

At a
GLANCE

SPORTS BRIEFS

**Ticket prices set for
A&M soccer playoff**

The Texas A&M Athletic Office has announced that tickets for the upcoming Nov. 12 Texas A&M vs. Clemson NCAA first-round soccer playoff match are now on sale in Room 132 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Tickets are five dollars for adults and three dollars for students. All-sports passes and season ticket packages will not be honored as NCAA competition is not included in the price.

**Sophomore Smedsrud
garners weekly honor**

Texas A&M sophomore outside hitter Kristie Smedsrud was named Co-Southwest Conference Player of the Week.

Last year's Freshman of the Year hit .400 and averaged 4.57 kills per game against UT-Arlington and Texas Tech.

She led the Aggies in kills against UTA with 22 and was second on the team with 19 against Texas Tech. She reached double figures in kills for the 13th consecutive match against Tech and the 17th time this season.

She currently leads the conference in service aces (0.43) and ranks fourth in kills (3.91).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

NBA
Rockets 106, Bucks 89
Mavericks 99, Grizzlies 88

UPCOMING EVENTS

A&M Volleyball
Tonight the Lady Aggies will travel to Austin to play the University of Texas Longhorns.

Aggie Soccer
The Soccer Team hosts Clemson Sunday at 1 p.m. in first-round NCAA action.

A&M Football
The Aggies travel to Houston Thursday to play a SWC game against Rice University at 7 p.m.

Shot at title means win in Austin

□ A win would tie A&M for first place in the SWC.

By Kristina Buffin
THE BATTALION

There was a light mood at practice, but the 18th-ranked Texas A&M Women's Volleyball Team (19-4, 7-1) was dead serious.

Tonight at the Student Rec Center in Austin, the Lady Aggies will face the seventh-ranked University of Texas (17-6, 9-0) in a fight for a share of the Southwest Conference crown.

"The level of determination is higher because there is a lot more on the line," junior middle blocker Page White said. "In the back of our heads, we know how great it would be to win.

"It's not as much pressure as it is the opportunity. It would be great to be co-champs in the last year of the conference."

Although this is an opportunity to win a share of the SWC crown, the Lady Aggies are trying not to focus on that as much as just playing a good game.

"I can't control what the girls are thinking," A&M Head Coach Laurie Corbelli said. "Deep in their hearts, they want the championship. We are going to focus on our execution of plays and where we will be on defense. We are working hard to prepare."

In College Station earlier this season, the Lady Longhorns defeated the Lady Aggies in a close five-game match. A&M outhit Texas .185 to .169 and had 10 more kills and eight more digs, but also committed ten more errors.

"We really have worked on defense, it's

a part that we know needs work," A&M Head Coach Laurie Corbelli said. "We also have worked on our shot selection. In some ways as a coach, you look at the technical side of the game but you also look at the results."

Texas freshman Demetria Sance leads the team with a .310 hitting percentage and a 4.76 kill average in SWC games. As a team, Texas is hitting .247 and holding conference rivals to .123. For the full season, Texas is averaging 15.57 kills, 16.55 digs and 2.2 blocks per game.

The Lady Aggies have had success in other matches that have gone to five games this season, and Corbelli said this experience will help A&M if the match against Texas extends to five games.

