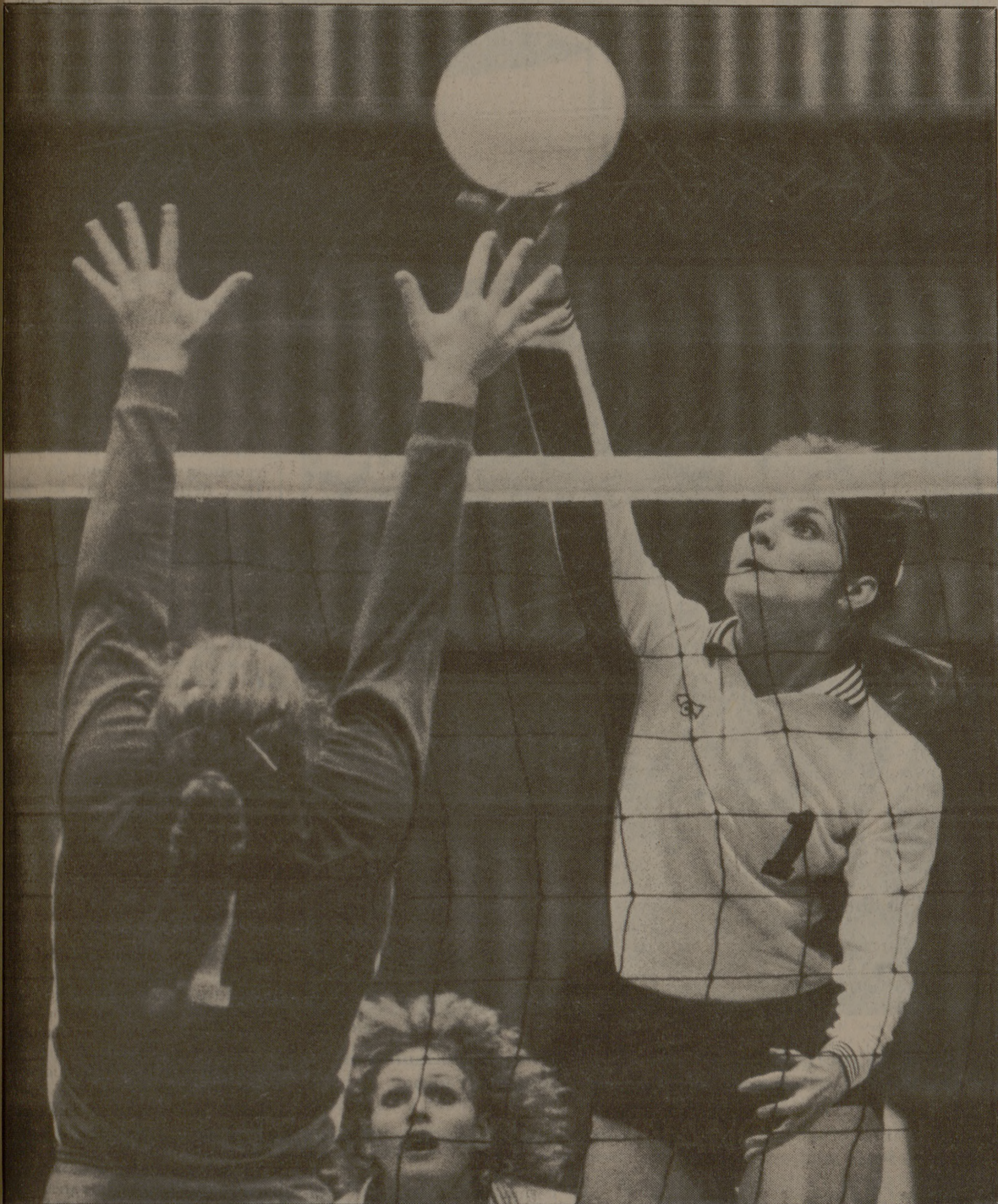


**Padres make it to heaven in Game 2**

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## Gutsy Ags fall to Texas

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A record crowd of 3,250 in G. Rollie White Coliseum intimidated the Texas Longhorn women's volleyball team into conceding victory in the first game to the Texas Aggies Wednesday night.

But it didn't last. The Aggies easily dominated the Longhorns in the first game and both coaches said that the home crowd, a record for women's athletics, had a lot to do with it.

"The crowd won the first game," Longhorn coach Mick Haley said. "Not a whole lot turned the game around. The crowd was such an intense crowd at first that we were having a lot of trouble communicating." While A&M Head Coach Terry Condon said that the crowd definitely helped to win the first game, she believed that the Aggies outplayed the Horns.

Inconsistency was the bear that caught the Aggies by the tail, Condon said. The Ags won their first

game 15-8, but lost the next three — 15-12, 15-8 and 15-10.

"They played the first game well," Condon said. "Texas is really consistent."

"We're all hills and valleys," Condon said inconsistency has plagued the Aggies' season all year long.

"For some reason I thought we'd get it together this time," she said.

The action slowed during the last three games, which Condon said affected the Aggies' play.

"If we play and keep the pace going like this," Condon said snapping her fingers, "then we have a chance."

"They gave us a lot of chances. There were a lot of times we should have scored and didn't."

Throughout the night, the Longhorns gave the Aggies chances, but at other times, the Ags made their own breaks.

Sherri Brinkman made a nice play in the second game, lightly tipping the ball over the net.

Brinkman smiled derisively at the

Longhorn players, as they twisted themselves in useless attempts to return the ball.

Margaret Spence put the game in the hands of the Aggies with a spike, which fell in the middle of five Longhorn players with the score 7-7. Lesha Beakley then served to make it 8-7, before a Texas time out.

At this point, the tide changed. Texas returned to the game exhibiting better concentration, allowing the Aggies only five more points in the second game.

"Our intensity was a little better," Texas' Haley said. "We were able to manipulate the (Aggie) defense to night."

During the third game, Stacey Gildner substituted for Beakley. Gildner came in thirsting for a fight and gave the Ags a quick two points.

Overall, Condon said that the Aggie setters played awful.

"The two best hitters in the conference (Sherri Brinkman and Chemine Doty) were in the middle, and we set outside," Condon said.

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At left, A&M's Angi Smith (1) tries to finesse the ball past Texas middle blocker Eva Murray during the Aggies' match loss to the

Longhorns Wednesday night. Above right, Dunn Hall gives its own unique style of support for the Aggies in G. Rollie White.

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