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# A&M volleyball team takes on Sam Houston

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The Lady Aggie volleyball team ill breathe a sigh of relief on the ay back into College Station to-

Texas A&M (3-9) plays the Sam ouston State University Ladykats 6-3) today at 7 p.m. in Huntsville. After their game against SHSU, he Lady Aggies will play 10 of their ext 13 matches in the friendly conines of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

But Coach Al Givens insists the eam is not looking past the Lady-

"We're not looking past anybody at this point," Givens says. "We're ost concerned with just how we're laying on our half of the court.' The match in Huntsville will end a

ong list of eight consecutive road ames for the Lady Aggies. A&M's vin over Lamar Sept. 20 was their only road victory of the season against eight losses. "We'we had a tough two weeks on

"We've had a tough two weeks on he road, no question about it,' ivens said.

The Lady Aggies have played a pad of Top 20 teams this season, all n the road. But Givens says the atches will be beneficial to the delopment of the young team. "We feel like we've learned from

laying that caliber. Now we'll find ut as we get into the conference nd this home stretch whether ined its going to pay dividends for

chooses Kansas

DUNCANVILLE (AP) - Greg

Ostertag, the most highly re-ruited schoolboy basketball player in Texas, said the atmo-

phere at the University of Kan-

The 7-foot-1 Duncanville High School center said Monday he has

rally committed to attend the

niversity of Kansas. Ostertag

hose Kansas over Syracuse and

"I liked the coaches, the play-rs, the campus — pretty much errything about it," Ostertag aid. "The atmosphere and the program were just too much to in a down."

as attracted him to the school.

"I believe it will and the players believe it will, and that's probably more important. SHSU will not make it easy for the

Lady Aggies to bring home their sec-ond road victory. The Ladykats have won their last eight matches and have won all three tournaments in which they have played. This year the Ladykats return

seven letterwinners from a team that posted a 25-14 record last year and finished second in the Southland Conference.

A&M owns a 21-4 lead in the se-ries with SHSU and beat the Ladykats last year.

Given's says he will change the starting rotation again to find the right mix that will be best for the team. He has started 11 different players through the 12 matches of the season.

A&M's starting rotation will in-clude regulars Elizabeth Edmiston, Amy Cumings, Diane Robertson, and Krista Hierholzer.

Givens will also start Alysia McMath and bring on Kim Mitchell in different situations. Sheri Hermesmeyer, who returned to match play last weekend after arthroscopic surgery, will fill the sixth spot. Givens says this lineup will be

more mature and experienced, and will allow the younger players to de-

which allow the younger prayers to de-velop off the bench. The Lady Aggies next home match will be this weekend at G. Rollie White Coliseum. A&M will host the Hampton Inn-Texas A&M Invitetional

## **Fielder shooting for 50** home runs as fans wait

DETROIT (AP) — Would-be fielders of Cecil's big blast are waiting, and the cheap seats rarely have been so popular. The count is two —and holding — for Cecil Fielder in the chase for 50 home runs

Fans with gloves in hand have crowded the left field seats since early September in hopes of a catching one of the burly Field-

er's prodigious shots. If it's the 50th homer, a fan

could: — Donate it to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Hall has the record 61st home run ball Roger Maris rocketed into the right field stands of Yankee Stadium in 1961. Fielder's 50th would be part of its 1990 collection that will

be displayed through 1992. — Sell it. Collectors say the ball could be worth \$200 or more.

- Trade it. Tiger officials say anyone wanting to give it to Fielder would be escorted by an usher to the stadium office, where the fan could meet the first baseman after the game, and pos-sibly trade the ball for another ball, a bat or other item.

- Keep it, as for what Tom House calls "a vicarious connection" to a star. "A baseball is a physical rep-

resentation that connects a person of star status with a person of something less than star status,' said House, pitching coach of the Texas Rangers. "It ties the two of them together in a way they never would be otherwise.

"That's why people will tear up a \$500 suit to get a \$6 baseball." In 1974, Henry Aaron's 715th home run off Al Downing broke Babe Ruth's career record. House caught it in the Atlanta bullpen.

"It made me an answer in Triv-ial Pursuit," House said. "I do 10 or 15 clinics every year around the country, and I'm always introduced as the guy who caught Hank Aaron's 715th homer."

The last Detroit Tiger to hit 50 homers in a season was Hank Greenberg, who finished with 58 in 1938. He didn't keep the 50th or the 58th, said his son, Steve Greenberg, deputy baseball commissioner

"My dad's philosophy was that he was going to go out and do something even greater next sea-son than he had done the previous year. He didn't dwell on nostalgia, if you will," Greenberg said.

A fan might need some signed statements from ushers and other witnesses to prove the authentic-ity of the ball, Tigers spokesman Dan Ewald said.

When Fielder became the third player to hit a ball over the leftfield roof at Tiger Stadium, on Aug. 25, Ewald presented him with that ball, recovered from a rain gutter by a member of the grounds crew. Then four fans showed up at the Tigers offices the next day claiming they had the ball.



