

8 Lady Ags downed on road trip

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If the Lady Aggies had two wishes, the first would be to play all their games in the friendly confines of G. Rollie White Coliseum ... the second would be not having to play any teams ranked in the Top 20.

The Texas A&M volleyball team made their second road trip of the season last weekend.

After a scenic but rough vacation to Hawaii to play the former second-ranked Wahines, the Lady Aggies ventured to Nebraska to face three of the nation's toughest teams in the Baden-Mizuno Invitational.

Friday night the Lady Aggies were crushed by No. 1 Nebraska, 15-0, 15-3, 15-3.

Saturday didn't get much better as A&M was defeated by No. 20 Wyoming 15-13, 15-7, 17-15. Later that day, Purdue blew past the Lady Aggies 15-0, 15-3, 15-9.

A&M was blanked in the first game of the match when Nebraska outside attacker Filben Shannon made

six kills in six attempts. The Lady Aggies had not been shut out in a game for almost three years before Friday's match.

The first point of the match for A&M was marked by Sheila Morgan and Amy Kising who combined for a block, making the score 3-1 in the second game.

The Huskers ran off six points to open the third game before Lady Aggie Raychelle Michalke came in to serve and hit a winner, followed by a service ace to make the score 6-2. A&M's Genny Wood posted a kill but it wasn't enough to heighten the Aggies chances.

A&M made it a little tougher on the Wyoming Cowgirls Saturday. Michalke lead the Lady Aggies with seven kills as Wyoming had to come from behind in two of the three games to pass A&M.

Later Saturday, Purdue ran off 23 straight points before the Lady Aggies got on the board. A&M's Amy Cummings lead the team with eight kills before they lost the third match of the weekend.

The 2-6 Lady Aggies play their next match on the road Thursday against Lamar University in Beaumont.

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game." Offensive Coordinator Bob Toledo said. "It was an incredible game played by a bunch of kids who wanted to prove that they were a pretty good offensive football team."

If anyone had any doubts about that, they were quickly erased in the first quarter when the Aggies put up 21 points. The highlight was a 68-yard touchdown pass from Pavlas to Shane Garrett on a "blast pass."

It was the same play the two couldn't convert in last year's 23-22 loss to Arkansas. Pavlas faked the handoff to Lewis and stood in the backfield with the ball behind his back. When the USL safety took the fake and moved toward the offensive line, Pavlas threw downfield to an open Garrett.

"We've never been 2-0 since I've been here," Pavlas said. "I'd like to make it three."

If No. 12 A&M continues to play the way it has in the first two games, it may make it well past three. Two Top 10 teams lost Saturday — No. 4 Michigan and No. 9 Colorado.

With its impressive win over previously unbeaten USL, the Aggies

could break into the Top 10 for the first time since 1988. The Associated Press poll is released today.

"This is what we've been waiting for," backup quarterback Bucky Richardson said. "We've been waiting to have this kind of game. We're tired of being a couple of games short and a couple of points short."

That hasn't been a problem this season for A&M, who through two games has outscored its opponents 91-26. The Aggies dominated the first half against Hawaii in the season opener, but looked flat in the second. A&M was well prepared not to let a second-half letdown occur.

The coaches have been preaching to us the past two weeks that we can't let up," center Mike Arthur said.

The Aggies didn't, a fact which wasn't lost upon USL.

"We came out ready to play, but obviously right off it looked like A&M was ready to play," USL quarterback Tyjuan Hayes said. "Our defense gave up some big plays, and our offense wasn't able to execute. A&M has a great club. That's why they're 12th-ranked."

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Last week to SWT, won three games this weekend before taking the loss in the shortened game against Sam Houston.

Young struck out a total of 11 batters and tossed a one-hitter against SWT and a two-hitter in the Tech game.

Mitchell took the loss against SFA after throwing a two-hitter and turned in a three-hit, five strikeout performance against SHSU.

"I'm real pleased with our pitchers performance," Brock said. "Missis coming along fine after not working out over the summer and Dana's working on a change-up and her curve ball."

"Overall, I'm especially pleased

with our conditioning. Not many teams are going to be able to play five games back-to-back and play as well as we did."

Brock noted that defensively the team did an excellent job, and that the Aggies hit the ball hard and often, but usually right at somebody.

"Right now, I'm having fun watching everybody's progress," Brock said. "I have a real positive attitude about this team and I think this will be a great team come springtime."

Brock and his Lady Aggies will travel to Macomb, Ill., for the National Invitational Championship to be held from Sept. 20-23.

IOC president proposes games 'Olympic truce'

TOKYO (AP) — An "Olympic truce" to heal the world's wounds was proposed Sunday by the head of the International Olympic Committee.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said the Games should "become the privileged forum for the encounter, reflection and action of the rising forces of our world."

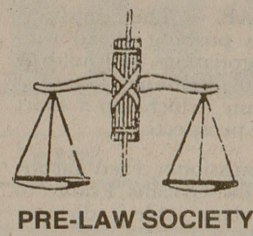
The address, which opened the IOC's annual meeting, broke little new ground but touched upon the sports impact of the Middle East crisis, the economic and political problems facing the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, efforts to end apartheid in South Africa and the spread of drugs throughout society.

The IOC, with 167 member nations, was the perfect umbrella under which answers could be found to such problems, Samaranch said.

"By establishing between them a kind of Olympic truce in keeping with the hopes and needs of our time, these rising forces could come together beneath the symbol of the five interlinked rings to make a reality of those values ceaselessly proclaimed and ceaselessly called into question: freedom, the greater welfare of all, solidarity and peace," he said.

Japanese Emperor Akihito formally opened the session. Earlier, Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu asked the IOC's executive board to support the bid of Nagano, Japan for the 1998 Winter Games. That vote comes next year.

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