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The interviews are open only to students in the specified majors who are interested in an internship assignment at WALT DISNEY WORLD in Florida, this Spring 1986 semester.

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Sports

Bad times over for Ag spiker

Gildner's finally having fun playing volleyball

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS
Assistant Sports Editor

Off the volleyball court, Texas A&M outside hitter Stacey Gildner is timid, shy and probably the nicest person you'd ever want to meet.

On the court she's a different person. You certainly wouldn't want to meet this version of Gildner in a dark alley.

"Petey," as she is known by her teammates, isn't afraid to hit the ball. And she isn't afraid to let her opponents know when a patented Gildner spike hits the floor at their feet.

When "Yes," echoes through the gym, it has to be Gildner with the kill.

"I don't know what it is," the 5-foot-8 junior said. "I say more things on the court than I would face-to-face. I talk to them (my teammates) on the court. I just get real excited out there. I just feel like yelling when something really good happens. That excited feeling makes you want to scream and yell."

This season, Gildner's had a lot to yell about.

She is second on the team in hitting percentage with a .276, and this past week, Gildner was nominated as the Southwest Conference's Player of the Week.

With the week she's had, a wise betting man would lay all his money on the Aggies' No. 9 to win it.

In A&M's upset of Purdue last Saturday, there were two All-Americans on the floor — and then there was a Gildner.

Never mentioned in the same breath with an All-American, Gildner's 23 kills, .353 hitting percentage and 20 digs made her look like an All-World.

"I don't think I've ever played better," Gildner said. "I am at my peak now, but it took a lot to get here."

A whole lot. Gildner's first disappointment came after her senior season at Albert Lea High School in Albert Lea, Minn.

At the end of that outstanding season, being named all-conference was her only reward.

Her door was never knocked on, and the mailbox remained empty.

"I wasn't recruited at all which was very disappointing," Gildner said. "My high school coach was good, but she didn't know how to publicize players. I thought (the recruiters) would come to me, I didn't know you had to write them. If I could give high school players advice, I would tell them to look into different colleges. You have to sell your-

self. No one's going to do it for you."

So Gildner's collegiate career began in upstate Minnesota at the University of Minnesota at Duluth, a little Division 2 school.

Her team captured the state championship and Gildner was named Rookie of the Year to end a successful freshman season.

"At Duluth, I achieved everything I wanted to my freshman year," she said. "I got to start. We won the state championship. I was named Rookie of the Year. I guess I could have stayed around to see if I could get MVP, but that's not the caliber of volleyball I wanted to play."

This time she knew how to get the attention of college coaches.

"I got this women's sports magazine, and saw the Top 20," Gildner said. "I wrote to the last 10 on the list. (A&M Coach) Terry (Condon) wrote back and I came down to visit."

And what was her first impression of A&M?

"It was kind of boring really," she said. "It was during finals week, so we really didn't do too much."

Gildner decided she liked A&M enough to transfer.

"It was Texas, you know?" she said. "I wanted to go somewhere far away where they'd say, 'Wow, you play for Texas A&M.'"

But Gildner didn't say many 'Wows' her first two years with the Aggies.

NCAA rules stipulate that a transfer athlete must sit out for one year before playing. So in 1983, Gildner spent her time watching and waiting.

It wasn't a year Gildner looks back on with fond memories. In fact, if there was one thing she could change in her life, it would be "The Rule."

"I learned a lot at Duluth — a lot about life," she said. "But I wouldn't want to sit out that year again. I'd abolish that rule if I could."

"I lost a lot not getting to play. My freshman year, I was playing almost as good as I am now. Then when I sat out, I lost it."

Last season didn't go much better for Gildner. She was an on-again-off-again starter, who ended the season watching senior Angi Smith from the bench.

"Terry was always saying that I was a better substitute than starter," Gildner said. "I started for three straight weeks. I don't know what it was. I don't know if I was a bad starter or what. My self-confidence was low. I guess I knew I wasn't one of the stars on the team."

