

Aggie spikers beat up Mavericks

By Nick Georgandis

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The Texas A&M women's volleyball team extended its winning streak to seven games Saturday night by defeating the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks 15-2, 17-15 and 15-7 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Lady Aggies improved to 15-3 while UTA dropped to 4-8.

Senior outside hitter Sheila Morgan lead the Lady Aggies with 21 kills in the three-game match. Morgan also recorded a .529 hitting percentage and earned high praise from her teammates.

"How she turned it on (Saturday night) and how much she's done this year is simply amazing," junior outside hitter Anna Klasing said.

"The way she's playing right now, it's just very fun and exciting to watch her play and to be on the court with her."

Junior outside hitter Jennifer Bronner, who had 13 kills and a match-high .591 hitting percentage, and senior middle blocker Amy Kislung who recorded 12 kills and a career-high 10 blocks, helped A&M complete the three game sweep.

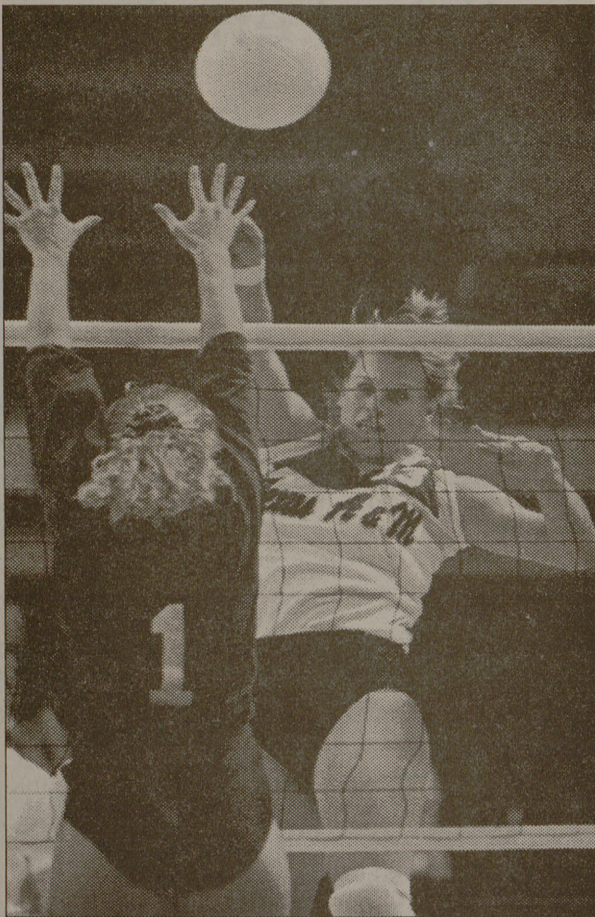
Despite the victory and the individual highlights, A&M head coach Laurie Corbelli said she believes the team still has improvements to make.

"I was not extremely pleased with the overall performance, but I am pleased with the win," Corbelli said.

"We managed to get in a lot of substitutes into the game, so we had the chance to get a good look at everybody."

The Lady Aggies return to the court in a conference match with the Rice Owls at G. Rollie Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Klasing said she believes the Rice game will be an excellent test for the team.

"They (Rice) have some really good hitters so we'll have to have some good, solid blocks," Klasing said. "Once we are able to stop them, we can go after them with our offense and take over."



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A&M senior outside hitter Sheila Morgan slams the ball in the Aggies' victory against UTA on Saturday.

Braves clinch third consecutive National League West title

The Associated Press

ATLANTA, GA — After winning game No. 104, the Braves waited and watched. And, finally, on the last day of the best pennant race in years, the San Francisco Giants cracked.

The Braves won their third straight NL West title Sunday — but it didn't happen until three hours after their 5-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Giants 12-1 a continent away to help the Braves clinch and secure a spot in the National League Championship series.

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Hall, blasting through Hall's (lack of) protection for two memorable sacks that cost Tech 20 yards.

A&M notched six sacks on the day and numerous headaches for new Advil spokesman Hall.

Away from the line of scrimmage, the secondary had their best coverage game since Kevin Smith and Patrick Bates patrolled enemy passing lanes two years ago.

Cornerbacks Aaron Glenn and Ray Mickens, a junior, either made phenomenal reads on the Red Raider wide receivers or used a

1-900 psychic service, for the tandem played like they knew where the Tech receivers were going.

