

One word for on-air idiocy: 'Whoomp!'

I first became aware that America had a problem on its hands when I attended a Little League play-off game last summer.



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I had just taken my seat in front of what seemed like all of the players' mothers and grandmothers when the pitcher recorded his first strikeout of the evening. The stands went wild with ovation as the next batter made his way to the plate.

Then the unthinkable happened. All the women behind me (about 30 in all, ages ranging from 30-70) stood up and shouted at the top of their lungs, "Whoomp! There it is! ... Whoomp! There it is!" You don't know what strange is until you've seen a person without any teeth sing lyrics from a song that praises women's butts.

Now, every time I turn on the TV, I see whole stadiums yelling America's new catch phrase. Studio commentators and both announcers are getting into the act as well thinking they are cool, "Seau is looking for his first sack of the game (Crash) Whoomp! There it is!", "Aikman to Irvin, Whoomp! There it is!"

It's getting so bad that announcers are now starting to use other song titles when calling games. In last Saturday's Texas-Oklahoma game, ABC commentator Mark Jones described a play by saying, "On that sack Aubrey Beavers told Shea Morenz

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Lady Aggie spikers to battle Cougars at G. Rollie White

A&M's Morgan, Wentz power offense, rack up statistical recognition

By William Harrison

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Texas A&M volleyball stands at 17-4 for 1993, but can stand to accomplish a lot more in the Southwest Conference, beginning Wednesday a four-game conference stretch facing the Houston Cougars first in G. Rollie White at 7 p.m.

The Lady Aggies are ranked seventh in the South Region and in the conference trail only the Texas Lady Longhorns, the third-ranked team in the nation.

The Houston game is A&M's first home contest since defeating Rice in three straight games on Oct. 10.

A&M head volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli said her team, which has already won two more games than it had won all of last season, is still working on fine-tuning its high-intensity offense in preparation for

Houston.

"We have been working on speeding up our attack a little bit; trying to isolate our hitters one-on-one," Corbelli said. "It's been working sometimes, and it hasn't been working sometimes."

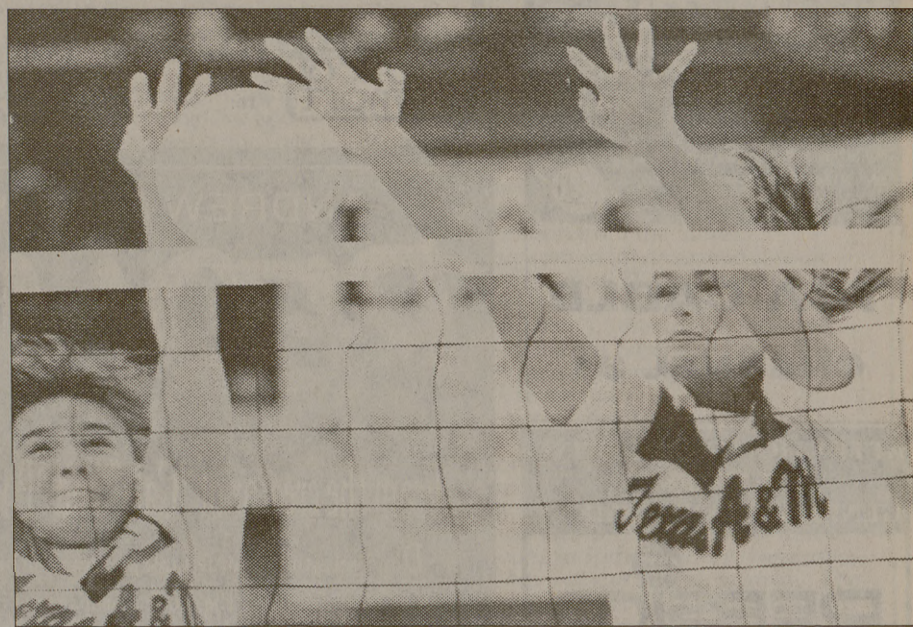
"From what we've seen scouting (Houston), we've identified the areas that we really need to work on, as far as defense and blocking."

But the offense is clicking. Senior outside hitter Sheila Morgan ranks fourth nationally in kills (non-returnable hits) with a 5.42 average, and sophomore setter Suzy Wentz is 13th in the nation in sets with a 12.46 average. Both players are tops in the conference in these statistics along with senior utility player Genny Wood, first in digs with a 3.47 average.

Morgan credited Wentz for the offense's success. And vice versa.

"Suzy Wentz is doing a nice job of distributing the sets evenly," Morgan said. "Good passing allows us to run a much quicker offense and allows us to open up a lot more

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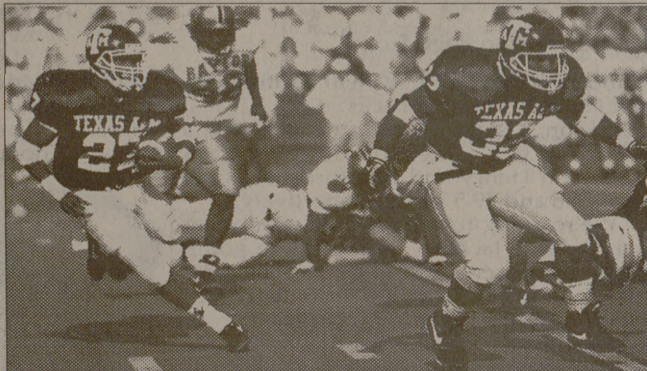
A&M's Suzy Wentz (10) and Amy Kisling (7) reach for a block during the Lady Aggies' upset victory over then 21st-ranked Florida State on September 17.