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**Kentucky** 

This years' Texas team might be good enough to break A&M's sixear winning streak and get the onghorns back on the winning

It's still early and even though ther team has yet to face a onference opponent, this year's oes to the Cotton Bowl.

LUBBOCK (AP) — Injured Texas Tech quarterback Jamie Gill may be well enough to play Saturday in a Southwest Conference matchup against Baylor, coach Spike Dykes said

Dykes announced that Gill did not tear cartilage in his left knee during last Saturday's 34-32 victory against New Mexico.

yard run early in the second quarter. Moments before, Gill had fired a 73yard touchdown pass to split end Rodney Blackshear to give the Raid-

Head coach David McWilliams, a

The 'Horns were en route to their

second straight losing season -

something that hadn't happened since 1937-38. McWilliams said he saw vast

Dykes said Gill may see action Sat-

will start.

against Bears despite hurt knee

"His (Gill's) progress is going to be up to how fast he can handle it," Dykes said at his weekly news conterence

"There's nothing wrong with his knee. Of course, it's sore, swollen and tender," he said. "Robert will start because he will

get the majority of the practice time this week," Dykes said. "Jamie will be limited in what he can do for the next few days, so Robert will practice. Whoever practices plays. that's the way we do it

urday, but freshman Robert Hall of-31, 316-yard, two-TD passing performance. He directed a gamewinning, 58-yard drive, culminated by Lin Elliott's 37-yard field goal with 27 seconds remaining.

> Hall and freshman wide receiver Lloyd Hill accentuated the march with two critical plays: a 33-yard pass-and-catch on fourth-and-18 at the Tech 14 and a 31-yard completion on the very next play to move Tech within field-goal range.

> Dykes said he didn't want to expose Hall to such a pressure-packed situation at this stage of his career. "That's the last thing we wanted to happen," Dykes said.



before a shoulder injury hampered his late season performance.

captain on the Longhorns' 1963 national championship team, drew heavy criticism after Texas dropped four of their last five games last year.

ting between the two on Dec. 1 build be the deciding factor on who Texas is led by a defense laden

The junior sprained his knee and severely bruised his kneecap on a 16-

Prep hoops star Tech's Gill may play Saturday

Hall responded to his first exten-sive college playing time with a 15-

with sophomores and juniors. lowever, the defense is not lacking senior leadership with hard-uting safety Stanley Richard,

lefensive end Oscar Giles and niddle linebacker Brian Jones leading the way.

They continually held Colorado's uper-twins, quarterback Darian

gan and tailback Eric Bieniemy check last weekend as they put the buffs in third and long situations all

Texas lost the game because of its nability to hold on third-and-long ituations. Being able to do this will ome as the team jells while the year ogresses

Offensively the Longhorns are led an experienced Peter Gardere. the sophomore quarterback led exas to midseason wins over Oklahoma and Arkansas last year

performance over last year's and sees his team coming out of last weekend in good shape.

"I'm proud of the way we performed," McWilliams said. We're going to be a better team because of this."

He'd better hope so, because after a week off and a trip to Rice, his Longhorns play charged up Oklahoma and Arkansas in back-toback weeks.

The good news for the Longhorns is that they play the Razorbacks, Houston and A&M in the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium, in Austin this year

So look out and keep a sharp eye on the Horns this year. They might just stumble into being a pretty good team —well, at least good enough to go the John Hancock Bowl.

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n 21-of-30 games between the two Baton Rouge. In the two Malone said Williams is hard to Baton Rouge.

"Half of my teammates (from SU) are gone," Malone said. "I tally don't know what happened. verything was totally different afwe got back from the Hall of ame Bowl (a 23-10 loss to Syracuse 1988). We had a hard spring that ast spring I was there. A bunch of them said, 'Forget it, I'm going mewhere else.

But LSU's problems won't matter Saturday. The Tigers are 279-103-8 at Tiger Stadium, known as Death Valley because of its raucous towds. Through LSU's first three ames, Williams is averaging 97.3 ards a contest.

Malone said he would have an adntage against Williams on Saturay because he used to live, eat and actice with him.

"To be as quick as he is and as big he is, he's a natural," Malone said. But being with him all the time, you an kind of tell where he's going to 0. It's stuff like that most people an't pick up on -especially oppos-

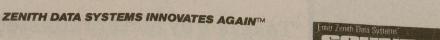
stop regardless of how many films an opposing team watches, and that he can break a game open.

"If you give the man a crack, he's gone," Malone said. "You've just got to get on him and beat on him. He's a natural athlete. We've got to shut him down.

"Instead of two people hitting him, you have to have eight or nine hitting him. I remember one time in practice, five of us had Harvey in our hands at one time. The next thing we know, he's 80 yards down the field by himself.'

Williams is hoping to recapture the form of his sophomore season, when he rushed for 1,001 yards. Malone said Williams must have an outstanding senior season because he's missed so many games due to injuries.

"I know how he thinks," Malone said. "Harvey loves attention. This is his last go-around, and he knows he has to run the ball to get that big paycheck at the end of the road in the NFL. He's serious."



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