

# Sports

## Ag volleyball team to face Top 20 squads

The Texas A&M volleyball team has tough competition in the form of two Top 20 teams coming into town this weekend.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum, 18th-ranked A&M tackles No. 16 Pepperdine. The match is being promoted as "Beach Night," because anyone wearing beach clothes gets to see the match at half-price. The first 500 spectators also will receive a bottle of Hawaiian Tropic suntan lotion and a drawing

will be held to give away 60 T-shirts. The Aggies, 21-8, will then face No. 19 Arizona at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

"From the standpoint of national rankings, these are definitely big matches," Coach Al Givens said. "I'm just glad we're playing at home. "But we'll have to be at the top of our game to beat them. "The team that plays the hardest and makes the least mistakes will win."

## A&M swimmers host SMU

The Texas A&M swimming teams will host their first meet Saturday against the SMU Mustangs at the P.L. Downs Natatorium at 2 p.m.

The SMU men's team is ranked seventh and the women are 19th nationally, while A&M's teams are unranked. The Aggie women, however, beat SMU in last weekend's Southwest Conference Relays.

A&M Swim Coach Mel Nash said he expects a competitive meet.

"The old cliché 'barnburner' comes to mind," Nash said. "Our depth helped us in the Relays, but this is little bit more quality meet."

Nash said the team could be hampered a little because Suzanne Fiori sprained her ankle and may be slowed for the meet.

On the men's side, the Aggies will face a more difficult battle.

"SMU has the distinct edge," Nash said. "Their team is not as good as last year, but they're still an excellent team."

"But, heck, we're gonna take a shot."

Chris O'Neil, a four-time All-America for A&M and now a student assistant coach, said he thinks the swimmers have good attitude.

"They're all pretty feisty and confident," O'Neil said. "If they use that confidence productively, then it's gonna be a real good meet. They have the potential to beat SMU, but it would be a major upset if they did."

## Lady Ags shooting for success in '86

By Danny Myers  
Sports Writer

Texas A&M women's basketball Coach Lynn Hickey said she is hoping for a playoff-caliber team for the 1986-87 season.

The team held a short maroon-and-white scrimmage following a press conference that presented this year's team Thursday.

"Our assets are our speed and quickness, especially at the guard positions," Hickey said. "Our forward play will be better on defense and our outside shooters will be better also. The center position is the big question mark."

A&M has four centers — three sophomores and one freshman.

"We have the talent, but we don't have the chemistry yet," Hickey said.

"If you can't get talent to click together it means nothing, but it's still early. I think we have a very good chance to end up in the NCAAs (playoffs)."

Among the players to watch if the Lady Aggies are to have a successful year are:

- Donna Roper, a 5-8 sophomore from Houston, who started at guard last season and led the team with 132 assists and 71 steals. She also was a member of the winning South team at the Olympic Sports Festival.
- Beth Young, a 5-4 senior



Coach Lynn Hickey

from Austin, is a three-year letterman at guard. Young has made over 100 assists in each of her three years and adds quickness to the team.

- Paula Crutcher, a 5-10 senior from Dallas, started at forward last season where she was the team's second-leading scorer and top rebounder.
- Rosalind Brown, a 5-8 senior from Midland, also will be expected to provide leadership from her point guard position.
- Lisa Jordan, a 6-3 sophomore from Talmage, Calif., may help A&M at center. She was the third-leading scorer for the Lady Aggies

last season and may see quite a bit of playing time, especially early in the season.

- Nette Garrett, a 6-3 sophomore from Center, started at center last season, but is coming off leg surgery and may not be ready by the beginning of the season.

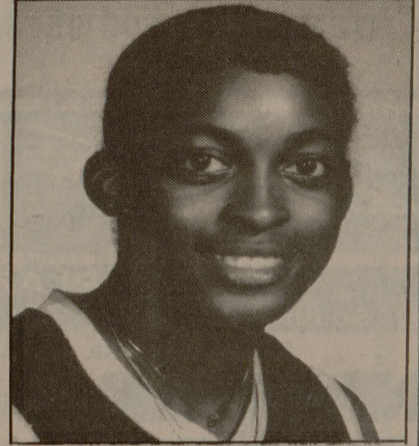
Hickey said the talent in the Southwest Conference is evening out.

