

Louisville: Hard to find, might be hard to defeat

Louisville. Does anyone know where the hell this place is? I mean, can any of you tell me what state Louisville is in because I'm drawing a blank.



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Actually, I heard a vicious rumor that it's somewhere in Kentucky and that it even has a pretty good horse track. Something called Churchill Downs, I think.

And as for that Cardinals moniker, what kind of name is that for a rough, tough football team?

As far as I know, the only thing frightened of cardinals are house cats after they've eaten all the chicks, and the little red birds go ballistic.

Pretty scary for the cat, I guess, until he figures out what's going on and makes the momma bird a chaser for his dinner.

And as far as nicknames go, Aggies doesn't exactly strike the fear of God in anybody either, but Fighting Farmers is a little better.

But don't be fooled, Aggies. The Cardinals coach, Howard Schnellenberger, won a national championship at the helm of the Miami Hurricanes, and I bet we have all heard of them.

They have played high quality opponents all season and kept the score close against Ohio State and the University of Florida.

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Lady Aggies gear up for Houston

Surging Lady Cougars attempt A&M sweep

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Sports Writer of THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M volleyball team gets to face the most resurgent team in the Southwest Conference when they host the University of Houston at 7 p.m. tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Lady Cougars are tied with the University of Texas at the top of the conference, each holding 7-1 league records. And Houston is on a roll, having recently beaten a tough Texas Tech team in five games.

But even though the Lady Cougars might be riding high, A&M head coach Al Givens hinted that they can be beaten. And he said that if victory comes about, it will be more than just another addition to the win column.

"Houston has some good athletes," he said. "They compete. If we can get a win against Houston, that will be a real good win for our program."

In their first meeting on Oct. 10, Houston needed four games to beat A&M. The Lady Aggies jumped out to a one-game lead in that match, but a .159 team hitting percentage compared to Houston's .265 was too much to overcome.

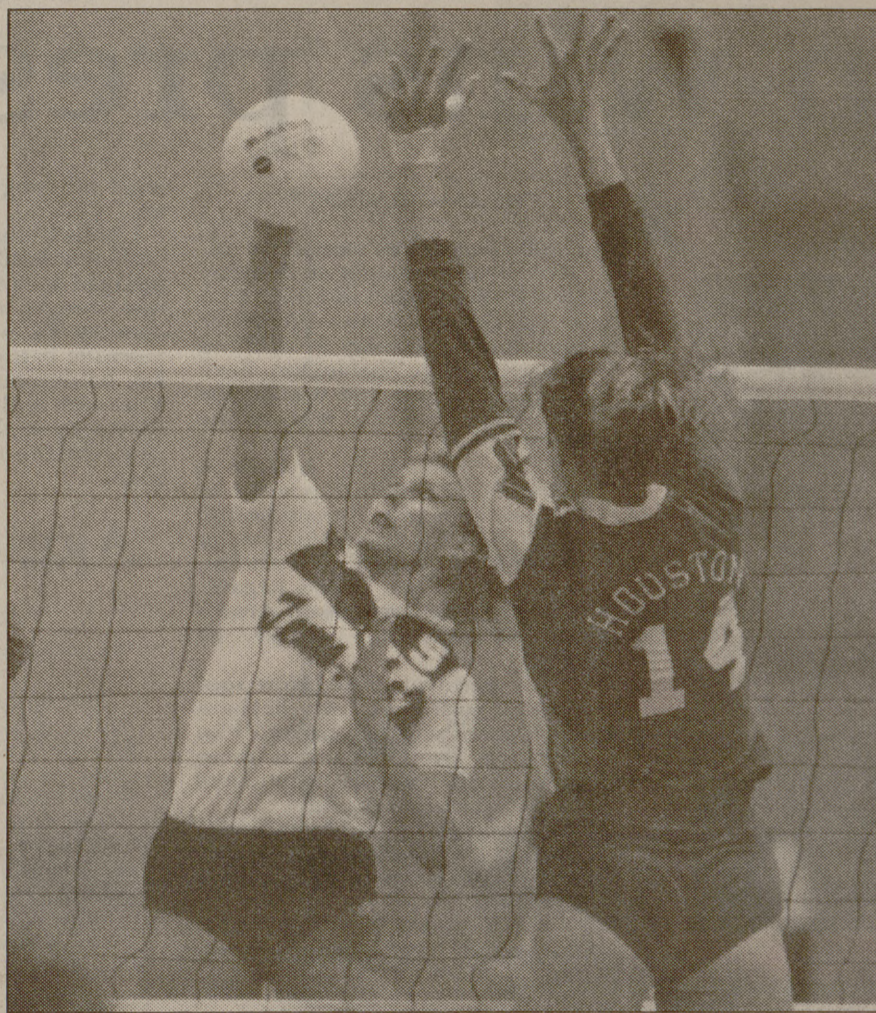
Although A&M did peter out in its first clash with Houston, Givens said that if the Lady Aggies play up to their potential, things might be different this time.

"(This season) we've beaten the teams we were supposed to beat," Givens said. "Now it's time to beat the teams we're even with."

"We need to do it as a team, through a complete team effort."

The factor of possibly playing the role of spoiler to Houston's SWC title chances could figure in tonight's match. But merely getting a win is motivation enough for the Lady Aggies.

"We're thinking about playing well and just beating Houston," middle blocker Kim Mitchell said. "We're just going to concentrate on doing our best."



A&M's Karen Richards goes up for a spike above Houston's Karina Faber in last year's match in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Houston won the match in four games. The Lady Aggies will try for revenge tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Givens echoed Mitchell's sentiments as he hopes to boost the Lady Aggies' chances of finishing near the top of the conference.

"We're just thinking about executing and playing well," he said. "Those other things will take care of themselves."

This past weekend was one of stark

contrasts for A&M, whose execution faded in and out in two different matches.

The Lady Aggies played poorly Friday against Mississippi in Baton Rouge, La., but they still came from behind to pull out a five-game win.

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A&M assistant knows firsthand about Louisville

By **K. LEE DAVIS**
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No player or coach on the Texas A&M football team is more familiar with the Louisville Cardinals than defensive back coach Trent Walters.

Walters knows Louisville, knows its coach Howard Schnellenberger and knows that the Cardinals are a formidable foe because he was the defensive back coach for the Kentucky school from 1986-1990.

Walters' football pedigree is as impressive as his bodybuilder's physique. He was born in Knoxville, Tenn., 48 years ago and went to Indiana University in 1962, where he played football and graduated in four years with a B.S. in physical education and biology.

Walters had two coaching stints at Indiana and two at Louisville, but his most impressive coaching stops were at the University of Washington and with the Cincinnati Bengals of the National Football League.

In fact, six of Walters' players have made it to the NFL.

In the 1990 Fiesta Bowl, Walters' defensive backs helped hold Alabama to just 94 yards passing as the Cardinals went on to a 34-7 romp over the Crimson Tide.

In the 1992 Cotton Bowl, Walters' Aggie defensive backs held the pass-happy Florida State Seminoles to 92 yards passing on a wet and sloppy New Year's Day in Dallas.

But Walters said he thinks that Louisville could be as big a challenge as any.

"It (Louisville) is strictly a professional-style passing attack very similar to Stanford and Bill Walsh's offense in that they're simple as far as basic formations go and that they're going to just drop back and throw the ball where you aren't," Walters said. "They will be as

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