

Lady Aggies closer to bid after upset of Lady Tigers

By Jerry Bolz
Sports Writer

Texas A&M's Lady Aggie volleyball team upset the Louisiana State Tigers Friday 3-15, 15-7, 15-5, 15-7 to move them closer to an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

After getting scorched by a near-perfect LSU performance the first game, the Aggies rebounded in what Coach Al Givens said was their best performance of the year.

Coming into the match, the Tigers were ranked fourth in the NCAA South Region and the Lady Aggies were rated sixth.

"The win puts us in the driver's seat," Givens said. "If we would have beaten Houston (Wednesday), it would be sweeter."

Givens said the top six or seven teams of the region should get bids to the tournament.

LSU capitalized on A&M mistakes to open the match with 13 straight points. Givens said his team wanted to open up their offense against the big Tiger team, which has five players six-feet or taller.

Game two was a complete turnaround for the Lady Aggies as they rallied behind attacker Vivian Viera, who led the team with 16 kills and had a .303 hitting percentage. Cheri Steensma also helped the cause with several kills and a service ace in the game as LSU could get no closer than three points.

Game three was more of the same for the Lady Aggies. Setter Yvonne Van Brandt fed hungry A&M attackers and the Lady Ags turned a 4-4 tie into a blowout. Givens said the match was Van Brandt's best as far as getting the ball to her hitters.

Defensively, A&M was phenomenal. They consistently dug out LSU

kill attempts and turned them into points — something the Tigers did not do beyond the first game.

In the fourth game, the Lady Aggies jumped to a 3-0 lead behind an excited crowd. Late in the game, A&M continued its domination of the Tigers and took all the wind out of them by ending several long rallies with scoring kills.

Givens was impressed by the performance of sophomore attacker Amy Cummings who had 13 kills and an incredible .545 hitting average. Cummings was part of a lineup that Givens said he planned to stay with and "see where it takes us."

The Lady Aggies will travel to Austin to face Texas Wednesday. A&M's last home match will be against Baylor Saturday at 8:30.

New Englands' Flutie not short on talent

Take your best shot at New England's Doug Flutie. Everybody else does.

Shrimp. Shorty. How about Lilliputian?

"America's Midget," former teammate Jim McMahon called him.

But when the wee one got through with the Bears on Oct. 30, he had thrown four touchdown passes in a 30-7 victory that left McMahon injured and Chicago coach Mike Ditka two days away from a mild heart attack.

Some midget.

Flutie is flourishing with a 4-2 record for the Patriots since relieving Tom Ramsey who was subsequently cut. He's been New England's quarterback ever since.

He has completed 18 passes in the last three games, but six of them have been for TDs. Now maybe the scouts who once sneered "too short," are starting to take him seriously. Certainly Patriots' coach Raymond Berry does.

"His ability to see things and his quickness are extremely unusual," he said. "He gives us a new dimension which is speed, quickness and ability to move around back there."

Don't for a moment, though, think that Flutie was Berry's first choice. But Tony Eason is hurt, Steve Grogan is 35 years old and also hurt, and Ramsey was not the answer. Enter the little man.

"I can understand some of the reservations," Berry said. "He's not big or tall like most quarterbacks. I was curious about how his size would affect him. But I'm not too concerned about it anymore."

That may be because he remembers the Pats' game with Buffalo.

The Bills arrived equipped with Bruce Smith and Cornelius Bennett, a combined 520 pounds or so of defensive bulk. They eyed the tiny quarterback and their mouths watered as they arranged a meeting in

the Pats' backfield at which Flutie would be the guest of honor.

Flutie, however, is no dummy. He fled, leaving Smith and Bennett to collide rather unceremoniously, with no quarterback to cushion the blow.

Everybody is more concerned with Flutie's size than Flutie. "If you have the talent," he said, "you're going to get a chance to play."

In October 1986, after the USFL folded, the Los Angeles Rams traded Flutie's rights to Chicago.

Ditka liked Flutie, but not better than McMahon who had, after all, taken the Bears to a Super Bowl title just 10 months earlier. So, except for pieces of four games, Flutie functioned like something of a good luck charm, standing on the sidelines with a clipboard. He did start a play-off game against Washington, but only because McMahon was hurt.