"I thought it would be a challenge

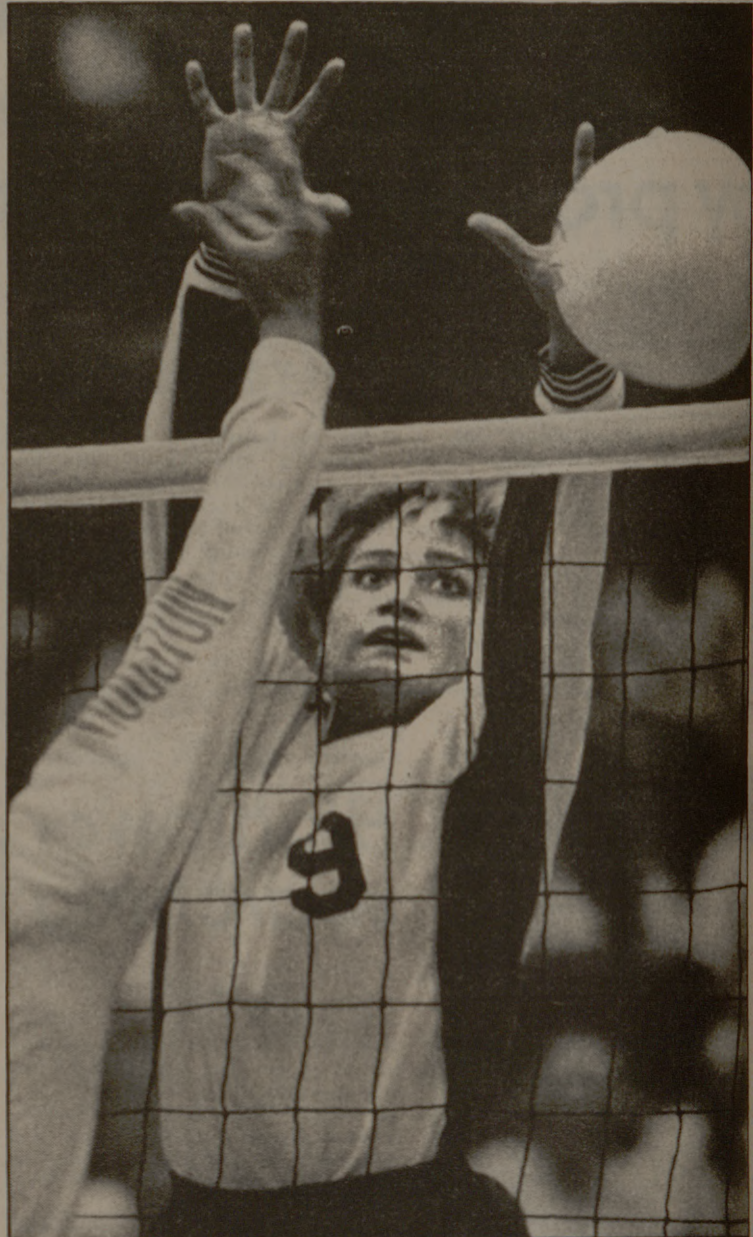


Photo by JOHN MARELY

It has been a long, hard road for Texas A&M outside hitter Stacey Gildner. But the 5-foot-8 junior has finally jumped above the pack to become one of the premier players in the Southwest Conference. This past week Gildner was nominated for SWC Player of the Week.

here, but I was demoralized. I guess I just should have tried harder. Terry gave me plenty of chances. If I'm not playing good, I don't want to start because I don't want to get taken out."

What a difference a year makes.

Gildner is now the starter and one of the stars.

"I think I am more confident," Gildner said. "I worked a lot of things out. I was worrying about too much. I've just got to stay consistent and not let the little things bother me."

7-game format helped Series teams

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY — If one lesson was learned from baseball's first experience with seven-game playoff series, it is that the longer format is more forgiving than the best-of-five arrangement.

Both Kansas City and St. Louis, who open the World Series here Saturday night, lost the first two games of their pennant playoffs, the Royals beaten by Toronto and the Cardinals by Los Angeles.

What's more, three of the setbacks were one-sided. The Royals lost the opener to the Blue Jays 6-1 and St. Louis dropped 4-1 and 8-2 decisions to the Dodgers.

In the best-of-five pennant series baseball had used since division play was introduced in 1969, both KC and St. Louis would have been perched on the edge of elimination. In the seven-game format, however, both had margin for error. St. Louis didn't need that luxury, sweeping the next four games, but Kansas City did, dropping Game 5 to slip into a 3-1 hole against the Blue Jays.

The Royals were matter of fact about their predicament after that setback. Before Game 5, playoff MVP George Brett even suggested the pressure was on Toronto, not Kansas City.

"I don't know why I said it," Brett said later, "but I think I was right, the pressure was on them. We weren't supposed to win our division and we weren't supposed to beat the Jays. We had nothing to lose."

Only four other times in baseball postseason history has a team recovered from a 3-1 deficit to win a championship. And each of those, of course, came in World Series, the last one in 1979 when Pittsburgh overtook Balti-

more. Toronto, however, became the first team to win three playoff games and not gain a World Series berth.

The Blue Jays had a horrendous batting slump to blame for their failure. After scoring five runs in the fifth inning of Game Three at Kansas City — a game the Jays eventually lost to a heroic individual hitting show by Brett — Toronto scored only eight runs in the last 40 innings of the playoffs, batting just .224 with 33-for-147 over that span. And three of those runs came in the ninth inning of Game Four to produce the victory that left them one win away from the World Series. It was a win they never got.

Perhaps the most obvious change in strategies produced by the expanded playoffs came in pitching rotations. Toronto Manager Bobby Cox chose to start his ace, Dave Stieb, three times, each with three days rest. Kansas City's Dick Howser used five different starting pitchers in the seven games.

Stieb was solid the first two times out but came up short in Game Seven. In a 2-1 game, he loaded the bases with two walks and a hit batsmen, setting the stage for a decisive triple by Jim Sundberg.

Charley Leibbrandt, Bud Black and Mark Gubicza all started games for the Royals and also did double duty out of the bullpen, contributing important relief efforts for Howser.

After the Dodgers beat 20-game winners John Tudor and Joaquin Andujar in the first two National League games, St. Louis won Game Three with Danny Cox, scoring four runs early and then hanging on behind Manager Whitey Herzog's familiar bullpen by committee.

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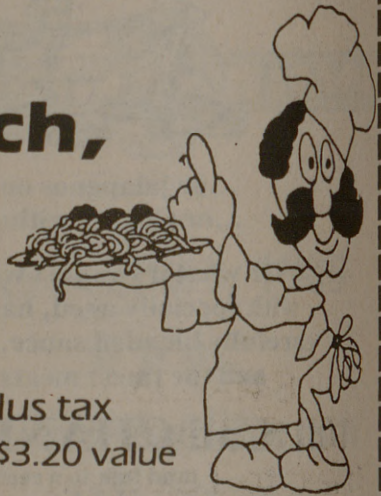
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