

# Netters tune up for SWC tournament

By Jason Holstead  
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M volleyball team won its fourth straight match Tuesday night defeating the Southwest Texas State Bobcats in four games, 15-1, 13-15, 15-2, 15-7.

The Lady Aggies dominated the match, hitting .282 for the game, while the Lady Bobcats struggled to a .081 hitting percentage.

Corbelli said the Lady Aggies are peaking at the perfect time due to the Southwest Conference tournament starting Friday.

"We felt it, we are really playing really well right now," Corbelli said.

(Jennifer Bronner was unstoppable for the most part, and I think (Dana) Santeleben on the outside just needed a little 'get-up and go' today to get it going, but those two are really important for us.

"If our middle (blockers) are going that's good, but if we don't have our outside (hitters), we are in trouble."

In the first game, the Lady Aggies started extremely strong, reeling off six straight points en-route to a 15-1 win. Cindy VanderWoude led the team with two kills and hit .667 for the game.

As a team, the Lady Aggies registered eight kills and a .533 hitting percentage in the first game.

In the second game, the Lady Aggies again started off strong by winning the first four points. But SWTS turned the game around by getting seven straight points and continue the strong play throughout the game,

winning 15-13. The Lady Bobcats were led by Tamara Jones, who had six kills and five digs.

Corbelli said the Lady Aggies had a letdown in the second game because of their defense.

"Our defense wasn't quite as good tonight as it has been, but we didn't have a real good scouting report on this team," Corbelli said. "I don't think the team felt as prepared (about) what the other team is going to do to us."

"I think that had something to do with our positions and where we were (on the court)."

The third game was all A&M once again. The Lady Aggies began with nine straight points and cruised to a 15-2 win. They were again led by the outside hitting of Bronner and VanderWoude. Bronner had four kills and a .346 hitting percentage, while VanderWoude added four kills of her own and hit a impressive .429 for the third game.

In the fourth game, the Lady Bobcats played strong before finally being beaten 15-7.

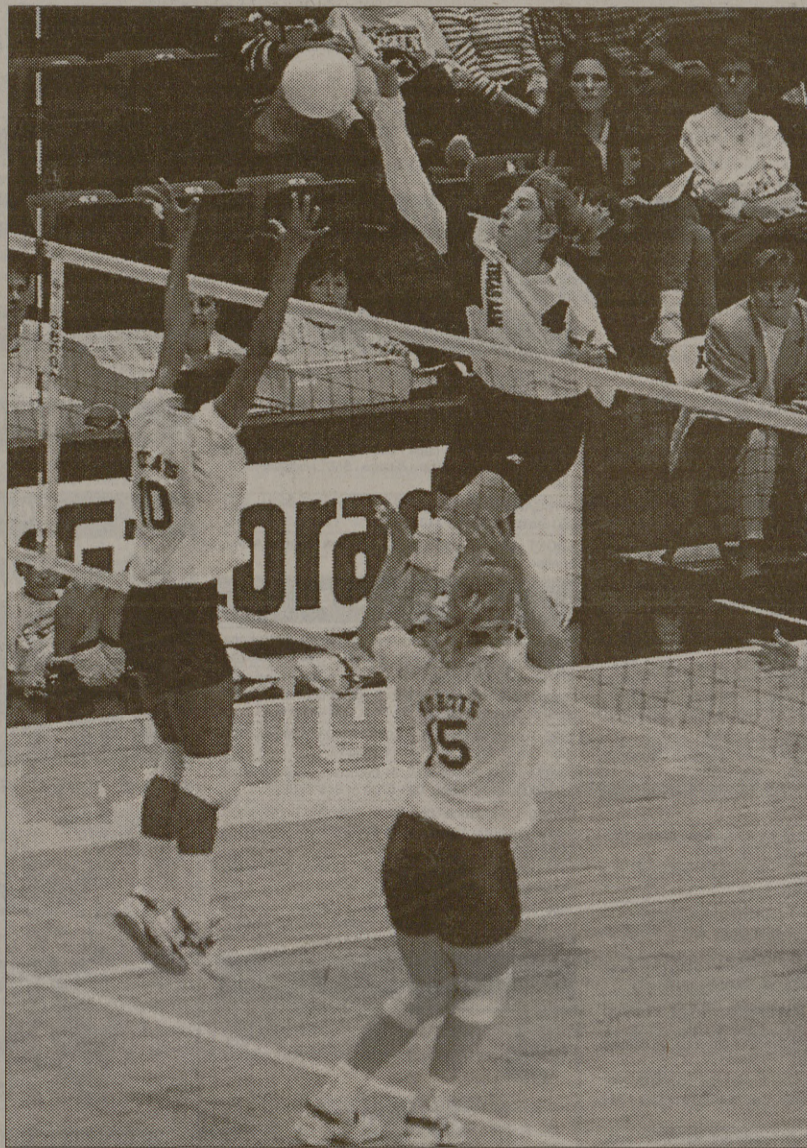
Corbelli said this game was very important because the team needed to keep the momentum going in the right direction.

"I think we are peaking, (but) I think we still have some room to go," Corbelli said. "But when they (the team) feel challenged, the best has been coming out of them."

The Lady Aggies hope the winning streak and their momentum continues as they return to action Friday night, playing Rice University in the first round of the Southwest Conference tournament.

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—Laurie Corbelli,  
Lady Aggies' head coach



Nick Rodnick/The Battalion  
Page White returns the ball against Southwest Texas State to help bring the Lady Aggies to a victory Tuesday night.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Club soccer team heads for College Nationals

Although the Aggie football team has no real hopes of winning a national championship this season, there is a team on campus that is still in contention for a title. The Texas A&M men's club soccer team is headed to the College Nationals this weekend in Phoenix, Arizona looking to bring home the bacon.