Almost a year to the day after he arrived in Chicago, Flutie was dealt to New England. When he turned up No. 3 on the depth chart this season behind Grogan and Ramsay and ahead of only the injured Eason, it looked like another season of inactivity. He was becoming a pro football red shirt. Still, Flutie did not think he was running out of time or opportunities.

"Not at all," he said. "I'm only 24 and I have a long way to go. If it wasn't going to be here, it would be somewhere else. The only surprise was that my chance came this soon."

On Sunday, Flutie started his sixth straight game for New England. Meanwhile, in Dallas, the Cowboys started Kevin Sweeney, the ex-Fresno State passer, who broke Flutie's NCAA passing records. Sweeney probably would have had the job earlier except that people thought that, at 5-11½, he was too small.

Look out, McMahon. The midgets are taking over.

A&M swims to 1st victory over TCU

By Tom Kehoe
Reporter

The monkey is finally off their backs.

Despite having to give away all the diving points again, Texas A&M Swimming Coach Mel Nash's men's and women's teams posted their first wins of the season by defeating Texas Christian University Friday.

The Aggies had suffered narrow losses in their first two dual meets because of the lack of a diving team.

The women swept all the swimming events en route to whipping TCU 78-33.

The men outscored the Horned Frogs 71-40 and won all but two swims. They were led by Mike Varozza and Ernie Vela.

Verozza, a junior, posted wins in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyles and swam a leg on the winning freestyle relay.

"Mike did an outstanding job by beating Doug Ellis," Nash said referring to TCU's top sprinter. "That was a significant upset."

Vela, a freshman, won the 200-yard backstroke in 1:56.02 seconds and swam the backstroke leg on the victorious medley relay.

"Ernie Vela has made us a different team," Nash said. "We can count on his backstroke."

The women's domination of TCU was led by Susan Habermas, Jennifer Newcomb and Courtney Searcy.

Habermas won the 50 and 100-yard freestyles and teamed with Searcy, Joan Wojtowicz and Roxanne Nelson to win the freestyle relay in three minutes, 33.38 seconds.

Newcomb left the field in her wake posting times of 2:11.22 in the 200-yard individual medley and 4:59.58 in the 500-yard freestyle.

In the fourth quarter, A&M drove for another touchdown to cut the lead to eight. Lewis carried the ball on five of the eight plays, including a 23-yard TD run on fourth-and-three.

But the Aggies were unable to move the ball on their next drive, and they muffed a fake punt attempt, giving Arkansas the ball on A&M's 22.

Sherrill said the snap was designed to go to Larry Horton, the up back. But, apparently, the center missed the call and Wilson, not expecting the snap, dropped the ball.

Another field goal by Trainor put the game out of reach.

Hogs

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Trainor connected again, giving the Razorbacks a 17-7 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, John Roper stopped a long Arkansas drive by sacking Bland for a two-yard loss at the A&M 8.

The snap on the field goal attempt was bobbled and Bland threw an interception to William Thomas.

But a personal foul call against Terry Price after the play backed the Aggies up to their own 2, and Lewis was stopped by Kerry Owens for a safety.

After the Hogs had taken the free kick in for another field goal, the Aggies

mounted one of their best drives of the day.

Richardson and Lewis brought the ball down to the Arkansas 5. But, Richardson threw a pass on the run into a crowd of Arkansas players in the end zone. Cornerback Anthony Cooney came down with it.

"That's a mistake I shouldn't make," Richardson said. "I was trying to make something out of something that wasn't there."

Cultural Awakening

What can I do to promote culture at Texas A&M?

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Establishment of Latino Theatre
Dr. Eduardo Espina, Modern Lang.

ROUND TABLE 2

Establishment of Mexican-American Studies Dept. here at Texas A&M
Dr. John Chavez, History Dept.

ROUND TABLE 3

Presentation of more Hispanic oriented issues in The Batt, as well as the possibility of Spanish Music on KAMU

ROUND TABLE 4

Establishment of Latin-American Studies Dept. here at Texas A&M
Dr. Henry Schmidt, History Dept.

ROUND TABLE 5

Multicultural Services Center
Shawn Mulligan, Coordinator with Multicultural Service Center here

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Bryan-College Station Community
Daniel Hernandez, local Attorney

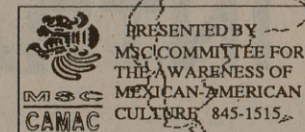
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