

Greatest Xmas carols from world of sports

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Oh my, look terrorists are trying to take over the beach.

"All we want is change for a dollar and Pamela Anderson for our love slave."

"No foreigner is taking my hard earned U.S. quarters (grabs Uzi)."

We'll return right after these messages to "A Baywatch Christmas."

"Are you having trouble finding that special holiday gift for that sports fanatic on your list who likes Christmas carols? Why not get them Time-Life's 'Noel's Athletic Jubilee II.' It's the sporting sequel to last year's No. 1 music anthology. Just look at what you get:

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- Color Me Badd
- "I Saw Lou Holtz Kissing the Fiesta Bowl's Butt"
- Quarterflash
- "I'm Dreaming of a Devon White Christmas"
- Michael Bolton

That's not all. You'll also get The Culture Club's new version of "Jingle Bells."

"Jingle Bells, Young's head's swelled

Since now he's on a roll ABC declared him MVP

But he'll never win a Super Bowl."

But wait! There's more sports music dealing with the holiday spirit. You also get The Jetts' new version of "Frosty the Snowman" retitled "Webber the Warrior."

"Webber the Warrior Was a real unhappy soul Until he forced a trade Now he's made The Bullets lose four in a row."

How much would you pay for this awesome collection? \$100? \$99.97? A Canadian quarter? Before you answer, take a look at what else you get.

- "Christmas at Ground Zero"
- "Weird" Al Yankovic
- "Santa Claus is Coming to Town to See If He Can Be the Oilers' Quarterback."
- Milli Vanilli

"Hark! The Herald Mavericks Are Learning How to Play"

— Some Guy Singing in the Shower

But that's not all you find on this CD collection. You'll also get Juice Newton's latest hit sung to the tune of "Sliver Bells."

"Dumb as Hell, Dumb as Hell Those stupid baseball bums Dumb as Hell, Dumb as Hell Next year no one will come."

Also included in the set is Don Knott's cover of "Away in the Manger" dedicated to the Houston Oilers.

"Changing the offense No room to shoot Slaughter dropping passes made his point moot Pardee got let go Gilbride got fired Fisher still has them playing uninspired."

How can you turn down this once in a lifetime offer? This collection is not sold in any store. Just

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Lady Aggies crush Michigan State

Santleben racks up 13 kills, 22 digs

By Nick Georgandis
THE BATTALION

After the Michigan State Spartans pulled out a narrow 16-14 victory in game three of their first-round NCAA Tournament match with Texas A&M Tuesday night, they looked ready to climb back into the contest. After the Lady Aggies' dominating game four performance however, the only climbing the MSU players will be doing today is back into the plane that will take them home.

The Lady Aggies crushed the Spartans 15-5 in the fourth and final game, winning the match 15-12, 15-9, 14-16, 15-5 in front of 773 people at G. Rollie White Coliseum, to advance to the second round of the NCAA Tournament Saturday against Ohio State University.

Junior outside hitter Dana Santleben enjoyed a tremendous all-around game for the Lady Aggies, racking up 13 kills, a match-high 22 digs, two service aces and a .229 hitting percentage. Junior setter Suzy Wente was highly complimentary of

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A&M head coach,
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her teammate's performance. "Dana was pretty much unstoppable out there," Wente said. "It didn't seem to matter if there were three blockers on him or one, when they're on, you've got to go to them."

Head coach Laurie Corbelli said she was extremely pleased with A&M's performance, especially considering the youth of the team.

"It was the first time in the first round for a lot of these players, and they just did a tremendous job," Corbelli said. "We're used to knowing our opponents very well, and they (MSU) have changed their line-up a lot since the last time we played them."

In the first game, the Lady Aggies jumped out to quick leads of 4-1 and 11-6 before the Spartans rallied to within 14-12. But Santleben threw



Carrie Thompson/THE BATTALION

Senior outside hitter Anna Klasing dives to dig a shot during the victory over Michigan State.

down a crushing kill in the middle of the Spartan defense to give the Lady Aggies the victory and a 1-0 game advantage.

The third game appeared to be a repeat of the first two when A&M extended its lead to 7-3 on a service ace by senior outside hitter Jennifer Bronner. But the Spartans outscored the Lady Aggies 13-7 from then on to prevent a sweep.

"After Game 2, I challenged our players to be more aggressive, but our passing broke down," Corbelli said. "(MSU) gave us a lot of points (on mistakes) but passing can turn a game around."

Any doubts concerning A&M's drive to reach the next round were quelled immediately in the fourth game as the Lady Aggies leapt out to a 7-3 lead and never looked back.