The team finished 7-2 this season, winning its conference which includes Texas, Baylor, Rice, Sam Houston State, Southwest Texas State, Stephen F. Austin and UT-Arlington. Last weekend at the regional playoffs, the Aggies finished third and qualified for the nationals.

"We lost in a shootout to Baylor, but we beat Tulane 1-0 to finish third," playing coach and starting forward Rolf Boerresen said. "We have lots of new talent but the new players have all been improvements."

The team has reached the nationals in each of the last two years, losing in the semifinals last season. Center/midfielder Scott Mielke said he and his teammates are healed up and ready to take the extra step this time around.

"We had five starters miss the regionals with injuries and still finished third," Mielke said. "We have a very strong bench however, we have played really well lately and we have all intentions of winning it all."

### A&M men's golf team signs top Texas prospect

The Texas A&M men's golf team pulled off a major coup on Monday when top Texas prospect Ty Cox signed a national letter of intent to become an Aggie next fall.

Cox won the American Junior Golf Association Tour tournament in Abilene last July with an eight-under par score of 207. He was the only player in the field to break par. In May, Cox finished fourth at the Class 5A state high school tournaments and has won three straight district championships for Amarillo High School.

Cox was ranked the 18th best national junior golfer in the country last summer by Golf World magazine.

"We are really excited to have Ty join our golf program," Ellis said. "He is an outstanding player and an equally outstanding young man."

# Stellar trio, new coach lead resurgent Mavericks to quick start

I've got two words for you: Dallas Mavericks.

DREW DIENER

Sportswriter



Yes, the mighty Mavs are back on the prowl in the NBA, and look out, they may just sneak into the playoffs.

Now I realize it's premature to make such a rash statement, but I've never been one to back down from making a rash statement. Come to think of it, that's why I like the Mavs: They are a rash statement.

Gone are buffoons like Randy White, a.k.a. the next Karl Malone. White, selected eighth in the 1989 NBA draft, was a huge bust in five years of forgettable futility with the Mavericks.

The Mavericks' brain trust (what an oxymoron) thought that White, who like Malone hailed from Louisiana Tech, was the second coming of the Utah Jazz superstar. Wrong.

Unable to pawn their White elephant off any other squad in professional basketball, the Mavs grinned and bore it through five years of pain, putridness, and poor play from such a paltry player.

With White and a few other clowns cast aside, the Mavericks entered this season with a new attitude, a new zest, and a new...

Got two more words for you: Head coach. Dick Motta is back and he means business. No more of that hairy high school stuff that last year's boss man Quinn Buckner tried to sell to his players.

The hiring of Motta has been paramount in the rebuilding and restructuring of a franchise that over the past five years has looked more like a "franchisee." Motta was the original coach of the expansion Dallas Mavericks, serving the team from 1980-1987.

In seven seasons, Motta nursed the team from its embryonic stages to league-wide prominence. Although he did not coach the 1988 Western Conference Finalists, Motta built that team. Who better to restore Dallas to its winning ways, than the man who made them a winner in his initial tour of duty?

Motta could not do it himself, he's had some help from a young triumvirate of millionaires, namely a 21-year old small forward named...

Got two more words for you: Jamal Mashburn. The monster Mash. Did you see the Mavs-Bulls game Saturday night? Young Jamal took Scottie Pippen to school, lighting up the United Center

scoreboard for a Maverick record 50 points as Dallas improved their record to 3-1 with an overtime victory over Chicago.

Two years removed from his banner career at the University of Kentucky, last season's fourth overall draft pick is establishing a reputation as one of the league's budding stars.

Mashburn's contract with Fila should resurrect the once mighty shoe company, while Mashburn's contract with Dallas should resurrect the once mighty basketball team.

Standing tall in the shadow of Mashburn's torrid play is the shooting guard who Motta claimed he would not trade for any other shooting guard in the league...

Got two more words for you: Jim Jackson. Three cheers for Action Jackson. After being selected with the fourth pick of the 1992 NBA draft by Dallas, Jackson held out almost the entire season, claiming he would never play for the lowly Mavericks. At the time, who could blame him?

Joined by Mashburn last season, the combo looked promising. However, there were questions about Jackson's future with the club.

A terrific start to this season, and the head coach's praise has secured the former Buckeye's status in Big D. The missing link to this young

team was a point guard, a guy who could get the ball to the offensive juggernauts like Jackson and Mashburn.

From sunny California came a godsend, it's a bird, it's a plane, no it's...

(I'm almost done) Got two more words for you: Jason Kidd.

Two years of the college game was enough to let Kidd know he was ready for the next level.

By no means a superb shooter, Kidd need not even score to dominate a game. His passes are flashes of brilliance. His ability to run the floor is unparalleled. His contract is fat and his future is bright. Kidd is the key that will unlock the door to the league's upper echelon.

With Kidd, Jackson, and Mashburn paving the way, the contribution of a seven-footer with a white-lined past is all the Mavs need to make a legitimate run at something their neighbors 260 miles to the south won last season...

Got two final words for you: The Championship. By no means do I honestly believe the Mavs can win it this year, but they could surprise some people. The millionaire triumvirate can strap the rest of the team on its back. However, the reemergence of Roy Tarpley is vital. If he can keep the candy out of his nose and put the ball in the hole, the Mavericks will be dangerous. Very dangerous.

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