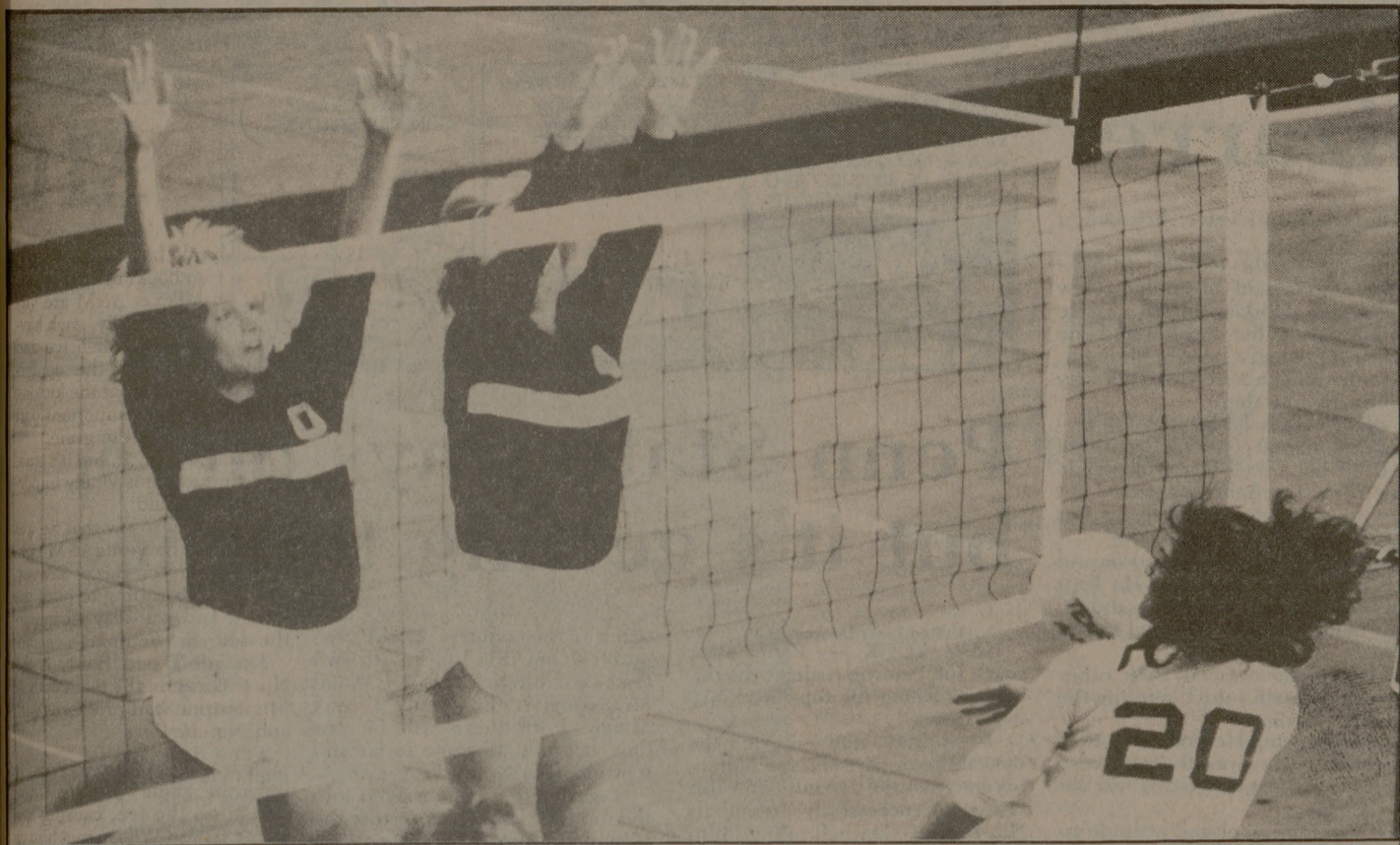


Sports



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Intimidation!

