

Lady Aggie volleyball team ends 19-17 season at NIVC

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KANSAS CITY, MO. – Texas A&M's volleyball team ended its 1992 season this weekend at the National Invitational Volleyball

Championships. The Lady Aggies narrowly lost a one-game playoff to Min-nesota on Saturday that would have made them the top team in Pool B and would have advanced them to the semifinals. Minnesota defeated A&M in the

playoff, 15-13. A&M had a 3-1 record in pool play. On Friday, the Lady Aggies defeated Loyola of Illinois

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the tough teams, we'll be where we want to be.

In spite of the tough night on the floor, Barone and his players expressed happiness with the number of Aggie faithful that

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the impossible occur and No. 1 Miami⁽¹¹⁻⁰⁾ and No. 2 Alabama (12-0) play to a tie in the Sugar Bowl, then all Florida State would have to do is beat lowly No. 11 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl to win the title.

Had Florida State come back for a rematch against the Aggies and the Sugar Bowl played to a tie, then the winner of the Cotton Bowl would have a legitimate claim to the crown.

But Smith and the CBAA didn't see it that way.

'We didn't have a national championship game," Smith said Sunday after the Bowl Coalition selections were announced. "If

we picked Florida State it would be a repeat game. We didn't think there was that much significance in choosing No. 5 over No.

in four games, 11-15, 15-6, 15-10, 15-7. Later that day, they squeaked by Minnesota in a gru-eling five-game match, 15-6, 10-15, 15-6, 14-16, 15-11.

On Saturday, the Aggies suffered their first defeat in pool

play with a loss to Maryland in three straight games, 15-11, 15-12, 15-6. Then, they defeated

Sacramento State in a close four-

game match, 15-13, 12-15, 15-12,

a 19-17 record. It was the team's

second straight winning season

showed up to watch the game. "We want to the thank the fans for coming out," Barone said.

"When we get settled down and play better ball, it will be a lot bet-

aren't any fans better in the coun-

Johnson echoed the sentiments

The fans were great," Johnson

"It was beautiful. There

and the third in five years.

Minnesota.

ter for the fans.

of his coach.

said.

try

15-13, to set up the playoff with

A&M finished its season with

They didn't think there was much significance, but A&M sure did. If I were head coach R.C. Slocum, I would privately be fuming at the latest in a series of attempts to deprive the undefeated Aggies at a national title.

The Aggies haven't been given any serious credibility all season long because of the conference They are in and the unimpressive way in which they have won. Four teams have jumped A&M in the AP poll over the course of the season

But the AP pollsters had noth-ing to do with this latest episode. As little credit as A&M has received, it still was prepared to play the Seminoles by the terms

of the Bowl Coalition. But the CBAA seized on the one flaw that the new coalition has - the

The Battalion

pairings are not binding. The bowls or the teams don't have to choose or be chosen according to the coalition's plans. It is merely a guideline. That is

coincidence to the fact that NBĆ, who will televise the Cotton Bowl for the first time, has an exclusive contract to cover Notre Dame home football games?

none of this is a demeaning of Notre Dame. It's not that the Fighting Irish aren't a good opponent. They just aren't the best opponent.

If A&M beats Notre Dame by 102 points, it won't mean as

how the Cotton Bowl managed to pull the fast one on the Aggies. And do you think there's any

To set the record straight,

much as beating Florida State by

the Lady Aggies to the win with 21-point performance and grad bing eight rebounds. Forwar, Vol. 92 I CHAMPAIGN, Ill.--The Texas A&M women's basketball team Beth Burket chipped in 17 per while grabbing seven reboun and guard Lisa Branch chipped took the consolation game of the Women's Illini Classic Sunday by 13 points. defeating Eastern Michigan by a score of 80-78. EMU was led by Resheen Wood, who had 30 points. Forward Yolanda Brown led

or Alabama, both unbeaten te

playing in the Sugar Bowl. "I'm not totally against playoffs now," Slocum said." are 12-0 and I voted us num one in the coaches poll. I d think anybody has demons it's better than Texas A&M."

Holtz agreed, saying ". has every right to claim num one. If they beat us then they a right to claim number one. quit worrying about the nation

title six weeks ago." It will be the fifth Cotton B for the Aggies since 1986. In span they've defeated Aub and Notre Dame and lost to 0 State and Florida State.

A&M became only the fit team in college football histor post 12 regular season victories "We expect some back

from the fans, but we're lucky have the matchup we have Brock said.

two points – at least not in the eyes of the AP voters. That's the frustrating part.

So now, Texas A&M very we could be the first team in the his tory of college football to havea spotless record in 13 games and have no shot at the national championship. In fact, the Ag-gies could finish 13-0 and be ranked as low as No. 4. That's sad.

This is what college football has come to. If ratings are some portant, then why don't we let Notre Dame play Miami every year for the national championship. That way little non-drawing teams like A&M won't mess up anyone's plans. No, history will not smile at

the unblemished A&M football season of 1992, but at this rate, history will not smile at college football bowl games, either.

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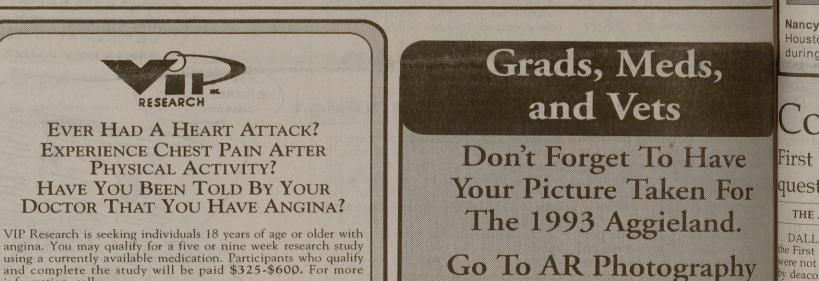
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decided we would accept

whichever invitation we re-

agreed. "We played A&M a few years ago (1988) in the Cotton

Bowl and they beat us decisively

Cotton Bowl appearance. The Irish played in the Cotton Bowl in 1970

to break a 50-year hiatus from

post-season games, losing to Texas

21-17 in a game for the national ti-

might be changing his mind about

a national playoff because he

won't be getting a shot at Miami

A frustrated Slocum said he

(35-10)," Holtz said. "We'll do the

It will be Notre Dame's sixth

Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz

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best we can with 'em.

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