The University of Texas will be the team to beat, she said. It is coming off a national championship, but lost some of its speed from last season and shouldn't be as untouchable, she said.

Arkansas should be chasing the Longhorns due to an experienced senior squad, she said.

The other teams for the Lady Aggies to beat in the Southwest Conference this year will be Texas Tech and Southern Methodist University, both with great size, Hickey said.

A&M's tough games won't start with the Southwest Conference though. It will have an exhibition game at G. Rollie White against the Yugoslavian national team on Nov. 21, then open the regular season with the Southern Invitational Tournament. That tourney features such powerhouse teams as the University of Georgia and the University of Alabama.



Guard Donna Roper

They will host their first tournament with the Converse Lady Aggies Tournament on Dec. 5 and 6. The University of Nebraska will be the team everyone will be gunning for in that tournament.

After one more tournament, the Lady Aggies will host Louisiana State University and Northern Illinois University before starting their rough Southwest Conference schedule.

"We want to have a very competitive schedule before Southwest Conference play," Hickey said.

"If you wait to play Texas or Arkansas without any Top 20 competition, it's a shock to your system."

## Most high school sports unhurt by no-pass no-play rule

By Doug Hall  
Sports Writer

While the Texas governorship has been decided, the verdict on the White-supported no-pass, no-play rule, which bars students from extra-curricular activities for six weeks if failing any course, is still being debated.

A recent issue of Dave Campbell's Texas Football listed the no-pass, no-play casualties throughout the state's five football classes. The survey, which was based on the grading

period that ended Oct. 18, showed that in the state's top 10 teams of each class, only 37 of a possible 1,751 (2.1 percent) players were ruled ineligible on the varsity level. The sub-varsity level, on the other hand, showed a total of 331 failures out of 2,658 players, or 12.5 percent.

Dallas Carter with four failures and Houston Yates with three, led the 5A Class in lost players. At that time, the teams were ranked second and fourth respectively by Texas Football.

In Class 4A, third-ranked West

Orange-Stark lost four of its 36 varsity football players, one more than fifth-ranked Lubbock Estacado. Nine of the 20 schools in the top two classes didn't suffer any losses.

The local high schools, Bryan and A&M Consolidated, weren't so lucky. Consolidated Coach Roy Kokemoor said two varsity and six junior varsity football players were suspended from playing. Merrill Green, head football coach at Bryan said he lost one varsity player and 13 more on the sub-varsity levels, or 12 percent of his football players.

Both coaches, however, said they see no end to the no-pass, no-play controversy.

Kokemoor said, "I don't know what the effects are yet. I really haven't been able to determine whether it has had a positive or a negative effect."

"I've seen kids that have buckled down and tried harder to stay on and play," he said, "and I've seen those who have missed (a passing grade) by a couple of points, said the heck with it, and dropped out completely."

"As far as I'm concerned (no-pass, no-play) can't be termed a success if one or two kids get knocked out of the program."

Green is also concerned about students dropping out of the athletic program, but said the area to watch is not the high schools, but the junior highs.

"I really think our junior highs are the crisis areas," Green said. "It's at that age that we're really bringing them into the program. So often, weak students get identified as fail-

ures, when they really haven't had a chance."

"At that level, if you lose contact, you might never see them again."

Green said he has always been in favor of action encouraging student athletes to study, but said the stipulations to no-pass, no-play are too severe.

"Like so many other things," Green said, "I think they went overboard. To use an old cliché, they threw the baby out with the water. I

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# Freshmen & Sophomores

# LAST CHANCE



Freshmen and sophomore photos for the 1987 Aggieland have been extended until **November 7**. Photos will be taken at AR Photography, 707 Texas Ave., across from the A&M Polo Field.