Chemine Doty and Wendy Wilson (l to r) prepare to block a shot from Diane Myers of Lamar University during the Texas A&M Volleyball Tournament which was held over the weekend. The 19th-rated Aggies won the tournament by

sweeping all five games. The Aggies host Southwestern University tonight and Texas Tech Thursday night in G. Rollie White with both games beginning at 7:30. The Ags travel to Austin Friday and Saturday.

Field hockey team loses to Rice 1-0

The Texas A&M Field Hockey Team lost to Rice 1-0 Saturday in Houston.

The team, comprised of women, played the Owls close but the experience of the Rice squad took its toll as they held on to win.

Club president Phoebe Davol said that Saturday's game was the first for several of the players but the experience gained was invaluable.

Field hockey is a game much like soccer but is played with hockey sticks approximately 30 inches long. The field has the same dimensions of soccer but the goals are smaller and the ball is made of cork.

The teams are comprised of 11 women, each playing positions similar to those in soccer.

The Texas A&M team currently has 14 players but, Davol said, are always looking for more. The women practice Monday through Thursday at 5 at Henderson Field near The Grove.

The women play again Saturday in Austin against St. Stephens High School in preparation for a tournament in Denver, Col. in two weeks.

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Men's soccer team loses 3-2

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB

Although the Texas A&M University men's soccer team lost 3-2 in two overtimes Sunday to Northwestern Louisiana University, the match effectively tested the Aggies' luck against top-rated teams.

After losing close matches earlier in the year to nationally ranked teams North Texas State University and Brigham Young University, the Aggies traveled to

Monroe, La. over the weekend to face 8-3-2 NLU. The loss left Texas A&M with a 4-4-2 season record, while the team's Southwest Conference Soccer League record remains 2-0-2.

The match with NLU provided the Aggies with much-needed warmup for this weekend's all-important conference match with Southern Methodist University. The Mustangs enter this Sunday's contest with a SWCSL record of 3-0-0 and six points, but the

Aggies' six points mean that the winner of the match will have undisputed control of first place in the conference. The match will be played on the Mustangs' home field Sunday at 2 p.m.

In Texas A&M's loss to NLU, the Aggies fell behind 2-0 at half-time, but came back to tie in the second half, sending the game into overtime. According to NCAA soccer regulations, teams must play two overtimes if regulation play ends in a tie.

The Aggies' Scott Gamble scored 10 minutes into the second half to cut the NLU lead to 2-1, while teammate Todd Leavitt tied the score 20 minutes later. However, after playing fine defense during the second half and the first 10-minute overtime, the Aggies allowed NLU to score the winning goal with only one minute left in the second overtime.

Texas A&M coach Telmo Franco cited his team's play, saying that the Aggies played inspired soccer throughout the match.

"The team's morale and spirit were always there, but with out-of-town games, you're up against a lot of things like the crowd and the referees," Franco said.

Women's soccer team undefeated

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB

The Texas A&M University women's soccer team won two matches over the weekend to increase its record to 6-0, defeating the University of Texas 4-1 and the University of Colorado 4-0.

Coach Jim Butts said the two victories may move the Aggies into the top nation's top 10 teams, since UC was ranked number eight and UT entered weekend action ranked number 18.

Carol Smith scored three goals and Laura Estes added one for the Aggies in Saturday's win over UT. Texas A&M managed 13 shots on goal, while the Longhorns shot seven times, with Aggie goalie Lucy Bourne saving five UT shots.

In the Aggies' win Saturday afternoon over eighth-ranked Colorado, forward Becky Carpenter scored all four unassisted goals in a tremendous offensive burst. Again, Texas A&M outshot its opponent 13-4 in gaining its third shutout of the season.

Butts cited the play of Carpenter and Smith in the two wins, adding that several of his players received slight ankle injuries during the matches. However, he said, the women should be ready to play in this weekend's competition.

Friday, the Aggies travel to Trinity University to compete in a state tournament involving Texas A&M, Trinity, and UT. The winner of the tourney gains the right to travel to Chapel Hill, N.C. Nov. 19-22 for the national women's soccer tournament.

Texas A&M plays Trinity Friday night at 7 p.m., then finishes journey action Saturday morning against UT.



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