

Aggie rifle team sets SWC record

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Another Southwest Conference shooting record fell to the Texas A&M Rifle Team last weekend.

Breaking the record of 4,476 points the team set the previous weekend, the Ags shot their way past 13 other teams from Texas and Louisiana to set the new record and take the Aggie Invitational title with a total of 4,476 points out of a possible 4,800.

The University of Texas at El Paso placed second with 4,374 points and The University of Texas at Arlington placed third with 4,252 points.

The members of the winning Aggie squad were David Edmondson, Kevin Schabacker, Chris Fedun and Eric Abbott.

Edmondson, a freshman, is the Aggies' All-America candidate.

"Edmondson has brought a new spark to the team," said A&M Rifle Team Coach Rick Pitts, "He's causing the upperclassmen on the team to try to

match his performances. He's always striving for perfection."

Schabacker is a senior All-Southwest Conference shooter and captains the team. Abbott and Fedun are sophomores. All four shooters participated in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Trials. In fact, Edmondson's father is an U.S. Olympic Rifle Team coach.

"We should place four shooters on the six man SWC team," said Pitts, "We're looking at nationals this season."

The Aggies are taking advantage of every path to improvement. A&M Assistant Coach Glenn Park is at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado this week, picking up the latest information on riflery training.

This weekend, the Aggies head to San Antonio to compete in the High-Power Rifle Championships.

Aggies polish off Cardinals

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One play exemplified Texas A&M's volleyball victory over Lamar Monday night.

During the first game of the match, Lamar hit a ball that barely cleared the net. A&M's Sherri Brinkman, her face full of intensity, went up for the spike. She finished off that play with a vicious kill and came down with a smile on her face.

"Wham, bam, thank you ma'am! We had fun out there," Brinkman said. "It just felt good to win. We're glad to see the crowd enjoyed it too."

The Aggies, still stinging from their loss to Texas last Wednesday, didn't take long to dispose of the Cardinals, winning convincingly 15-1, 15-12 and 15-0.

"I think we were taking out Wednesday night on Lamar," A&M Head Coach Terry Condon said. "I think we needed to play well to boost our confidence back up. I was pleased with the way we played. We played good defense and had good movement."

The Aggies, who improved their record to 19-3 on the year, made some starting lineup changes to try and strengthen the team.

"We switched up Chemine (Doty) and Sherri (Brinkman)," Condon said. "We also started Stacey (Gildner). Stacey puts the ball away and that's what we're looking for."

"The hitters have different seters now. They were nervous about that before the game, but they did well. We just want to create a stronger team."

Brinkman said the lineup changes didn't affect the Ags' play.

"We adjusted well," Brinkman said. "You can't really tell how it will work out, but I'm happy with it now."

After getting blown away in the first game, Lamar hitter Veronica Carter, who had 14 kills for the match, kept the Cards close in the second game.

"Veronica's the only one who played well," Lamar Head Coach Katrinka Jo Crawford said. "She hasn't had a bad game yet. The second game we found out we could play this team. Then in the third game we made mental errors. We



A&M's Terry Condon

just didn't go for balls."

Ag hitter Margaret Spence, who had seven kills in the second game and five in the third said the team recovered well from the loss to Texas.

"We were down after the Texas game," Spence said. "We knew we had to pick it up. We're still shooting for conference. We've never stopped thinking about that."

Against the Horns, the Ags learned some things about themselves.

"Next time we know exactly what we're up against," Brinkman said. "We weren't consistent, but we never gave up. That's a big step for us. We have the capability to beat anyone. It's the upstairs part (mental preparation) that we must work on."

"We had our chances against Texas and we blew it," Condon said. "We just lacked someone to put the ball away."

Putting the tough Texas loss and the easy Lamar victory out of their mind, the Ags now look ahead to their next opponent—a Wednesday night rendezvous with Rice at Autry Court in Houston.

"They're a tenacious team," Condon said. "They have real good servers. I expect to win, but you know how that goes."

If it goes as well as it did Monday night, the Aggies will be playing in Austin on Nov. 14 for the Southwest Conference championship.