Glenn picked the first of two A&M interceptions covering Tech's All-America receiver Lloyd Hill. The senior from Aldine began the play lined up a yard from Hill and ran with him step for step and move for move, denying Hill position and controlling the pick while Hill tried to knock the ball from Glenn's grasp.

"It was just man-to-man coverage," Glenn said. "I just ran with him down the field, I saw his eyes looking for the ball, and as I turned around, it was there."

"And I just caught it."

And freshman Donovan Greer grabbed A&M's second interception, the first one of his career, as Hall, flushed from the pocket and fleeing from a pack of A&M defenders, lofted a pass right to Greer. But Greer had to fight off two other A&M players to get it.

When Tech did complete their passes, they were swallowed up by the secondary, especially junior strong safety Michael Hendricks, who stopped the 235 (plus) pound bowling ball Morris with a sharp, upending throw to the turf.

While A&M's offense struggled in the first half with two fumbles and an interception against the Red Raiders' defensive unit, the Ag-

gie defense took control and showed no signs of fatigue. A&M's defense did what Georgia and seventh-ranked Nebraska couldn't do: Hold the Red Raiders without a touchdown.

And they did it on the road with people throwing tortillas at them — that's got to mean something.

Adams said the defense did not need to make bold statements to future combatants after what the Aggies accomplished.

"We don't need to send a message — they know."

And as the defense tightens the screws and improves, the rest of the SWC should take heed.

Because right now A&M's best offense is a good defense.

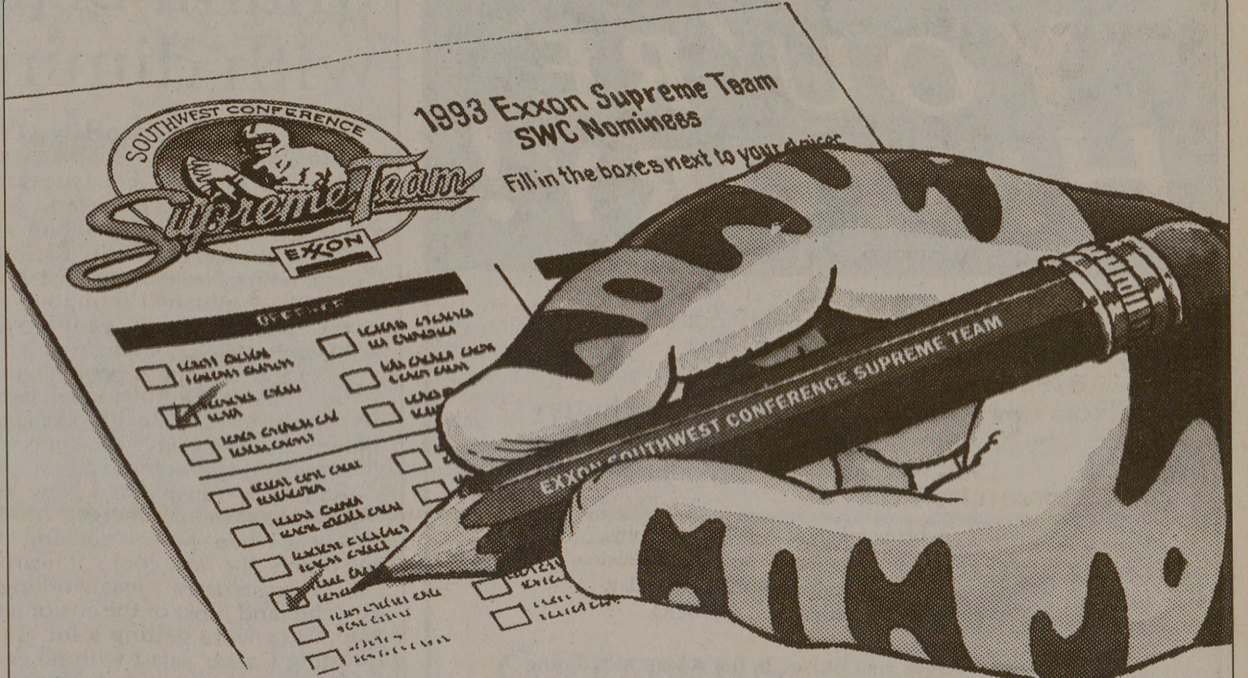
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