

# Sports

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# Volleyball team continues to roll

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The 19th-rated Texas A&M women's volleyball team moved closer to a spot in the national top ten last weekend with a convincing first-place finish in the five-team Texas A&M Tournament.

The Aggies' undefeated tournament record included back-to-back victories over 16th-rated University of Texas at Arlington, a team the Aggies hadn't beaten in two years.

"We're starting to play the way we were earlier this season," Coach Terry Condon said. "We were starting to play like a unit, and then we went down for a couple of weeks — I think we were mentally fatigued."

Lighter practices and a few days of rest gave the players the mental boost they needed, she said, and the results were obvious to the Aggies' opponents. Texas A&M dropped Lamar University 7-15, 15-3, 15-13, 15-7 in its opener Fri-

day afternoon, and followed up its fourth win of the season over the Cardinals with a 15-8, 15-1, 15-10 trimming of Louisiana State University.

The Aggies next dumped the University of Houston in straight games, 15-11, 15-6, 15-7, and completed their preliminary play by stunning UTA 15-8, 15-10, 4-15, 16-14 Saturday morning.

Their confidence at an all-time high, the Aggies handed the Mavericks their second loss of the day in the 12-15, 16-14, 15-9, 13-15, 15-10 marathon final match.

"I think it was a real confidence-booster because we've known all along that we were capable of beating UTA," senior hitter Wendy Wilson said. "It (the final match) was the first time we've gone into a game like that knowing before we started that we were going to win."

An improving defense and continued progress from the younger players made the difference in the

tournament, Condon said. "We're starting to play more aggressively with a lot better defensive effort," she said.

"Sue Wetzel, Wendy Wilson, and Kristen Bloom have all been steady, and Jennifer Geise has stabilized. Chemine Doty and Lisa Johnson are going to make some mistakes because they're young, but they're doing better. And Cathy Frederick played some really great defense."

Saturday's wins over UTA gave the Aggies a 29-13 season mark and their second undefeated tournament championship of the season. Texas A&M won the Texas Women's University Tournament September 25-26 by upsetting Texas Lutheran College, previously the nation's top-rated NCAA-Division II team.

With the SWC tournament coming up Friday and Saturday the University of Texas in Austin Condon said she is pleased with the timing of her team's return form. "I think we've peaked at a right time — there are only two weeks left in our season."

Wilson, regularly an tournament selection for Aggies, said the victories over UTA have increased the Aggie determination to beat Texas.

The Aggies play at home this week as they prepare for conference tournament, the Southwestern University and Texas Tech Thursday, and Texas Lutheran College, pre-

# LA trying for biggest comeback of month

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Ron Cey can be thankful this is a month of miracles.

Cey, despite getting beamed by fireballer Rich Gossage, plans to be at Yankee Stadium Tuesday night for what could turn out to be one whale of a World Series victory party for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I'm OK," Cey managed to say Sunday before being taken to Centinela Hospital in Inglewood, Calif., and chances are that with the Dodgers leading the New York Yankees three games to two all his teammates feel the same way.

The Dodgers beat the Yankees 2-1, their third straight victory after losing the first two games. Pedro Guerrero and Steve Yeager hit back-to-back home runs in the seventh inning to pull Jerry Reuss and Team Comeback from a 1-0 deficit to within one victory of the championship.

"We overcame a deficit against an outstanding ballclub and we've had three super games here," said Dodger Manager Tommy Lasorda. "I hope and pray we can win one of two in Yankee Stadium."

The Dodgers have lost six straight games in the House That George Rebuilt but they hope to change that. No series has ever been decided by a team winning all its home games and losing all its road games. And should the Dodgers wish to place any faith in percentages, the winner of Game 5 has won 76 percent of all previous Series.

If the Dodgers have an enemy right now, it's the unfamiliarity of their position — ahead. They trailed Houston 2-0 before winning the best-of-five National League West playoffs, then rebounded from a 2-1 deficit to top Montreal in the NL playoffs.

"These guys have shown tremendous courage," said Lasorda. "Today we just hung in there and waited for something to break."

It was Ron Guidry who finally broke, throwing an 0-1 slider to Guerrero and a 1-2 fastball to Yeager. Those were the only mistakes for the lefthander, who fanned nine in seven innings and at one point retired 15 of 16 batters.

"When you are going bad you throw pitches and they hit them and you throw good pitches and they still hit them," said Guidry. "I thought I had great stuff after the first inning. It was just one of those

things."

The Yankees took a 1-0 lead in the second on a double by Reggie Jackson, the first of three errors by second baseman Dave Lopes, and a single by Lou Piniella. They managed only three more hits off Reuss the rest of the way and now know how the Dodgers felt in 1978, when New York lost the first two games then captured four straight for the title.

"It's a bad feeling to have someone come back on you," said Jackson. "It's a different feeling when you've tasted it and then all of a sudden it seems like it's the other guy's turn. I've never lost though."

