

A&M tries to get into postseason picture Lady Aggies look for spark against Rice

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The Texas A&M Lady Aggie volleyball team will attempt to climb back into the conference race Saturday night at 7:00 as the Rice Owls come to College Station looking for their first conference

A&M head coach Al Givens is hoping that some fans will stay on campus after the finish of the A&M-Baylor football game and attend the match to cheer the Lady Aggies to victory.

"If they haven't seen us, then come and watch," Givens said. "They won't be disappointed because our players play extremely hard, and we will leave everything out on the court.

"If we can get 2,000 people in here (G. Rollie White Coliseum),

this place will be rockin'."

A&M (11-8, 2-4 in Southwest Conference play) is coming off of a tough four-game match loss at the hands of Texas Tech on Wednesday, which kicked off the second half of the conference sea-

The Lady Aggies will be

putting a six-match winning streak on the line against Rice (9-14, 0-6). A&M defeated the Owls in their first matchup this season on Sept. 30, by a score of 15-4, 15-2, 10-15, 15-4.

Senior co-captain Elizabeth Edmiston said that she doesn't expect the Aggies to cruise to an easy victory against the Owls this

"We all expect for them to come out real fired up and ready to play hard," she said. "We're just going to have to be sure that we play our game on our side of the net, and hopefully, that should take care of it.'

Senior co-captain Kim Mitchell said that the Owls' size could prove to be a threat.

"Rice has a couple of big players, and they can sneak up on you," Mitchell said. "So we can't take them lightly.

Freshman setter Suzy Wente agreed that the Lady Aggies will have to play well to be successful against Rice.

'We need to play defense and get our blocking game together and execute all around," Wente

said.
Edmiston said that she realized

A&M needed to win against Rice to start back on track towards a

postseason playoff berth.
"I don't like to think too much about the pressure, but every time we take the court we have a responsibility to play as well as we can," Edmiston said. "We're going to have to play good ball the rest of the way to even be consid-

rest of the way to even be considered for postseason play."

Mitchell said that A&M hasn't reached its full potential yet, but not because of lack of effort.

"We need to keep working hard in practice," Mitchell said.

"The problem, I think, is just up in our heads right now." our heads right now."

Givens also said that his team

is on the verge of gaining a postseason berth, but it needs to play well to reach that goal.

'We have to win our three conference matches here at home, and we have several other matches with teams ranked ahead of us, Givens said. "So if we beat the teams we're supposed to beat and sneak up on one of the others then we should be in a pretty good po-

"An 18-14 record should get us in (the post-season), and 20-12 will definitely get us in."

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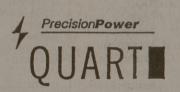
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