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## Condon predicts excellent record for volleyball team

Sports Writer

Texas A&M's vollyball team played in a scrimmage game Tues-day night against Stephen F. Austin State University that should get the "They believe in themselves a

Aggies off to a good start.
"We played a really good scrimmage for about two hours, but we didn't actually take score," said Terry Condon, Head Vollyball

The scrimmage against Stephen F. Austin was the first game the women's team played together in two weeks.

'I was pleased with how they played, but, we were real nervous," Condon said. "I was glad when they

calmed down early in the game."
Condon said the Stephen F. Austin game was a good preparation for the upcoming Illinois State Volley-

ballTournament Aug. 31.

Illinois and Indiana, both of whom young. are ranked in the nation's Top 20.

"I'm expecting a lot out of them," the coach said, "and I think they're

They believe in themselves and know that they have to do well," Condon said. "I think they'll do well in the conference, maybe even the (entire) NCAA.

For the team to perform at its peak, the coach said the players are going to have to improve their service receiving, which was their main weakness last season.

Condon said the Ags' offensive hitting is their main strength this

"We have a lot more advancedplayers this year," she said, "so, we can do more and try to mix things up more.

Last year, the team was made up llTournament Aug. 31. mostly of rookies. This year, they will have to play a couple of will all be back again, but the 13-

Of those players returning, the coach said Sherri Brinkman, Margaret Spence, Chemine Doty, Chris Zogata, and Lesha Beakley are especially good volleyball players. She said they were probably be among the best in the conference in '84.

Condon said the entire team plays well together and possesses a lot of talented personnel. Condon feels these two ingredients should pro-vide the right chemistry for a suc-

cessful 1984-85 campaign.
Condon predicts a 28-10 overall record for the season and thinks the

team could well surpass that mark.

This year for the first time, an admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students will be charged. People with all-sports ticket books can use them

to attend the games. Condon doesn't feel the admission price will discourage spectators. She hopes that the exposure volley-



A&M's Terry Condon

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ball received during the Los Angele Olympics will bring more fans into G. Rollie White Coliseum than eve

# Aggie softball players enter C the 1984-85 season healthy

By SUZY FISK Reporter

The Texas A&M Women's Softball team has been locked out of a national championship for the last lack of depth. But A&M Head Coach Bob Brock said this season should reverse that trend.

Two years in row the women's softball team has lost by one run, making them runner-up to the national champions. The Aggies lost the national crown last season to UCLA and in 1983 to Cal-State Ful-

At one point last year, the team had a total of nine players who were injured. A rash of injuries have been avoided this year, Brock said, so the

Ags should make up for lost time. Catcher Gay "Mac" McNutt, and outfielder Ann Hadley, are out for the fall schedule recovering from injuries, but both players will be ready

This time last year there were a few injuries, but Brock said the team is "a lot healthier" this season.

Brock and his players say they are very excited about the 1984-85

squad, even after only three practices. McNutt said this is the best

group of players she's seen at A&M.
"It's (the team) got all the ingredients that makes for national champs," Brock said, "I'm excited about the team's potential."

Now that the Ags have three pitchers and five new freshman, Brock feels the team has strength-

ened its depth. Karen Brown and Karen Athanacio are two of the five incoming fresh-men who will see a lot of playing

time, Brock said.

Aggies' third pitcher. Brock thinks that Athanicio, a left-hander, will "solidify" the team's pitching staff.

Athanacio said she wants to put as much effort possible into pitching for the Ags, hoping to gain added experience by playing with a veteran

"I've never played with a topnotch team like this before, everyone cheers everyone else on," Athanacio

Evett Lopez and Shawn Andaya are the team's two right-handed pitchers. Andaya was a second team All-American choice last season with

"I think we have a good mixture

Brown is being used as a catcher for the fall and Athanacio will be the see a contender." Brock said, "I see a contender." see a contender.

On this year's team, the player to watch for is Mary Schwind, the starting first baseman and a two-year

Brock says Schwind is a reserved and relaxed player with All-American potential.

The Aggies will have the same tough competition as last year UCLA, Cal-State Fullerton, Okl homa State, Sam Houston State an University of Texas at Arlington.

The A&M Fall Invitational, the Ags' first tourney, will be at South wood Athletic Park inCollege Station

### Fryar's versatility impresses Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. - If Irving Fryar had his way, he'd be playing center field for the Philadelphia Phillies instead of catching passes for the New England Patriots.

"I always dreamed of being a pro-baseball player," said Fryar. "I was drafted by the Phillies but my coach told them I wasn't interested because I was going to Nebraska to play football. He didn't even talk to me about

Had he opted for baseball, Fryar would not have gone on to an All-America football career. Nor would he have become the NFL's No. 1 draft choice in 1984.

"I've been fortunate. Coming from a big school like Nebraska was than our system at Nebraska," said said. "I'm happy because I can take definitely a big advantage. There Fryar. "It's not so much that the care of my parents."

was so much more I could accomplish there than at a smaller school," said Fryar, whose start in the NFL has been delayed by cracked ribs suffered in a pre-season game.

The Patriots like what they've seen of Fryar so far. He will divide

his time between handling punt returns and playing wide receiver and H-back in the Patriots' new one-back "Irving has shown what an excit-ing player he can be," said Patriots Head Coach Ron Meyer. "He can

catch the ball, run well and block He's everything we expected of

Frayar knows he has a lot to learn money affect him. about pro ball.

"It's much more complex here

techniques are harder, but rather a matter of learning them."

Fryar knows that as a No. 1 draft choice a lot is expected of him. But the Mount Holly, N.J., native says that added pressure won't affect his

"Sure, being No. 1 means you have an extra cross to bear, but I think I can deal with it," he said. "I love playing football and it's a matter of me going out and doing what's expected of me.

The Patriots signed Fryar to a guaranteed 4-year, \$2.4 million contract, but Fryar says he won't let the

"I don't feel like a millionaire," he



New England's Irving Fryar

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