As a team, A&M hit .360 in the fourth game while holding MSU to a .048 percentage.

"I think we regrouped a little (after the third game)," Corbelli said. "I think we were a little tentative, because we wanted it so badly. But we realized we were capable and knew that now was the time to step up."

"I'm so proud of how we rose to the occasion tonight."

Spartans' head coach Chuck Erbe provided the Lady Aggies with "bulletin board" material only moments after the game with his analysis of A&M's chances against the Buckeyes come Saturday.

"For A&M, it should be a thrill just to get to the second round," Erbe said. "But, to climb that mountain (Ohio State), that's out of A&M's reach."

Williams steps up play tournament

By David Winder
THE BATTALION

Mean.

That's how reserve player Andrew Williams looked in warm-ups before Texas A&M played Michigan State in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Awesome. That's how she played during the match.

"I could tell Andrea was ready to play," A&M coach Laurie Corbelli said. "I told (assistant coach) John (Corbelli) that we were going to have to get her in the match. I just didn't know who."

Williams replaced middle blocker Cindy VanderWoude in the first game after VanderWoude could not shake her hitting slump. In the second game, Williams caught fire, recording five kills and six digs.

"Williams added a degree of quickness to Texas A&M," Michigan St. coach Chuck Erbe. "She really stepped forward for them in the middle."

In the fourth game, Williams had six kills and two aces, sparking the Lady Aggies to a 15-5 win to clinch the match.

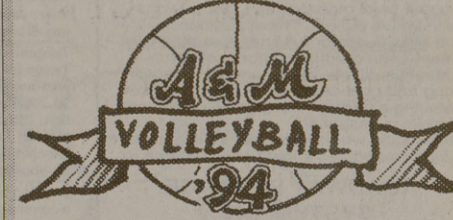
"They had a big middle blocker, so I was hesitant at first," Williams said. "But Suzy (Wente) was able to give me oversets where I could pick any place on the court to put the ball."

A member of last year's women's volleyball and basketball NCAA tournament teams, Williams said he has been talking to her teammates about her experiences.

"I told them it's something to look forward to," Williams said. "All you have to do is win a couple of games and you can make the Final Four."



Williams



Aggie swimmer's work ethic pays off with individual awards

Senior All-American strives for NCAA title, '96 Olympics

By Kristina Buffin
THE BATTALION

Unlike many top swimmers who began swimming before they could even walk, senior Susie Geyer didn't start until the ripe old age of seven. Despite her late start and an absence of strong coaching, Geyer has become the top women's swimmer on this year's A&M swimming team.

"Overcoming my weak background of swimming (has been my greatest success)," Geyer said. "I never really trained hard, because my workouts were so easy. To come here and develop a strong background in the last two years, that is probably my biggest success."

Geyer, a kinesiology major from Nebraska, won two high school state championships in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1990 and 1991. She was also the butterfly state champion in 1990 and Midwestern Swimmer of the year in 1989 and 1990.

"I never really had a tough program (in high school)," Geyer said. "It was more for fun. I'm doing better now because I didn't have one of those coaches that burned you out."

Geyer was a 1994 All-American in the 100-breast-

stroke and placed fourth in the NCAA Championships last year. Head coach Mel Nash attributes Geyer's success to her hard work and extra effort.

"Her focus makes her one of the best (swimmers) we've had," Nash said. "She comes to all the extra workouts and then performing the way she does shows everyone that if you do all the extra work available to you then most likely you are going to succeed."

Geyer's hard work has paid off in terms of individual honors. Geyer is the Texas A&M women's all-time top five performer in the 100-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley.

Geyer hopes to close off her collegiate career with titles at the SWC meet and the NCAA Championships.

"I want to make my cuts early at the Texas Invitational and swim through conference untested and there win the 100 breaststroke," Geyer said. "At NCAA I want to win the 100 breaststroke, that is my biggest goal. And an American Record wouldn't be to bad either."

As far as goals for after college, Geyer hopes to qualify for the 1996 summer Olympics at the trials



Photo courtesy of Texas A&M Sports Information

Senior Susan Geyer swims the butterfly. The Aggie swimming star hopes to compete in the NCAA championships and possibly the 1996 Olympics.

next year.

"I've already got plans for the Olympic trials," Geyer said. "I'll be able to get some good, hard, and solid training in and we won't have to deal with the NCAA 20 hour rule. The Olympics are my dream and have always been my dream."

Coach Nash believes that Geyer will continue to improve her times and continue her success.

"She'll keep improving through the trials in 1996," Nash said. "She's improved every single year, gotten faster and I don't see any reason for her to slow down."

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