

# Stanford next up for A&M

□ The Lady Aggies will face Stanford in the Mizuno USA Cup.

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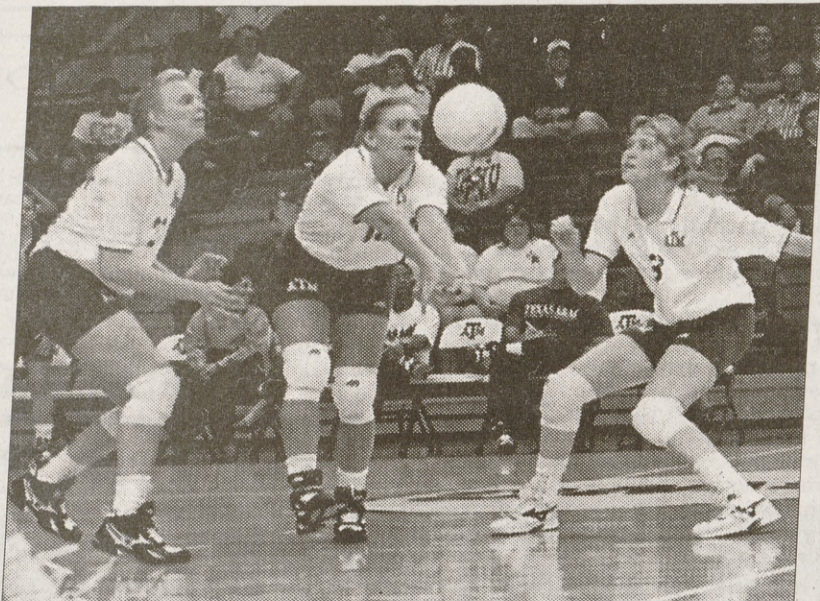
Last year, the Texas A&M women's volleyball team had an opportunity to play national powerhouse teams throughout the season such as then-No.2 Ohio State in the NCAA Tournament.

Tonight, the Lady Aggies will face the ultimate national powerhouse, the No. 1 team in the nation, Stanford University in Chicago at the Mizuno USA Cup.

"It's been in the back of our minds ever since they told us in the spring that we were going to play them," senior middle blocker Page White said. "We're really pumped for this match. It's definitely a challenge."

Calling a match against Stanford "a challenge" is a huge understatement. Last year, the Cardinal captured the NCAA Championship and defeated second-ranked Nebraska in four games last Saturday.

"Our team has nothing to lose," A&M Head Coach Laurie Corbelli said. "Stanford has all the pressure. Every team they play this year is going to try to



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Lady Aggies Cindy VanderWoude and Kristie Smedsrud watch as Dana Santleben digs the ball during Wednesday night's game.

kill them. I'm really looking forward to our match. We're going to try some new things."

Corbelli said for the Aggies to beat the Cardinal, they must play well the entire match.

"Volleyball is game of momentum, so we can't let them get a large string of points," Corbelli said. "We can't ever let up. We got to have momentum

on our side most of the time"

Georgia Tech University and the University of Illinois will play in the other match of the tournament. A&M will play one of them in the consolation or championship game.

"This tournament will be the hardest we play this season, as far as strength, goes until the NAAs," Corbelli said.

# Oilers-Steelers rivalry lives through turmoil

□ Both teams have hit highs and lows since the feud started in the late 1970s.

HOUSTON (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers and Houston Oilers have changed. Their rivalry hasn't.

While the Steelers have a powerful defense, its members don't want to be compared with the Steel Curtain. The Oilers no longer want to play in the As-

trodome, the place they used to affectionately call their House of Pain.

The bitterness of the rivalry remains the same, however. It will be as tense as ever when they meet in the Astrodome on Sunday, even if the Oilers haven't measured up competitively in recent meetings. Pittsburgh has won four of the last six games, including both last season.

"There's no question about the rivalry; there are people still around here who know what it's

like to play the Steelers," Oilers coach Jeff Fisher said. "This team knows who's coming to town. It's going to be a fistfight."

"It's going to be a physical game regardless," Oilers guard Bruce Matthews added. "We have more to prove at home, because our image has been tarnished and we want to improve that."

The Oilers are unhappy with the Astrodome as their home stadium and have been in a lengthy battle with the city to build a new domed stadium.

# The Deion Derby: Dallas leads down the final stretch

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers could be playing a game of catch-up with the Dallas Cowboys in the race to sign Pro Bowl cornerback Deion Sanders.

Carmen Policy said Wednesday he expects Sanders to choose between Dallas and San Francisco, and the 49ers' president rated the Cowboys a favorite in the bidding for Sanders despite the two-sport star's current association with the San Francisco Giants.

"I honestly believe this is going to be resolved by Friday," Policy said. "I have reason to believe there's going to be a meeting of the minds with either us or Dallas."

At least two other teams, reportedly Denver and Miami, also have been mentioned as contenders for the football free agent. Policy, without naming the other teams, said they have very little chance in the Sanders Sweepstakes.

"I don't mean this to be disparaging, but I think they're practice squad at this point, and I think Dallas and I are on the active roster," Policy said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones reportedly is dangling a five-year offer that would include up to a \$10 million signing bonus

for Sanders, who played for San Francisco last season and helped the 49ers beat Dallas en route to their fifth Super Bowl title.

Policy said he spoke with Sanders' agent, Eugene Parker, a couple of times by telephone on Wednesday and expects to submit San Francisco's offer within the next 24 hours.

Sanders, contacted prior to the Giants' baseball game Wednesday night, declined to comment on the negotiations.

Jones has said he would be shocked if Sanders didn't sign with Dallas and Policy conceded he regards the 49ers as underdogs to Dallas in the pursuit of Sanders.

Policy nevertheless believes San Francisco's offer can be competitive.

"We have a general idea of how far we can go and how far we're willing to go," Policy said. "Of course, it doesn't serve our

purpose to discuss that. But I've looked at all the numbers for Dallas. If next year has any significance to them whatsoever, and if their offer is contained within the parameters of the rules and the salary cap, I don't see why we wouldn't be able to compete with them."

Policy said he would pull out of the bidding if it became clear

such a deal would disrupt the team's salary cap structure and restrict future maneuverability.

"We are not obsessed with Dallas or with the opportunity to sign any particular player. We're going to be governed by desire and reason. I'm not sure that's the way the competition is conducting itself," Policy said.

In the 49ers' locker room Wednesday, players said they're hoping Sanders comes back, but they say they're also prepared to play the rest of the season without him.

"I think it would be a great bonus if we got him, and if not, we just play on," Steve Young said. "We're not teetering as a team at all."

Defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield said most of the 49ers have ignored the hype and speculation about what Sanders is going to do, how much he's going to get, and where he's going to play.

"We can't worry about the Deion thing, plus get ready for Atlanta, another division team that's probably smiling because they're coming off a good win," Stubblefield said. "We can't have those types of distractions in our mind. He's good friends with a lot of guys around here. We'll just take whatever happens in stride."

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