The Texas Aggies vs. the Baylor Bears

Baylor hopes to dust off passing attack against Texas A&M

By Matthew J. Rush

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A&M's Greg Hill (27) runs and Doug Carter (32) looks for a block during last year's Baylor game at Kyle Field.

The Baylor Bears will try to get off the ground against Texas A&M this weekend, but that will depend on whether Bears quarterback J. J. Joe is ready to throw the football.

The Bears (4-2; 2-1) will try to wear down A&M's fourth-ranked defense in the nation with a potent rushing attack, but plan to throw some passes - if they have to.

Last week, the Bears ran the ball 92 straight times against the Mustangs of Southern Methodist, compiling 482 yards rushing and because of senior quarterback J.J. Joe's sore arm, neglected to throw a single pass.

Bears' head football coach Chuck Reedy, in his first year holding the Bears' reins, said that the Baylor offense will not try a similar game plan against the Ag-

gies.

"We will definitely throw the ball more this week," Reedy said. "We'll have to throw the ball to have a chance against A&M."

Reedy said that the key to success will be to keep the Aggies guessing on defense.

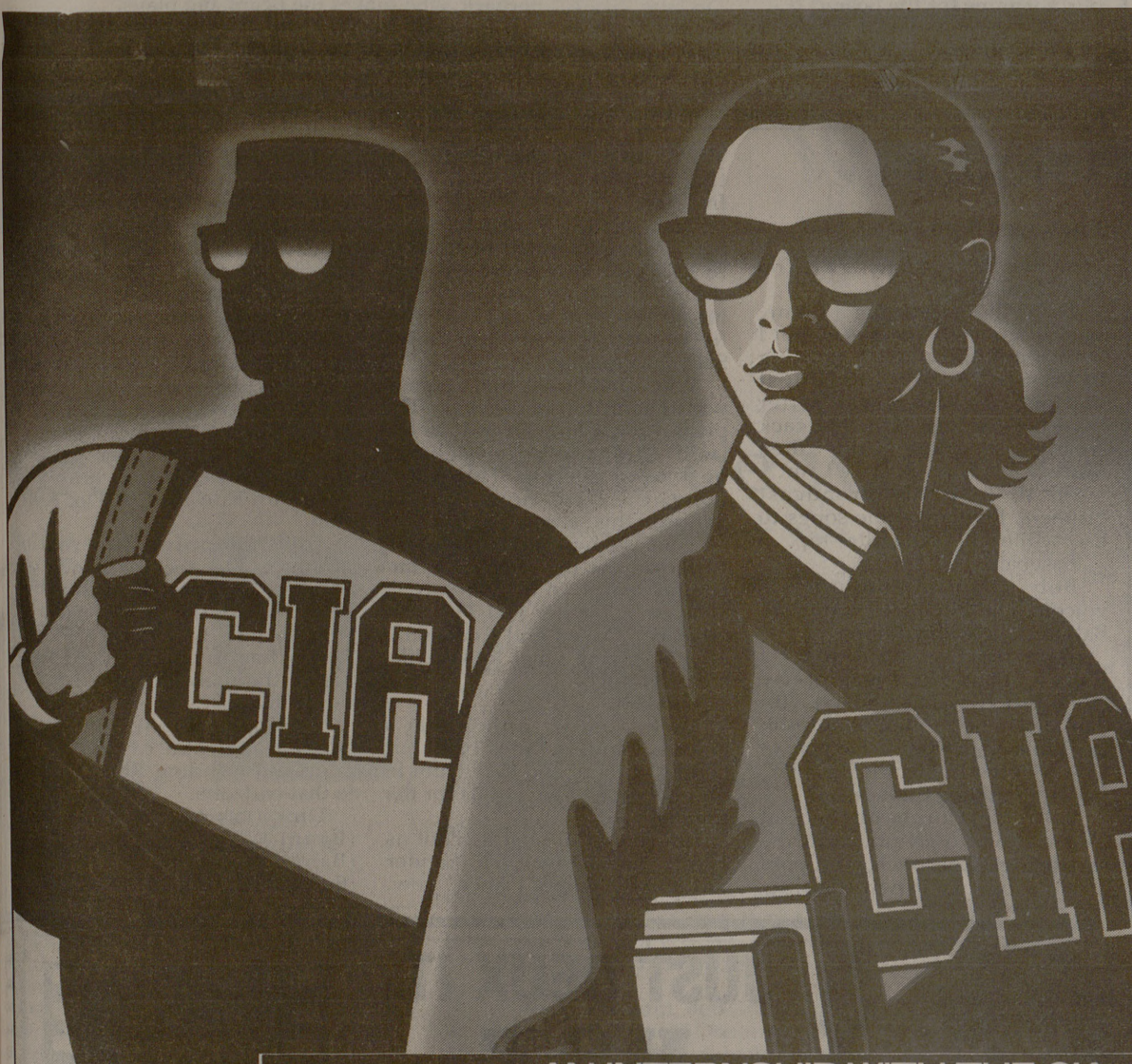
"We're going to have to be balanced, running and passing on offense," Reedy said. "They are too good for us to be one-dimensional against them."

Sophomore tailback Brandell Jackson, who rushed for 106 yards last week, said he thinks the game will come down to the number of turnovers.

"I think whoever doesn't turn the ball over (will win)," Jackson said. "It is going to be a very physical game because both teams have strong offenses and strong defenses."

Jackson also said that because Baylor has had success rushing behind an offensive line averaging 293

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