have to do to prepare for nationals."

Schakel, in his debut at Texas A&M last season, led the team to a 46-20 season record. The team was prepared for state, regional and national competition, losing only four of its last 23 matches. The Aggies finished third in both state and regional play.

During the summer, Schakel played for the San Diego Breakers. He has played on the professional level since the volleyball league started in 1975. Schakel has also played for the Santa Barbara Spikers, the Tucson Sky and the El Paso Sol.



Batter up

Texas A&M's Debbie Takacs lays down a bunt during action in last weekend's Texas A&M Invitational Softball Tournament. The Aggies finished second in their tournament behind

Texas Women's University. Today the Aggies travel to Denton to participate in the TWU Tournament.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Lions leery of Mustangs

United Press International
UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - Penn State Coach Joe Paterno complained earlier this week that the game films Southern Methodist Coach Ron Meyer had sent to him were all blurry.

Maybe Meyer gave Paterno films of the Mustangs' wide receivers and kick returners. The way they've been going through the first two games, not many cameras — or opposing defenses for that matter — have been able to catch them.

Fourth-ranked Penn State, coming off an impressive 19-0 shutout of Ohio State, will have to contend with all this speed plus a potent passing attack Saturday when the surprising Mustangs make their first trip ever to Beaver Stadium.

And Paterno, who complained on Monday that the SMU films were late arriving and of poor quality, says his team can't relax for a second.

"I think this will be the best offensive team we've played," he said. "Their quarterback (Mike Ford) is a fine passer and they have good wideouts. They have the best kick return game we'll probably see all season. They're a very explosive team."

The Mustangs, 7-15 in Meyer's first two years as coach, have looked very impressive thus far in a shocking 35-25 win over Florida last week and a 45-14 opening game victory over Texas Christian, Penn State's opponent next week.

Ford, a sophomore, is 29-of-48 for 490 yards. His favorite target, All-America candidate Emanuel Tolbert, has caught nine passes and is averaging 27 yards a catch.

Another threat for the Mustangs is senior D.K. Perry, a free safety more known for his skill at returning

kickoffs and punts. He has a season with a 97-yard kickoff against TCU and brought a punt 80 yards for a score in Florida.

Combine this with a stiff defense — SMU held Florida's Gators had a first-and-goal 1-yard line — and you have makings of a tough game, was supposed to be a break for the Nittany Lions.

"Our youngsters think they go up there and beat Penn State," Meyer said. "I hate to tell them to burst their bubble."

The Nittany Lions, 3-11, have been stingy on defense in three games, limiting the offense to an average of 59 yards. Ford will be facing a fierce defense that tackles Bruce Clark and freshman Art Schlichter in interceptions out of a total turnover.

"I'm not really sure they've been tested yet," Paterno said about the defensive unit.

The Penn State offense has mainly consisted of the who has hit on nine of 11 attempts. The Nittany Lions scored just three touchdowns as quarterback Chuck (39-of-73 for 474 yards) has off to a slow start.

As for last week, Paterno feels his team is not looking as good as it did last week. "I hope we can just use it as a platform toward getting better," he said. "If we don't, everything did last week will disappear. I think the kids are mature enough to leave this behind them and for the next game."

The big one that got away

United Press International
HOUSTON — Dapper Dan Klosterman, the general manager of the Los Angeles Rams, hates to see a star football player get away almost as much as he hates to miss a sale on fine clothing.

Thus, Klosterman was upset late this spring when he failed to obtain the premier rookie running back of this season thinking he had the deal worked out, a published report indicates.

Klosterman told a Houston Post sportswriter this week he thought he had sealed an agreement with Tampa Bay Coach John McKay to obtain draft rights for Earl Campbell, the Heisman Trophy winning tailback from the University of Texas.

"I thought from the start that I had the inside track," Klosterman said. "I felt like we had more to give than anyone else and I'd been close to John for years. We talked for hours about this deal — it was a renewal of a friendship we'd enjoyed for a long time."

McKay, before going to Tampa Bay, was a long-time head coach at USC.

The Houston Oilers, to Klosterman's surprise, traded Tampa Bay tight end Jimmy Giles and four draft

choices for the No. 1 choice two weeks before the May draft. They chose Campbell in that spot.

"I'll be honest. I was very, very disappointed. I don't know. Maybe I made the mistake of overconfidence," Klosterman said.

His disappointment was brought to light this week because Klosterman's Rams, who are short on quality running backs, travel to the Astro dome for a Sunday game against the Oilers.

Campbell leads the NFL in rushing after three games with 322 yards and a 5.2-yard average.

"Tell Bud (Adams Jr., the Oilers owner) we'd like to borrow Earl Sunday, if it's no problem," Klosterman said.

The game is a homecoming of sorts for Klosterman. He was general manager for Adams from 1966-70.

"Bud and I parted on good terms," he said. "He gave me the opportunity to be a general manager and I'm grateful to him. I have good feelings about Houston. I thought we had the greatest fans in the world. I'm from Los Angeles, but I consider Houston my second home."

Klosterman disclosed he allowed

Campbell to drive his sports car and then took him by the home of Rams owner Carroll Rosenbloom this spring.

"Earl saw a cassette there that a local deejay had made up for me. He asked if he could borrow it. He said that, since we'd be signing him, he'd give it back when he returned to Los Angeles," said Klosterman. "He hasn't been back yet so remind him he owes me a cassette."

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Arizona-Texas Tech	Texas Tech by 3	Arizona by 10	Arizona by 10	Arizona by 10
Utah-Houston	Houston by 15	Utah by 9	Utah by 9	Utah by 9
Baylor-Kentucky	Kentucky by 4	Kentucky by 11	Kentucky by 11	Kentucky by 11
SMU-Penn State	Penn State by 20	Penn State by 12	Penn State by 12	Penn State by 12
Arkansas-Oklahoma State	Arkansas by 23	Arkansas by 23	Arkansas by 23	Arkansas by 23
TCU-Oregon	Oregon by 7	Oregon by 8	Oregon by 8	Oregon by 8
Wyoming-Texas	Texas by 26	Texas by 24	Texas by 24	Texas by 24
USC-Alabama	Alabama by 12	Alabama by 13	Alabama by 13	Alabama by 13
Michigan-Notre Dame	Michigan by 4	Notre Dame by 9	Notre Dame by 9	Notre Dame by 9

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