

Sports

Aggies vow to avenge first loss

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After two weeks on the road, the Texas A&M volleyball team is ready to get back to the "Four R's."

That's "Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic and Revenge."

After traveling to Illinois and California, the Aggies are glad to be back in College Station to catch up with studies and play their first home game.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum, the Aggies won't even have to hear the word "go" to get themselves "psyched" for their opponent.

That's because back on Sept. 9, Terry Condon's Aggies traveled to Huntsville to face Sam Houston State — a team that just this year moved up from Division I-AA to Division I-A.

In its first game of the year, A&M was looking to start a season in which it hoped to surpass last year's 33-4 mark and its final No. 15 ranking.

But things just didn't work out as the Aggies lost to the Bearkats. Worse yet, A&M lost in three straight games.

"It was so humiliating to go down there and play a lower division school and lose in three," senior setter Lesha Beakley said. "That is the worst match we've played in about three years. Needless to say we didn't do much right. Out of all the losses we've ever had while I've been here, I'm embarrassed to have that one in the loss column."

Even A&M's freshmen players, who were playing in their first collegiate game, say that the loss was a bit hard to swallow.

"It's hard for me to say what we did wrong," said freshman outside hitter Cheri Steensma. "It was humiliating — almost to the point of embarrassment."

Needless to say, the Aggies certainly won't look past the Bearkats this time around. And, the way the players are talking, they'll do more than just look at them.

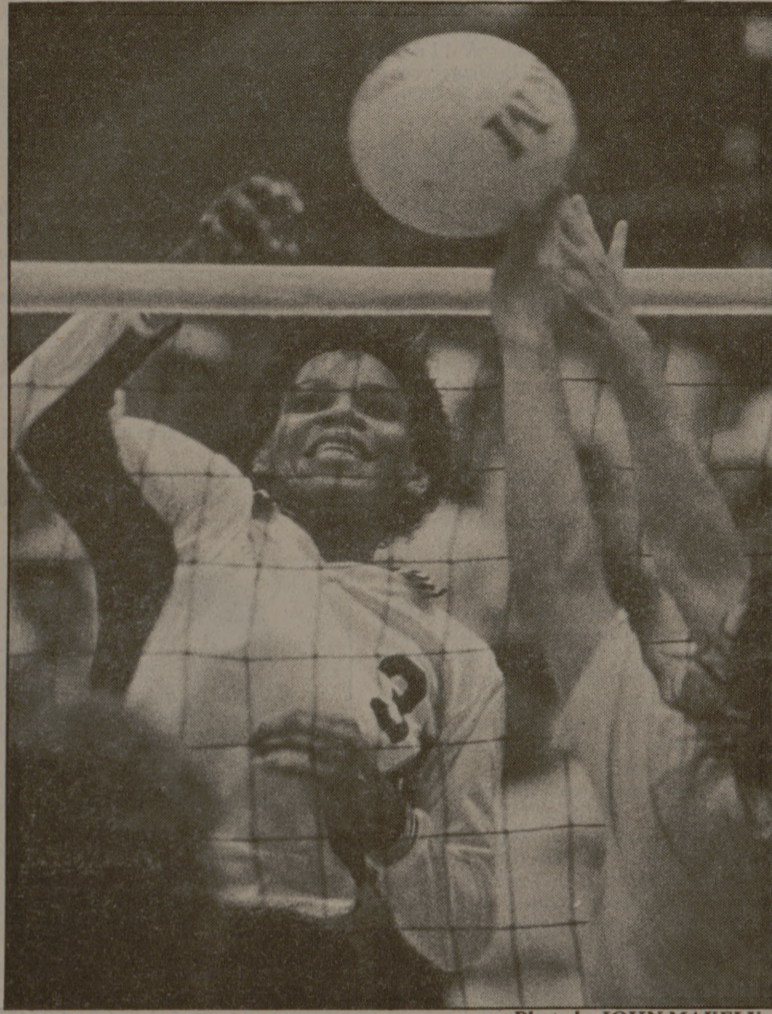


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The Texas A&M volleyball team (7-3 on the season) will be looking for a lot of kills against Sam Houston at 7:30 tonight in their home opener. Here, A&M middle blocker Stacey Smith gets one over the net in an early season scrimmage against Stephen F. Austin.

"They're not going to know what hit them," said outside hitter Margaret Spence. "We just have to play like we know how to play and we'll win."

Outside hitter Michelle Whitwell said, "We're going to bring them back to reality. Even coach Condon was brief and

to the point. "We better win this time," Condon said, "and that about sums it up." Every Aggie used the same word to describe the Bearkat game — revenge.

"All I can think of is revenge," Beakley said. "We will definitely have a very different attitude this time around."

And believe it or not, even after outplaying some of the top teams around the country the past two weeks, the Aggies feel they have something to prove to the Bearkats — a team which can only dream about a NCAA ranking.

"(Revenge) will be a real big factor," Condon said. "They realize how poorly they played in the first match against Sam Houston. They have a whole lot to prove."

But the Bearkats, who have now won seven games in a row and are 8-2 on the season, should also be better prepared.

"They know they can beat us now," Condon said. "I think they realize we'll be out to beat them. That will help them even more to get ready."

