

# Sports

## Sherrill looks forward to 'classic' with renewal of A&M-LSU series

By Ken Sury  
Sports Editor

It's the return of a classic. At least that's how Texas A&M Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill said he sees the Saturday's season-opening game against Louisiana State.

Sherrill, speaking at his weekly press conference Tuesday, said when he came to A&M in 1982, one of the things he intended to do was get the A&M-LSU series going again.

A&M and LSU played each other 39 times, including each year from 1960 to 1975. The '75 game was the last matchup between the two teams, which A&M won 39-8. However, LSU owns the overall series with a 22-14-3 advantage.

Sherrill said he went to the Florida State-LSU game at Baton Rouge, La., in 1982 to see about commissioning the series and was approached by former Arkansas head coach Frank Broyles, who was there as a color commentator for ABC, which was televising the game.

"Broyles told me you're crazy if you play them here (in Baton Rouge)," Sherrill said. "But other people have called me crazy before, so I guess I'm just following that scenario."

But Sherrill did say that playing in



Jackie Sherrill

Tiger Stadium at night would be a concern.

"It's a different atmosphere there from playing during the day to playing at night," Sherrill said. "The last time I played during the day was in 1965 (under Coach Paul 'Bear' Bryant's Alabama squad). Coach Bryant wouldn't play them unless it was during the day."

When asked how Bryant could dictate to LSU when they would play, Sherrill replied, "Coach Bryant could dictate a lot of things."

Explaining further, Sherrill said, "Any excitement that happens at

night is magnified. It's like watching a runner during the day and then at night. At night it looks like he can run faster."

While Sherrill said he expects the "Tiger Pit" to be at least as noisy as last year's opener at Alabama, he doesn't think it will affect his team the way it did at Alabama.

"I think the fans are more involved (in being aware of the noise) than the players," Sherrill said. It's going to be as loud for the Louisiana State players as it will be for ours.

"We have a lot of mature players. If you don't have mature players, the noise can affect you. The only questions we have is how it will affect our freshmen."

The maturity and experience of the LSU defense is not in question.

The Tiger defense returns 10 starters and Sherrill compares them to the Alabama squad the Aggies faced last year.

"They have a good linebacker in (All-America Michael) Brooks; he's a lot like (Alabama's) Cornelius Bennett," Sherrill said. "LSU's secondary is better than Alabama's, and you're looking at a defense with kids that have started an average of two-and-a-half years."

"(LSU's) been one of the better

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## A&M women's golf team remains in sixth

DALLAS — The Texas A&M women golf team shot 12 strokes better as a team Tuesday, but fell another 11 strokes back to remain in

sixth place at the SMU Classic held at the Brookhaven Country Club.

Going into today's final round, A&M is 40 strokes off the leading

pace of 602 set by the Southern Methodist squad, which fired a team 304, six strokes more than Monday.

Texas stayed in second at 610, with TCU and Lamar tied for third at 623 and North Texas State at 629.

Individually for A&M, junior Kelli Murphy and sophomore walk-on Dee Davidson fired 77s to pace the team, while junior Hollie Frizzell, the only full scholarship A&M golfer at the tournament, shot a 78.

Sophomore walk-on Mariana Oyenguren shot an 83 and Cheryl Riegel scored an 89. The team shot a total 315 (only the top four scores of each round are counted).

The two-round individual totals for A&M as are follows: Frizzell, 157; Murphy, 160; Davidson, 165; Oyenguren, 166; and Riegel, 171.

## Ag volleyball team needs 5 games to down SWTSU

By Danny Myers  
Sports Writer

Although not all the fans received a promotional plant at the Texas A&M home volleyball opener Tuesday night, they did get to see the Aggies extend their unbeaten streak.

The Aggies improved their record to 4-0 with a 15-4, 11-15, 15-8, 11-15, 15-11 win over Southwest Texas State University on "Plant Night," in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

There was some sloppy play by the Aggies — especially on the service — but senior middle blocker Margaret Spence, who led A&M with 28 kills, didn't sell SWTSU short.

"They're a scrappy team," she said. "We were expecting a little less, but they showed us something."

A&M Head Coach Al Givens said he saw some positive things Tuesday, but he also saw some things that needed work.

"If we would have had a cake-walk over Southwest we wouldn't have learned anything. I think we learned a lesson tonight," he said.

It looked like SWTSU would be a fine-tuning match for the Aggies after the first game, but the Bobcats came roaring back in second and played tough the rest of the way.

In the final game the Aggies took an 8-3 lead, but SWTSU came back to tie it at 11.

Then, with the crowd screaming and on its feet, the Bobcats blew three serves and the Aggies then took the last four points.

Givens said he thinks the crowd had a lot to do with the Aggies winning the last game.

"We need to develop our killer instinct," he said.

"When you get them down, you need to finish them off."

