



Volleyball team in SWC lead

Aggies spike Houston

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A week ago the Texas A&M women's volleyball team was undefeated when it went to Lincoln, Nebraska to play in a tournament with four of the best volleyball teams in the nation. The Aggie Ladies wanted to prove how good they really

were, but they came back to College Station winless in four games played at the Nebraska Invitational. The Texas A&M squad could have given up hope for the record season they hoped for and they could have lost their enthusiasm — but they didn't. The four losses disappointed

the Aggie Ladies, but they responded well by opening Southwestern Conference play with two convincing wins over Rice and Houston. Texas A&M defeated the Rice Owls Monday night 16-14, 15-6 and 17-15 and then beat the Cougars 9-15, 15-9, 15-5 and 15-9 last night.

As usual, the key to the Aggie Ladies' victory were the twin towers of Sherri Brinkman and Joey Vrazel who together accounted for most of Texas A&M's points and spikes. Vrazel spiked 12 balls to the floor and Brinkman added nine. The Aggie Ladies travel to Baton Rouge this weekend.

Hector, Jackson might play

Coach Jackie Sherrill said Wednesday that Aggie running backs Johnny Hector and Earnest Jackson should play against the University of Houston in Saturday's game in the Astrodome at 7 p.m.

After watching both players practice with the team Wednesday, Sherrill said: "It looks like both Jackson and Hector should be ready to play against Houston. Neither one will start, but they will both play."

Jackson is still nursing strained knee ligaments sustained in the Aggies' season opener against Boston College, while Hector has been recovering from a shoulder separation suffered against the University of Texas-Arlington.

Running back Thomas Sanders, who badly sprained an ankle against Louisiana Tech two weeks ago, may not be ready to play in Saturday's game. Senior tailback Mike Marshall will start alongside freshman

fullback George Smith against the Cougars.

The Aggies have gone through full-contact workouts each day this week in preparation for this week's game.

"This is the most hitting one of my teams has ever done during the season in one week's practice," Sherrill said.

In other Southwestern Conference news, senior David Mangrum will replace Mike Brannan as the Baylor Bears' starting quarterback against the SMU Mustangs Saturday.

More games cancelled as NFL strike continues

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Jack Donlan made things simple for Ed Garvey Wednesday: keep the wage scale and you fail.

With most of the action taking place on a variety of legal fronts, another weekend slate of games was scrubbed and the players' proposed series of renegade All-Star games received some good news from a federal judge in Washington.

In the late afternoon, Donlan, executive director of the Management Council, turned down a union request for another bargaining session this week in Washington, saying further talks hinge on the players dropping their No. 1 demand.

"Yesterday the (council's) executive committee met to give you an opportunity, in a face-to-face meeting with the owners, to discuss your wage scale proposal," read Donlan's telegram to union head Ed Garvey. "The owners reiterated what you have heard for several months across the bargaining table — your wage scale is unacceptable. To meet when you still have your wage scale on the table will produce no constructive results as the last three days of negotiations proved."

After their demand for 55 percent of the league's gross revenues was met by icy resistance from league owners, the NFL Players Association switched instead to a 4-year proposal for half the NFL's \$2.1 billion television package — with the money to be kept in a centralized fund and distributed via a scale that stressed seniority.

No formal talks have taken place since Saturday, but Garvey met with the six-man executive committee in secret on Tuesday and was promptly rebuffed.

League spokesman Jim Heffernan said Wednesday the 13 games slated for Sunday, plus the Monday-night game between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, have been called off, raising the total number of

games canceled thus far to 42.

"Since three regular-season weekends of games have not been able to be played and in view of previous announcements that a maximum of two weekends of games could possibly be made up in the event of a prompt settlement, this means at least one weekend of games has now been lost for the season," said Heffernan.

In Washington, federal judge John G. Penn paved the way for the union to proceed with its plan for a series of All-Star games when he refused to rule on whether the standard NFL player contract is enforceable. Penn also ruled all league suits seeking to bar striking NFL players from the proposed games must be filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, rather than in local and state courts.

Following Penn's non-decision, the NFLPA said the first of the All-Star games, originally set for Sunday, will be played Oct. 17 in Washington's RFK Stadium.

In Buffalo, N.Y., representatives from the Bills and the Turner Broadcasting System appeared briefly in state Sup-

reme Court, with attorneys for the broadcasting firm notifying the Bills they had filed papers seeking to have the matter removed to federal court in Buffalo.

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