AGGIE VOLLEYBALL NOTES:

As far as the starting lineup, the Aggies won't be doing anything different. Sherri Brinkman and Stacey Smith will start at middle blocker, Spence and Stacey Gildner will start on the outside and Chris Zogata and Beakley will start at setter. . . . The Aggies experimented with a 5-1 (that's five hitters and only one setter) alignment when they encountered problems in the Michelob Light/Aztec Classic this past weekend — and it seemed to work well. . . . Whitwell and Steensma came off the bench and did a good job for the Aggies in San Diego. Condon also said freshman Kelly Gaughn might see some action against SHSU. . . . Laura Hoppe has gotten a lot of work off the bench. Hoppe usually plays the backcourt for Smith and has perhaps been the best passer on the team thus far.

Spikers earn respect in SDSU tourney

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SAN DIEGO — In typical Rodney Dangerfield style, the Texas A&M volleyball team went to California last week looking for some respect.

Despite a 33-4 record and a No. 15 ranking, the Aggies were overlooked by the NCAA selection committee last year when it came time to give out at-large bids to the NCAA tournament. The committee's reasoning was that the Aggies' schedule was too weak.

So when it came time to schedule games for the '85 season, A&M Coach Terry Condon made sure the Aggies played the top teams in the nation — which meant traveling to California.

Much like the mountains in California, the Aggies had an up and down tournament. Although they didn't quite reach the top, the Aggies did get within two steps. They went 3-2, taking third place.

Things got off to a rocky start for the No. 15 Aggies as No. 10 San Diego State, the tournament host,

stole a match from A&M, 15-10, 17-15, 15-8 last Thursday night.

As Condon said, the Aggies "handed that match over to them on a silver platter."

But that was only the beginning of Condon's troubles.

The Aggies faced an unranked, but talented Cal-Berkeley team last Friday morning, needing a win.

A&M was outthit, outblocked, outran and just flat outplayed in the first game, losing 15-7.

"They really played to our weaknesses," Condon said. "We just didn't play real well, obviously. It didn't help when Stacey (Gildner) and Margaret (Spence) were playing so badly. We need those outside hitters."

The Aggies won the second game 15-9, but lost the third 18-16.

Before anyone could blink, Berkeley was sitting on a 14-13 lead in the fourth game, within one point of taking the match.

The "Sheri's" — that's Sherri Brinkman and Cheri Steensma — combined, to keep A&M from going over the edge. The Aggies won the

fourth game 16-14 and took the match with a 15-7 win in the fifth.

Steensma, who is a freshman from San Ramon, Calif., was playing against former high school teammates.

She went into the first game for Gildner with Berkeley leading 14-7 and hit the ball into the net, giving the Bears a 15-8 win. In the next four games, Steensma avenged the mistake with some big plays.

"I was pretty pleased," Steensma said, "especially after that big mistake in the first game. I really didn't know if I'd get another chance after that one. I'm just glad I got to go back in and make up for it."

After that breathtaking and heart-pounding match, the Aggies faced Iowa, a team not known for outstanding volleyball.

The Aggies won that one 15-11, 15-8, 15-4 to move on to the semifinals against Arizona State.

As it was all tournament long, different players played well at different times. Against ASU, it was Gildner who came through.

Despite Gildner's 17 kills and .326

hitting percentage and Brinkman's .411, the Aggies just couldn't put it all together against the Sun Devils, losing 13-15, 15-12, 15-12, 15-10.

"The Arizona State match was a tight match which could have gone either way," Condon said. "We just gave that one away."

In a bit of irony, the Aggies had traveled 1,500 miles to play the top teams in the nation, and with the loss to ASU were forced to play Houston — that's the University of Houston located just 90 miles down Highway 6.

The first game was worse than driving in Los Angeles traffic for Condon. The Aggies were simply dominated. They could do no right as the Cougars won 15-3.

After that game, the players switched sides and Gildner was seen hiding beneath a Cougar warm-up. Although she says she was just cold and had left her warmup on the other bench, there could have been other underlying reasons.

"If we lost another game to them

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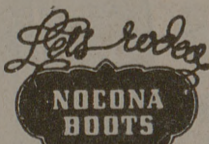


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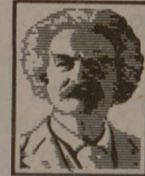
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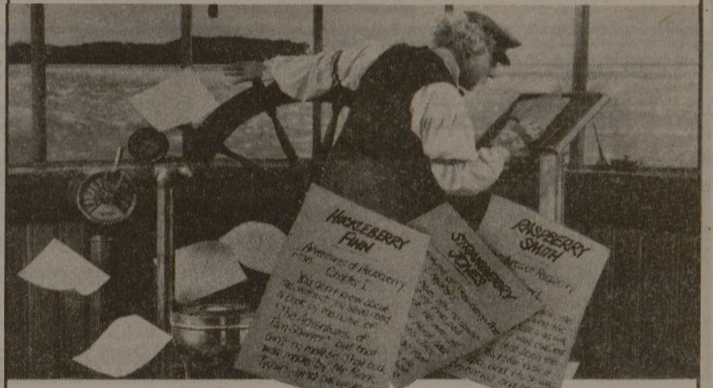
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