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Volleyball team loses to Inde

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Battalion Staff
After one game it looked like the visiting Inde Rebels, winners of the past two Mexican women's volleyball championships, would be upset by a bunch of Texas A&M upstarts. But experience, instinct and overconfidence by the Aggies led to a four-set victory for the visitors at G. Rollie White Coliseum Thursday night. The Ags won the first game,

1972 Mexican Olympic teams. According to Condon, Garcia is somewhat of a legend in her homeland. "She walks on water over there," Condon said, also mentioning it was hard for her to sit on the sidelines watching her nemesis tear up her students, "I wanted to go out there and play. We used to go out there and exchange heated words." The heated words were obviously past tense for the two, as Garcia and Condon, who played on the US national team for 12 years herself, poked and jibed at each other at yesterday's luncheon at Cain Hall. The Mexicans entered the match with an

even 3-3 slate, beating Minnesota Iowa and Texas, while losing to Illinois State, Northwestern and Iaska. The veteran Mexican said they did learn some new techniques on the tour, particularly stacked return utilized by the western. Condon was disappointed in Aggie performance, as were the players. "I think they got confident after that first win," A&M coach surmised. "We definitely should have won that they didn't block. That's like a ketball when somebody guards you, you should have a day."

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15-9, but this may have led to their undoing, whether it was because of overconfidence on the hosts' part, or whether it fired up the Mexicans, but the Rebels won the next three, 15-5, 16-14, 15-7.

The Rebels, making Aggie land their seventh stop on their nine-team American tour, beat the University of Texas in straight games Wednesday night. Eight players on the Mexican team are either currently on or were on the Mexican national team. In fact, A&M head coach Terry Condon has played against several Inde players.

The Rebels were led by Blanca Garcia, who played on the 1968 and



Texas to pose biggest threat to Ags

Wrestlers host Jones Classic

By RICHARD OLIVER

Sports Editor
After winning against Southwest Texas State last Saturday in San Marcos to start off the fall season, the Texas A&M Wrestling Club will bring its act home this Saturday.

And what an act it is. The Aggies field a team with more depth than anytime in recent memory, said Club President Bob Santini Wednesday.

"It's the first time in at least the last four years, maybe more, that both the varsity and junior varsity teams are equal," he said. "We have real depth for the first time."

This weekend, the team may find out just how much depth it has, as it hosts the first Luther Jones Classic Saturday beginning at noon in the DeWare Fieldhouse. It will be the one and only home match this fall.

The event is named after the Aggies' first wrestling coach, who initially arrived at A&M in 1919 to take a job with the YMCA.

His job there enabled A&M to start a wrestling program at the University that spring with a seven-man

team. He was head coach in 1920-22. It has now progressed to a full program with two teams, now searching for varsity status due to the rising popularity of the sport in Texas and Oklahoma.

For example, A&M now fields several state champions and potential champs: Conway, a freshman from New York state, was a champion there, and defeated the No. 1-seeded wrestler in Texas at the SWTSU matches; senior Santini has won the Texas state title for the last three years, and is trying for a record fourth this season; Templet, a senior, was No. 10 in the state as a freshman, and was state champ in 1978; sophomores Bob Merriman and Phil Schauer were both fourth in Texas last year in their respective classes; and senior John Sweatt is a two-time state champ.

Despite the abundance of power on the team, Santini is still cautious about the Aggies blowing their horn too loud. The reason? Dwayne Keller.

Keller, according to Santini, was a

two-time national champion, and finished his collegiate career with a 65-1 record. He was also a three-time U.S. Wrestling Federation Match Champion. He is now Head Coach at the University of Texas, who will be wandering in this weekend for the Jones Classic.

"Because of him, they've drawn three state champions to their program," said Santini. "It (A&M-Texas) will be the best matchup. Last year, U.T. refused to wrestle us because we beat them 54-6 the year before. This year, it may be tough."

The Aggies will take on Southwest Texas again at noon Saturday to start off the competition, and then will take on LeTourneau University at 2:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m., however, the real action takes place, as the Aggies and the Longhorns lock horns.

Wrestling for the Aggies will be: 118-pound class, Conway; 126-pound, Merriman; 134-pound, Lewallen; 142-pound, Sweatt; 150-pound, Schauer; 158-pound, Joe Eazor; 167-pound, Jeff Collins; 177-

pound, Santini; 190-pound, Damion Cook; and heavyweight, Templet (285 pounds).

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Roberts is surprise favorite in draft

United Press International
NEW YORK — Dave Roberts, a catcher with a lifetime batting average of .240, hit a home run in baseball's annual re-entry draft of free agents Thursday, but outfielder Ron LeFlore and relief pitcher Tug McGraw struck out.

Roberts, who played last season with the Texas Rangers, was the first choice in the draft and was selected 12 times in all — the most of any player. Although he has never played more than 127 games in any major league season, he now figures to reap the financial benefits of the re-entry process.

While Roberts, outfielder Dave Winfield and pitcher Don Sutton proved to be the most popular choices, LeFlore and McGraw were scorned.

LeFlore, who stole 97 bases for the Montreal Expos last season, was chosen by only the Chicago White Sox while McGraw, one of the Philadelphia Phillies' World Series stars, did not receive a single bid for his services. Since less than two teams drafted rights to LeFlore and McGraw, they are free to talk to any team but their asking price will un-

doubtedly come down considerably. "I'm surprised there wasn't more interest in LeFlore," said Expos president Jim Fanning. "He did steal 97 bases and I'd think he'd be attractive to several clubs."

"The McGraw thing was interesting," admitted Dick Moss, an agent for both Winfield and McGraw. "I think a lot of clubs, based on Tug's

performance in the World Series, felt that he belongs in Philadelphia. Tug is, in effect, a completely free agent. He's free to talk to all the clubs and we intend to do just that."

While the lack of interest in LeFlore and McGraw was not expected, neither was the great interest shown in Roberts.

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