With the Yankees leading 1-0 and Guidry having struck out Dusty Baker to open the seventh, Guerrero and Yeager became the ninth tandem in Series history to hit back-to-back homers.

"I didn't even see Pete hit his home run," said Yeager. "I wasn't thinking home run. Maybe the first two swings looked like I was trying to hit it into the parking lot, but I was just trying to make contact."

Cey, who left the hospital feeling dizzy and tired, was struck in the eighth and suffered a mild concussion. The pitch rose at him at 94 mph but the helmet took most of the blow and Cey, who began the Wondrous Weekend with a three-run homer Friday night, left the field under his own power.

"I'm sorry," Gossage told Cey in a visit to the clubhouse. "The minute it left my hand I knew it was trouble."

The Yankees, for their part, have plenty of troubles. They went through a similar trial when they led the Milwaukee Brewers 2-0 in the American League East playoffs then suddenly found themselves tied 2-2.

That's when owner George Steinbrenner raised the roof at an impromptu clubhouse meeting and the Yankees responded with a victory in the deciding game. Now they need twice as many victories.

"It's no different than the Milwaukee series," said Jackson. "The next time you lose, it's over."

Steinbrenner says the Yankees will rebound in Game 6, when Burt Hooton goes for the clincher against former Dodger Tommy John.

"It's far from over," said the owner. "They're coming to Yankee Stadium and it will be tough."

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**ENTRIES OPEN:** Table Tennis Singles entries begin today and continue until Tuesday, Nov. 3. United States Table Tennis Association rules will be followed. Classes A & B will be single elimination, while Class C will be round robin. Equipment will be provided.

**ENTRIES OPEN:** Entries open today in Badminton Singles and close November 3. United States Badminton Association rules will apply. Matches consist of the best two out of three games. Players must supply their own equipment.

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** Entries close tomorrow, Oct. 27, in Racquetball Doubles and the new Aggie Olympics. For more information or to sign up, come by the IM Office, Room 159 East Kyle today.

**SWIMMING:** The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department's Swim Meet ends this week. Divisionals will be on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. The All-University finals take place Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. For more information and race results, stop by Room 159 East Kyle.

**WEIGHTLIFTING:** Weightlifting competition takes place tonight. The women are located in the Physical Education Adaptive Room, G. Rollie White Annex and the contest begins at 5 p.m. The men will be in the Weightlifting Club room, 256 G. Rollie White. Their first division begins at 6 p.m.



## TAMU Archery Club

The TAMU Archery Club recently traveled to Oklahoma City to compete in a qualifying tournament for world competition. Bad weather seriously affected tournament conditions and few TAMU club members were successful.

However, Forrest Parker, president of the Club said there will be other tournaments and he was pleased with the club's performance considering the circumstances.

The Archery Club, like all extramural sports, receives some university funding through the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department. The additional money needed is partly raised by membership fees (\$15 per semester) and other activities. Parker stated that several major archery equipment manufacturers have contacted him about sponsoring the 30 member team, but nothing has been worked out yet.

The club travels extensively, including trips to UT and LSU. The National Collegiate Championship is being held in New Jersey this year. The top four male and female archers will be going.

Parker is the number one archer in the state of Texas in his division, and the TAMU Club came in third in the nation overall last year. Among non-scholarship schools, Texas A&M is number one. With top archers, Larry Perez and Cynthia Wetts, they are expecting bit things again this year.

There are two tryouts every year, one per semester, for more information contact Forrest Parker.

**FOR THE RECORD**

Jim Burns, who finished third in Backstroke last year, qualified second in the same event in the prelims last Tuesday night.

Soccer and Football playoff schedules are posted every Monday in East Kyle.

Tomorrow is the **LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR Aggie Olympics**

James McCarley watches a putt that "almost" dropped during Putt-Putt Golf competition. For his efforts James wins our McDonald's® "Be Our Guest" award this week. He can pick up his B.O.G. card, good for a free McDonald's® meal, in the Intramural Office.

## Innertube Water Basketball

New to the Intramural Department's list of available sports this fall was innertube water basketball offered in Mens, Womens, and CoRec divisions.

The game is played with basically the same rules as regular basketball with the only differences being that there are 6 players in a pool using a water polo ball, while floating on an innertube.

According to Marianna McNamara, team captain of the River Rats, the players seem to love the sport because "everyone can play" and it is not real competitive since there aren't hundreds playing the sport. The shooting style is completely different from basketball, so you really have to learn to shoot all over again.

Marianna also said that each player is more or less equal which keeps it fun. She was quick to add that it really gives your arms a workout.

Charles Cusack plays for the "War Eagles". He says innertube water basketball is lots of fun and wishes more teams would enter, so his team could play more games.

Lynette Ginn, Minor Team Sports Coordinator was very pleased with the twenty-five team turn-out this fall. She expects a great increase next year in the number of teams due to the players response thus far.

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