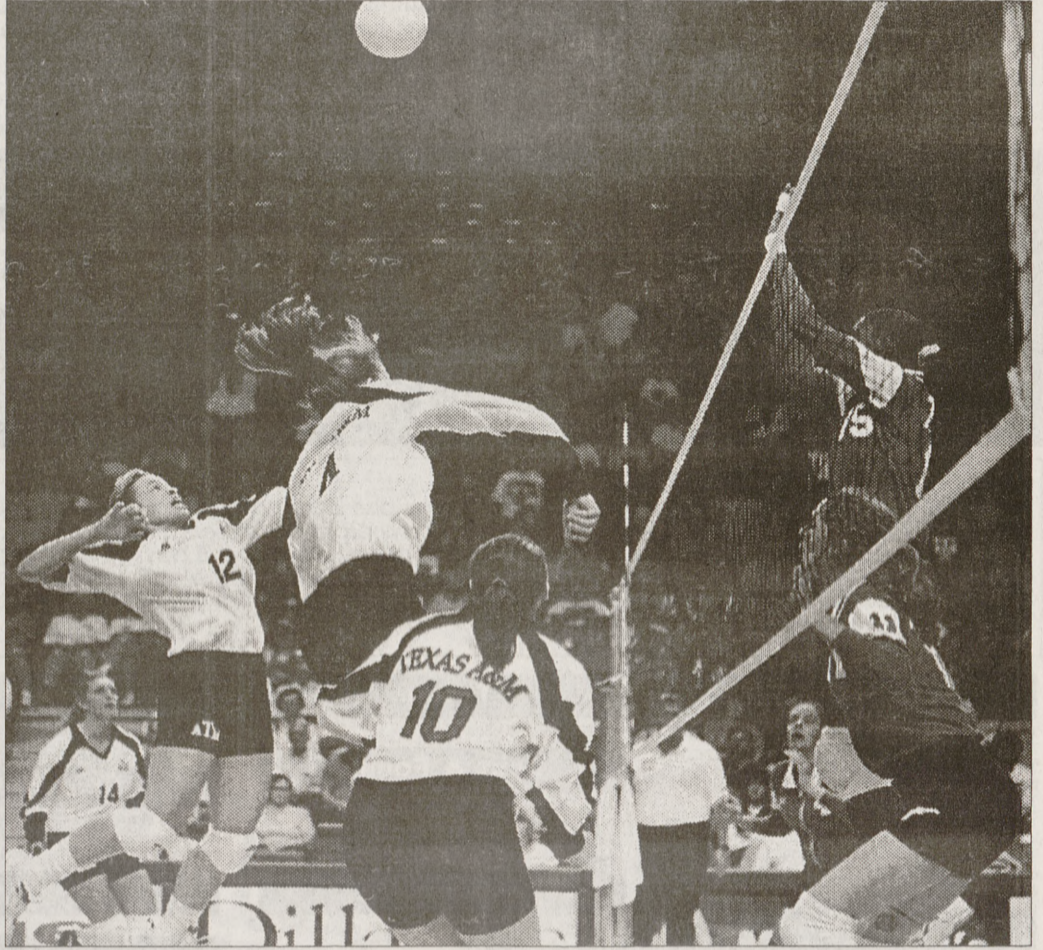
"We had five game wins against BYU and Utah," Corbelli said. "They were confidence builders, the feeling of being able to come back. These are key parts of our growth and next time when we meet Texas in the finals."

The Lady Aggies realize what they need to do to defeat Texas for only the third time on their home court this season.

"Last time we didn't expose their weaknesses," senior setter Suzy Wente said. "We need to hit to different spots and hurt their defense. We won't have our home court and they are packing people in for games. Their crowd is only two steps off the court and the people try to intimidate us."

For seniors Wente, Dana Santleben, and Andrea Williams, this will be the last chance to defeat archrival Texas in regular-season play.

"It is a motivation big time," Wente said. "It is a great way to end our senior year. A victory could not be any sweeter."



Senior outside hitter Andrea Williams (No. 12) prepares to unleash a spike against the Texas defense while Page White (No. 4) and Suzy Wente (No. 10) look on.

A&M's worst nightmare: UT's the team to beat

**TOM
DAY**
SPORTSWRITER



It is simply amazing what a difference a few weeks can make. What was once taken for granted and considered just a formality for the Aggie Football team all of a sudden appears to be a daunting task. Recent developments have shown that this year's Southwest Conference title race, usually a cakewalk for A&M, will be anything but that as the season head down the stretch.

The re-emergence of the University of Texas as a football power has surprised many people. However, the Longhorns' solid record and recent dominating play, coupled with A&M's early-season woes have made the Horns a clear-cut favorite to win the SWC's final title.

For the first time in five years, the Aggies aren't gazing through the rear-view mirror at the rest of the SWC, rather they are just trying to keep up with Texas. Considered league royalty for years, A&M has been considered light years above the petty and insignificant teams of the SWC up until now.

It wasn't so long ago that A&M was a virtual lock to win the conference. Of greater importance was the Aggies' quest for a national championship, while anything else was just icing on the cake.

Now, all SWC players and fans outside of Aggieland can talk about is how great the Longhorns are.

In fact, UT is getting all the raves at the conference and national level as the overshadowed Aggies are receiving lesser consideration for the crown.

