

# Volleyball team drops record to 3-5

## Lady Aggies lose to Notre Dame and Michigan State

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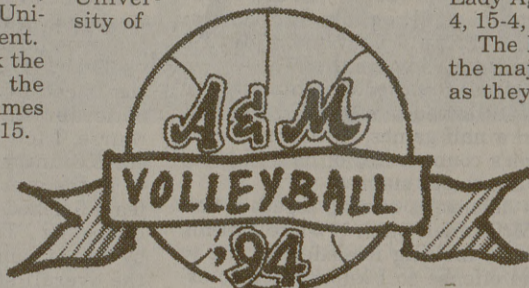
The Texas A&M volleyball team was beaten twice over the weekend, as they traveled to Boulder, Colorado, to compete in the University of Colorado Tournament.

Saturday night, A&M took the Michigan State Spartans to the limit, before falling in five games 8-15, 15-12, 15-13, 10-15, 6-15. MSU moved to 8-3 on the year, while the Lady Aggies dropped to 3-5.

Senior outside hitter Jennifer Bronner led the Lady Aggie attack with 21 kills and an .183 hitting percentage. Also contributing to the A&M cause were freshman outside hitter Krisitie Smedsrud, who recorded 19 kills, and

sophomore middle blocker Page White, who added 15 kills.

After losing to the 12th-ranked University of

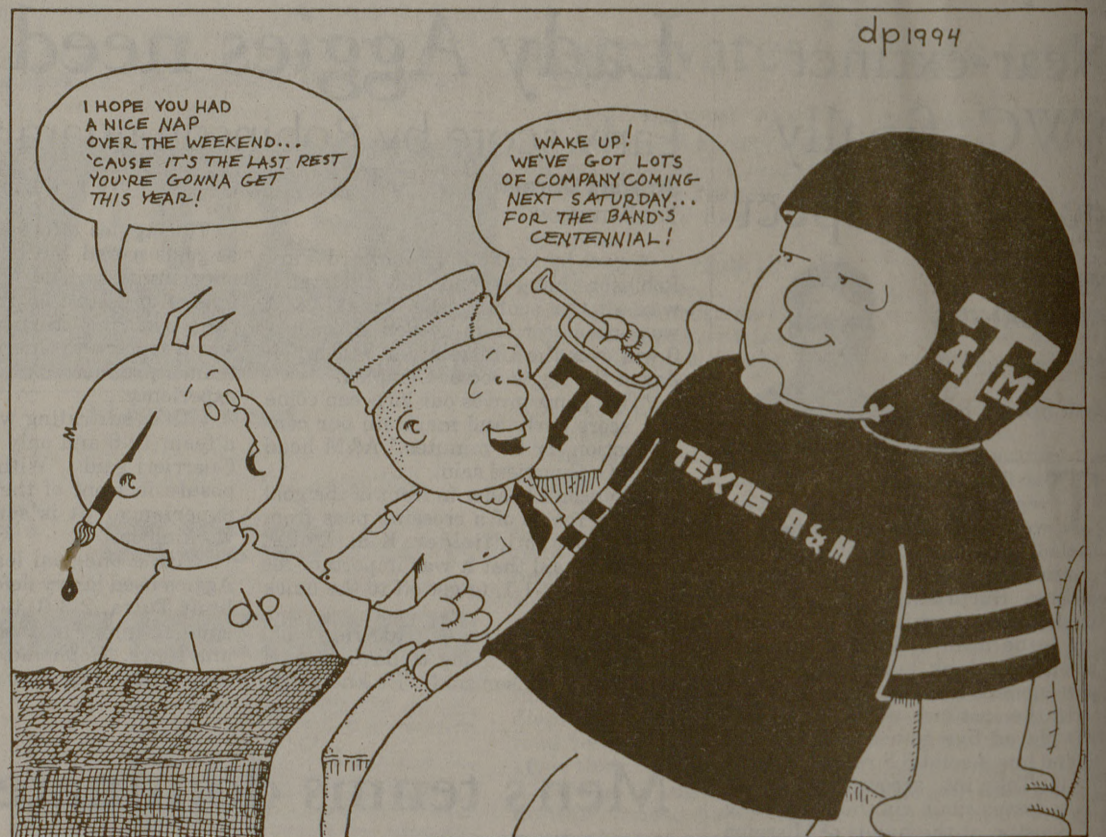


Texas Lady Longhorns on Wednesday, the Lady Aggies had to go right back to work on Friday night.

