

Lady Ags volleyball signs two recruits

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Lady Aggie volleyball coach Al Givens will have a hard time replacing All-Southwest Conference players Yvonne Van Brandt and Kelli Kellen. Both were four-year starters who graduated this Spring.

But Givens took a step in that direction this week by signing promising recruits Genny Wood and Diane Robertson.

"I don't think you ever replace players like Kelli and Yvonne, but Genny and Diane will fit in well with the players we already have," Givens said. "There are a lot of similarities between them and Kelli and Yvonne."

"Both (Genny and Diane) are very competitive players and have a lot of the same intangibles that Yvonne and Kelli had."

Wood, a 5 foot 9 inch setter from San Antonio's Tom C. Clark High School, was the San Antonio Player of the Year in 1989. She helped lead her team to a 33-2 record and a runner-up spot in the Texas high school

championships last year. Givens likens her to Van Brandt, A&M's all-time leader in assists and digs.

"Genny is a taller version of Yvonne," Givens said. "She was one of the top setters in not only Texas, but the whole Southwest region last season."

Robertson comes to A&M from Chabot College in Hayward, Calif. As a freshman last season, she was named the Most Valuable Player in the Golden State Conference and was selected for all-state honors.

In high school, Robertson won honors in volleyball, softball and basketball.

Givens said he's impressed with Robertson.

"Diane is a good, big athlete who comes in with a lot of experience," he said. "She will have to work on her blocking, but she has the size to be real effective there."

Givens said he hopes to add a couple more players during the signing period.

High school basketball lockout has fans burning

ATLANTA, Texas (AP) — Atlanta's still burning.

High school basketball fans in this small northeast Texas town are still quite upset about being locked out of their last game against the Gilmer High Buckeyes.

All outsiders were banned from the Feb. 6 game in Atlanta because a stands-clearing brawl had occurred during the first meeting on Jan. 19. Gilmore won the game 98-89 in overtime, and the local paper immediately dubbed it "the best game nobody saw." Even the town's local sports writer was locked outside the gym.

But townspeople are gearing up for Monday night's third meeting between the two bitter rivals. It's a game with high stakes: The winner will advance to the state playoffs as the champion of District 15-3A.

The two teams had finished the season in a three-way tie for first, along with Linden-Kildare. All had

7-3 records. Gilmer knocked off Linden-Kildare 80-64 Saturday in the first game of a three-team tie-breaker playoff.

Atlanta coach Eddie Johnson, whose team is 20-9, said after the overtime loss played to empty stands last month that his players had been hurt by the lack of vocal encouragement.

But that won't be a problem Monday. Fans plan to show up in force at Longview High School's Lobo Coliseum where the game will be played.

A local bank message board has been encouraging everyone to leave town Monday night and head to Longview for the game. Three busloads of students are expected to make the trip.

The Rabbits fans also are rabid fans. They have a "sixth man section" dressed in matching T-shirts that read: "We Will Rock You" and "Atlanta's Sixth Man."



Ags lose in finals: Men's tennis team falls to Indiana in championship round of tourney

Texas A&M men's tennis team traveled to Bloomington, Indiana last Friday to participate in the Wilson Sporting Goods Invitational on the campus of Indiana University.

The Aggies went undefeated on the first day of play defeating Murray State, 9-0, in the first round on Friday.

Shaun O'Donovan, Doug Brown, and Scott Phillips got the job done by breezing through straight sets. However, Guisano Espinosa, Matt Zizette, and Steve Kennedy had to go three sets to claim their victories.

"Murray State has a good team, we just played real well," A&M Head

Coach David Kent said. "Depth will be the key to this season and if Friday is any indication we will be all right."

A&M opened up the second day of play picking up where they left off by defeating Michigan, 6-3. O'Donovan, Espinosa, and Phillips won their matches in the singles category, while Zizette, Kennedy, and Brown lost to three Michigan netters.

The Aggies won all three of their double matches against the Wolverines in straight sets.

On Sunday A&M lost to Indiana, 7-2, in the final round giving the

Hoosiers the overall tournament win sporting a 3-0 record for the weekend. However, O'Donovan stayed on a roll as he beat out his opponent by the score of 7-5, 3-6, 6-4. Zizette also went three sets 6-2, 6-7, 7-5, for the victory.

"Overall, O'Donovan had a great tournament," Kent said. "He was 3-0 and had some big wins."

"Two of his wins (over the weekend) were as big as anybody has had at Texas A&M since 1985."

Kent also said he was pleased with Matt Zizette's performance.

"Zizette also played well," Kent said. He had a big win Sunday over a

highly regarded freshman, Chris Becker of Indiana."

Kent said he felt that the trip to Indiana gave the Aggies an inside edge as they prepare for a late Southwest Conference match against Arkansas.

"It was really a great trip," Kent said. "The indoor experience will get us ready for the trip to Arkansas."

The Aggies next match will find them pitted against Southwest Texas. A&M returns to the friendly confines of Omar Smith Tennis Center on Thursday, Feb. 22, and then host Trinity on Friday, Feb. 23.

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