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Ags set to play SHSU in opener

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The Texas A&M women's volleyball team will play their first 1984 season home opener tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum against Sam Houston State University. The match will get under way at 7:30 p.m.

The Aggie women are coming off two wins Tuesday night over a team composed of members of the Bryan-College Station sports media.

Tuesday's match with local sports writers and broadcasters could not be accurately called a tuneup match—at least not for the Aggies anyway.

If anybody got tuned up in that match it was the media team. They lost both games by the scores of 15-2 and 15-7.

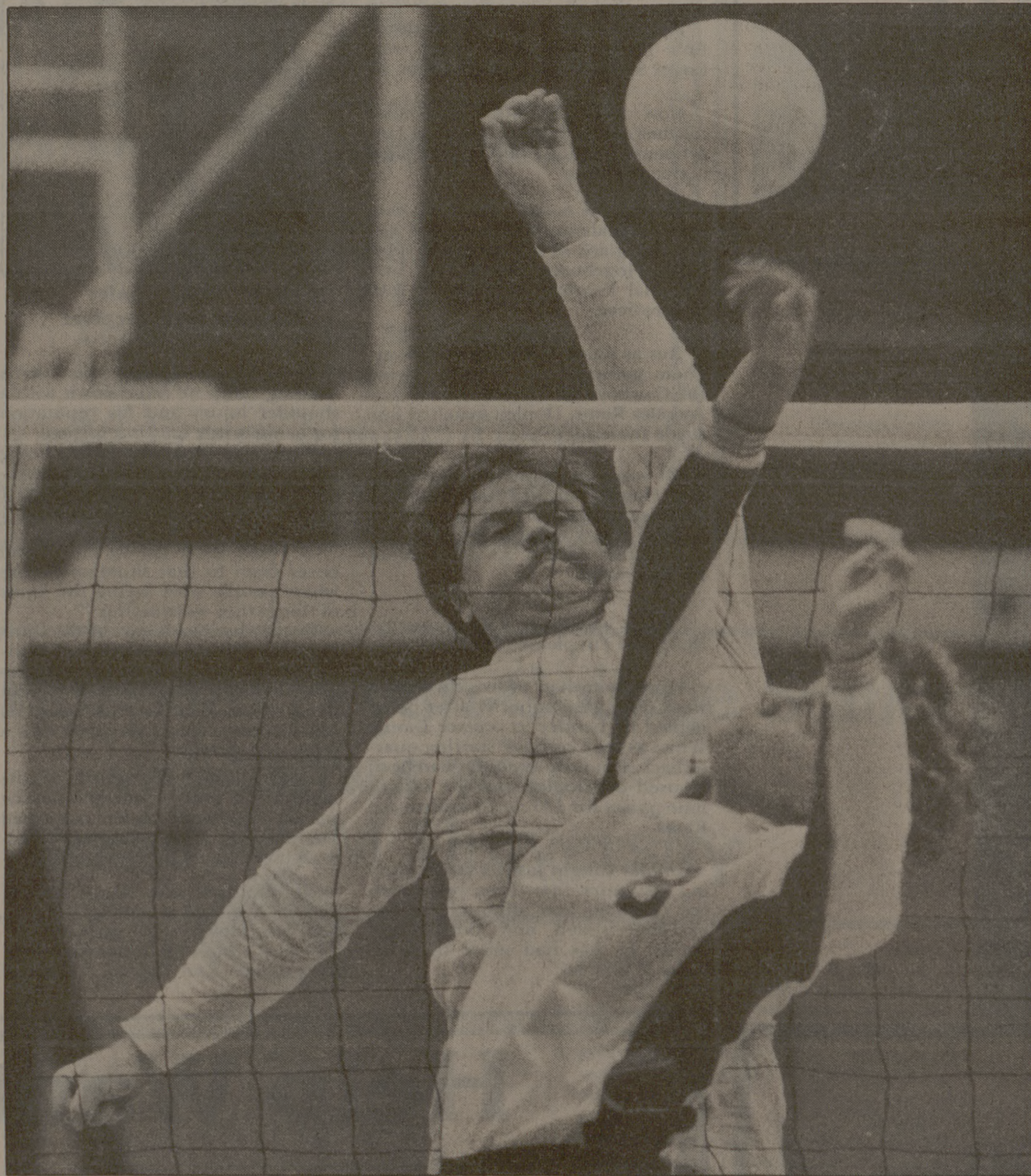
However, compared to last season's media effort, there was a marked improvement in scoring. The '84 media team managed to score nine points in two games while last season's team could only muster two points in three games, losing 15-0, 15-1, 15-1.

There were only about 50 spectators to cheer on the players. And when they did, along with many nickers and chuckles for the media quad.

The Aggie women seemed to have started with a great time and were great sports as the men of the media tried to make up the gap in conditioning and harm their opponents into making mental mistakes.

But it was not to be.

The A&M women only had one lapse and that occurred in the second game when the media team opened up an early 4-0 lead.



Chris Lee, left, attempts to block the ball against Texas A&M's Karre Welch (#8), during Tuesday's Varsity vs. Media volleyball match at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

UTEP burn still has not healed

Well the week after football game, the now famous UTEP sunburn has faded and those lovely mums are now wilted and crushed. And still the question remains — what is Aggie sports all about?

I watched a football game that stunk. That put me in a bad mood.

But the worse thing about the whole Black Saturday affair is I am trapped by a university that won't allow me to let off the collective steam and frustration of watching the home team play terrible.

How I ached to boo the bums for dropping the ball, and could only scratch my head as I watched the teams roam around the field aimlessly.

Oh yeah, I'd be a real mean Ag for being disgusted by the play of The Sherrill Squad, but it is our University team.

I want to see triple figures in our scores, not a team that wins only because the other team lets them off the hook, but because the Aggies actually beat the crap out of the opposing team.

I want to see A&M walk all over UT and SMU (revenge for last year), and smear anyone else that gets in their way.

But how can a football fan take the early 1984 A&M football season seriously? How come I have the suspicious feeling that A&M is trying to slip through the backdoor to so called SWC respectability.

Folks, I would be the first to stand up for the Ags when they deserve it. And I'd be thrilled to watch the Ags succeed.

And by implication win.

And to those other forgotten winning A&M teams I wish you luck.

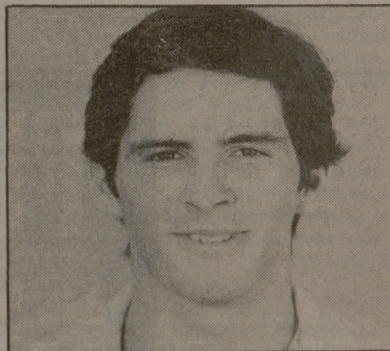
Apathy seems a way of life here at Texas A&M.

So even though we have a fantastic women's volleyball team, polo team, rugby team, soccer team, field hockey team, fencing team, swim team, wrestling team, water polo team, cross country team, boxing team, lacrosse team and many others all these athletes can breathe more easily.

None of these sports, with the hundreds of dedicated athletes has to worry about being booed or cheered by a mere 42,000 fans.

Instead they can be ignored by nearly the entire University all at once.

So the next time someone comes up to me to complain about how hard I'm being on the football team, be prepared to tell me the last time you went to some other A&M game.



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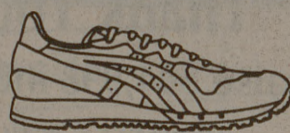
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