One of the high points for A&M other than Spence, was the play of senior setter Chris Zogata, Givens said.

"I'm real pleased with the lead-

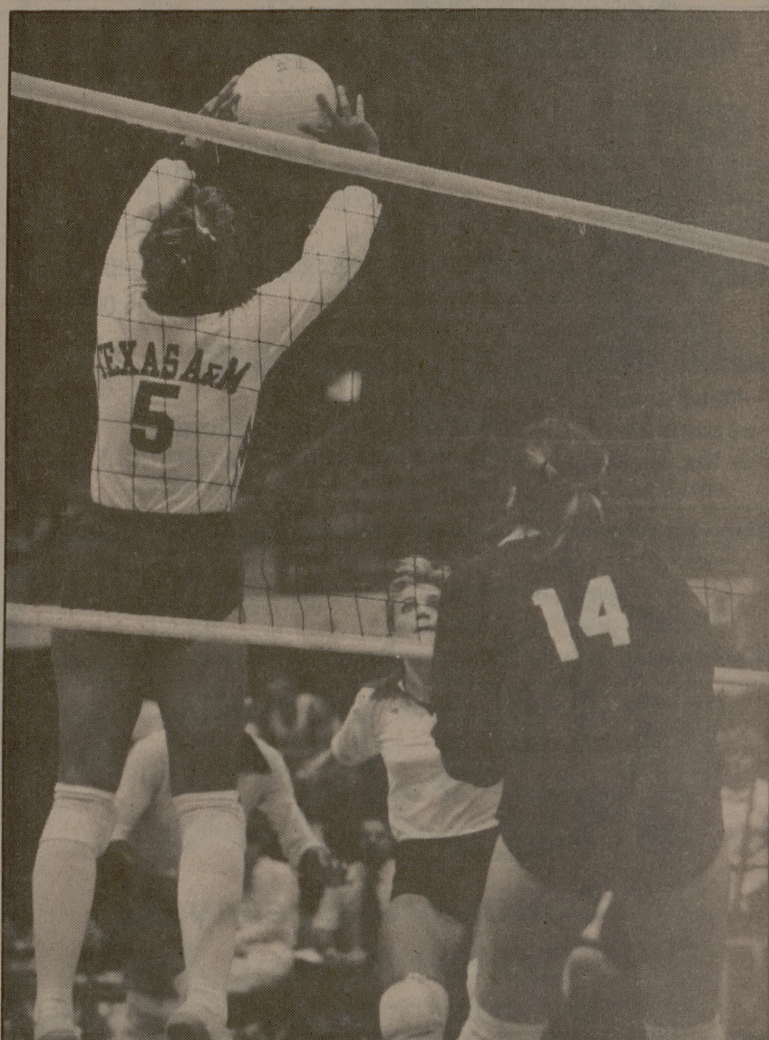


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A&M setter Chris Zogata (No. 5) goes high to set the volleyball for Stacey Gildner during the Aggies' win over Southwest Texas State.

ership Chris has given the team," he said.

Givens' new playing style features only one setter instead of the two used in previous years.

Zogata said she likes the new style better because she likes be-

ing in control.

She said she is more confident than she was last year.

"I'm getting a lot more positive feedback than I was last year, so I'm definitely more confident," Zogata said.

## Diamond Darlings accepting applications for '86-87 squad

The Diamond Darlings, a support group for the Texas A&M baseball team is accepting applications for this year's squad.

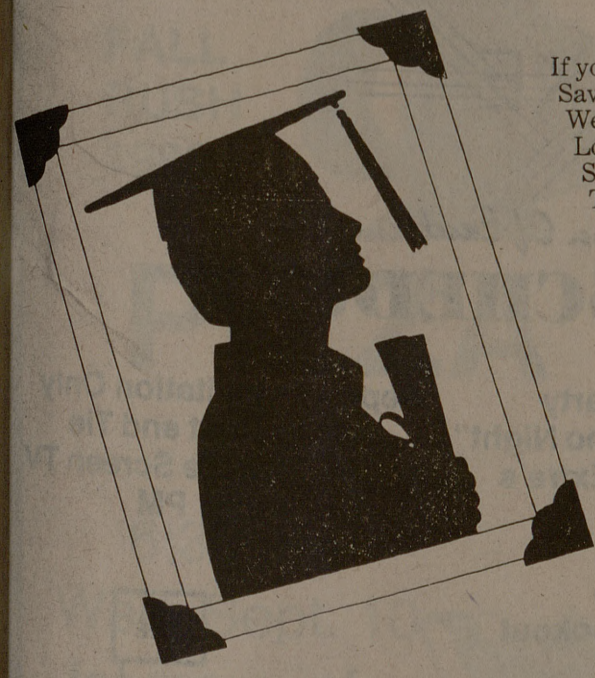
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