A&M's first game in the tournament was against 13th-ranked Notre Dame, and the Fighting Irish overwhelmed the Lady Aggies in straight sets, 15-4, 15-4, 15-3.

The Lady Aggies' offense was the major source of their woes, as they could only manage a .1010 hitting percentage. Smedsrud led the Lady Aggies with nine kills, and junior setter Suzy Wente recorded 22 assists.

The Lady Aggies' next game will be on the road at Texas Tech on Wednesday night. A&M returns home on Wednesday, September 28 against Baylor at 7:00 p.m.



# Bills buffalo Bucky and the Oilers

HOUSTON (AP) — Steve Christie and Bruce Smith were up to their old habits again on Sunday — beating the Houston Oilers.

Buffalo's Jim Kelly and Andre Reed played an personal game of catch to set up five field

goals by Christie, and Bruce Smith squashed Houston's offense with four sacks, leading the Bills to a 15-7 victory.

The Bills (2-1) got their third straight victory over the Oilers, who started the season 0-3 for the first time since 1984.

Smith battered Oilers quarterback Bucky Richardson all afternoon and delivered a jolting blind-side sack late in the third quarter that killed an Oilers' drive at the Bills' 27.

# Florida solidifies No.1 Ranking over Nebraska

(AP) — Top-ranked Florida increased its lead over No. 2 Nebraska in The Associated Press college football poll Sunday, while

Penn State climbed to No. 5 following its third straight rout. Florida widened its margin over Nebraska from nine points

to 17 points after beating Tennessee 31-0 Saturday, the Volunteers' worst home defeat in 70 years.

The Gators received 33 first-place votes and 1,507 points from a nationwide media panel. Nebraska, which defeated visiting UCLA 49-21, got 20 first-place votes and 1,490 points.

Nebraska still is No. 1 in the USA Today-CNN coaches' poll, but its lead over Florida was narrowed to six points.

Florida State, which downed Wake Forest 56-14, remained third in the AP poll with three first-place votes and 1,376 points. Idle Michigan held fourth with one first and 1,336 points.

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ering a fumble, but couldn't move the ball, and ended up punting the game away.

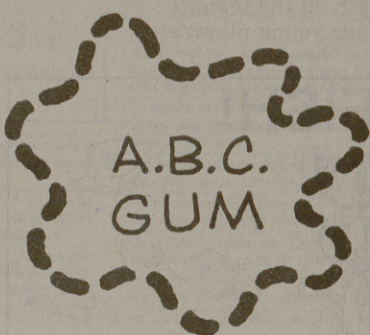
Up in Waco, (hey, Highway 6 runs both ways) the Baylor Bears, who have been favored by some to win the conference this year for the first time since 1979, came from behind to defeat Oklahoma State. The game was extremely important for the Bears' standings in the eyes of the nation. Baylor blew out their first two opponents in convincing fashion, but those first two opponents were San Jose State and Louisiana Tech, not exactly two powerhouse schools. Although OSU's glory days are behind them, they are still a name team, and the Bears did the conference proud by knocking them off. If Baylor's for real, the nation will know it next weekend when the Bears tangle with the 20th-ranked University of Southern California Trojans in Los Angeles.

The other game of the weekend was also one of the surprises of the weekend. TCU knocked off favored Kansas 31-21 at Fort Worth. Although TCU will be hanging out in the Western Athletic Conference in two years, not the Big 12, they did their part to give the near-extinct SWC a little more respect.

The other loss came courtesy of the Fightin' Rice Owls, who lost to Kansas State. Rice is not very good, and they've been getting worse in the last few years. They went from decent to average when Trevor Cobb left. They have now traversed down to downright awful with the loss of quarterback extraordinaire Bert Emanuel. Rice is bad, real bad. That Rice vs. Houston showdown for the Bayou Bucket is going to be really exciting. They'll probably have the Astrodome about one-sixteenth full for the rumble.

The SWC still has two games left against the Big 8, both involving the University of Texas, October 1 against Colorado in Boulder and the week after in their annual clash with OU in Dallas. UT will probably get roughed up by Colorado, who was ranked seventh even before beating 10th-ranked Wisconsin Saturday night. The UT-OU game will be one of the best games of the year in this region, too bad the Longhorns aren't playing the Sooners instead of Baylor on Thanksgiving (but that's another column altogether).

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