Texas is the front-runner and favorite for conference supremacy right now for several reasons. The Horns are 6-1-1 and are checking in with a No. 11 ranking by the Associated Press and a No. 8 showing in the Coaches' poll.

Texas has a perfect 3-0 conference mark while No. 18 A&M stands at 3-1.

More importantly though, Texas is on a roll. Like a Mack Truck barreling down the side of a hill, the Longhorns are building momentum, and as far as A&M is concerned, that's a pretty scary prospect.

As if their last-second victory over No. 14 Virginia wasn't enough of a confidence builder, the Cavaliers' rebound upset victory over then, second-ranked Florida State a week later has done wonders for the Longhorns' psyche.

Texas rode its newfound wave of momentum to an overwhelming 48-7 destruction of Texas Tech last Saturday. Tech, who beat A&M 14-7 in Lubbock on Oct. 7, was completely overmatched and never in the contest.

Let's hope there aren't any seeds of doubt cropping up in the Aggies' minds after witnessing Texas absolutely demoralize a team the Aggies couldn't beat.

The Red Raiders' beating at the hands of Texas did have a positive for A&M. If

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CHAT AND CHEW

Share questions and concerns with your Vice President for Student Affairs

DR. MALON SOUTHERLAND

Light refreshments available.

NOVEMBER 8

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12 - 2 PM

Early Honors Registration

Honors eligibility requirements are described on pages 50-51 of the spring class schedule book.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE HONORS REGISTRATION TIME SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED

Early Honors registration for Spring 1996 classes will begin at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8th and end at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10th.

Prior to registration make sure that you read pages 50-51 of the class schedule for other changes to the registration procedure.

The Office of Honors Programs and Academic Scholarships in room 101 of the Academic Building will be open from 10:00 p.m. to midnight on Wednesday, November 8th for students who encounter registration difficulties. All students are advised to check for blocks well in advance of the registration period.

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Dates and Hours for Forcing Graduating Seniors into Technical Writing Courses

The Department of English Writing Programs Office announces forcing seniors for graduating seniors for English 210 and 301 in Blocker 224 on the dates and times below.

Seniors graduating at the end of the Spring 1996 semester must bring a signed letter from their academic advisors on departmental letterhead. No forces will be done during pre-registration periods.

Forces into these classes are limited. Spring 1996 Semester

December 6 (Wednesday)	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
December 7 (Thursday)	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

1996 SUMMER MBA/MS STUDY ABROAD

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA

June 3 - July 1, 1996

MGMT 685: INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH IN STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT
MGMT 689: INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT: A SOUTHERN EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

(Language of Instruction: English)
Participants will take two courses (six hours)

Program Overview
This MBA Study Abroad Program based at the TAMU Santa Chiara Center and the University of Bologna will examine the challenges and opportunities facing organizations competing in a global economy. An introduction to multinational enterprises, global competition, and international organizations will be presented. Participants will spend one week at the Santa Chiara Center in Castiglione, Fiorentino where, in addition to MBA coursework, they will receive an art, history, and cultural orientation class before travelling to Bologna. In Bologna, lecture and seminar style classes will be combined with field trips and site visits to firms in the Reggio-Emilia area. Taught and directed by Dr. Bob Hoskisson, this Study Abroad in Italy is tailor-made for Texas A&M University MBA/MS students.

Program Cost
The Program cost includes: Round-trip air fare from Houston to Rome, Italy; dormitory housing (doubles) at Santa Chiara; hotel housing (triples) in Bologna; and a few meals. Individual side trips, spending money, and Texas A&M tuition costs are not included. U.S. citizens/residents will not require visas. For more information, please contact Dr. Bob Hoskisson, Management Department, at 845-1041, 423P Wehner Building.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 7	4:30
Wednesday, November 8	4:45

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A limited number of scholarships will be available through the Center for International Business Studies. For additional financial aid, see the Study Abroad Office as soon as possible at 161 Bizzell Hall West, 845-0544.

Questions, Concerns, Comments?

Talk with your Vice President for Student Affairs.

If you have any thoughts or concerns regarding student life here at A&M, I'm very interested in hearing them. I am Malon Southerland, your Vice-President for Student Affairs and my office is on the 10th floor of Rudder Tower. My door is always open and I encourage you to come by if I can ever be of assistance. Feel free to call me anytime at 845-4728 or contact me through e-mail:

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