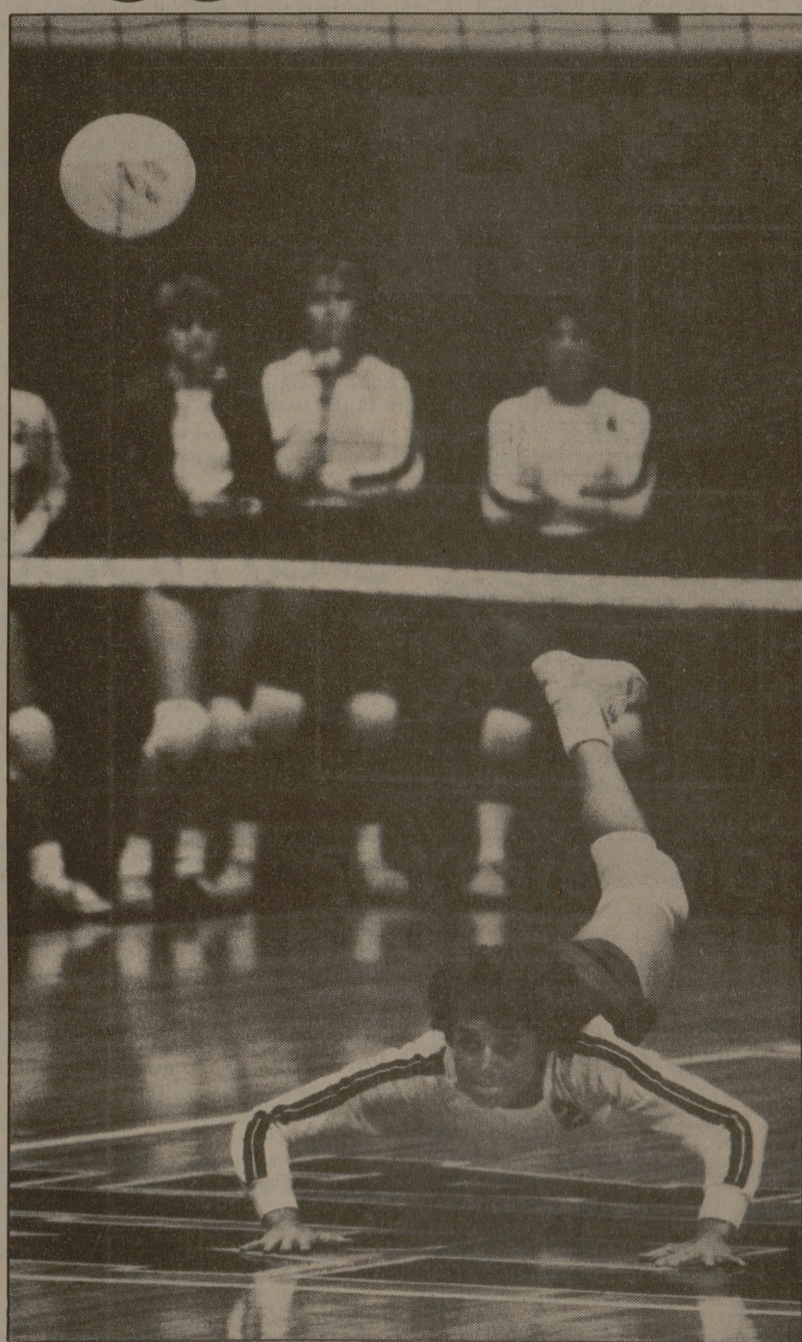


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A&M's Lesha Beakley (2) watches the ball after making a dig in the second game of their match against Lamar Monday.

Umpire dispute settled

United Press International

NEW YORK — Commissioner Peter Ueberroth, saying umpires are an "integral part" of baseball, Monday ruled in their favor over a contract dispute that sidelined them most of the playoffs.

Ueberroth, in his first significant ruling since he assumed the commissioner's post Oct. 1, listened to the final offers of both sides in the binding arbitration before ruling.

"The umpires are an integral part of major league baseball," the commissioner said in a statement. "They are important to the fans, players and all of organized baseball."

The commissioner agreed to arbitrate Oct. 7 at the request of the two parties to resolve the dispute and return the umpires to

the field. The American League umpires missed the entire playoffs and the National League umpires missed all but the last game of the Chicago-San Diego series.

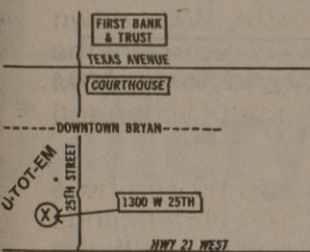
Crews made up of mostly amateur umpires worked the games. The World Series between Detroit and San Diego was officiated by a Major League crew.

The umpires wanted an increase in postseason compensation that would be divided among all umpires and not just those selected to work the playoffs and World Series.

Ueberroth said the pool concept of post-season remuneration for all umpires was "acceptable."

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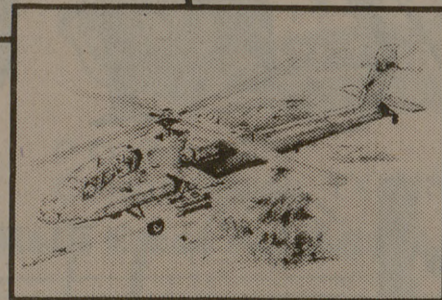
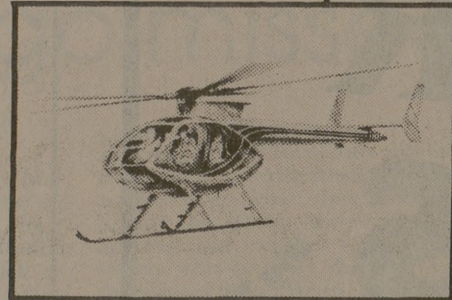
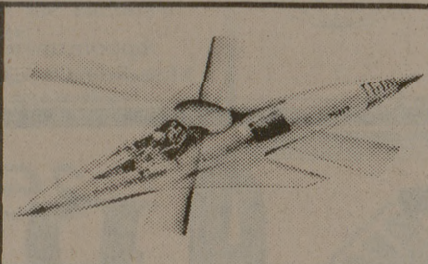
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