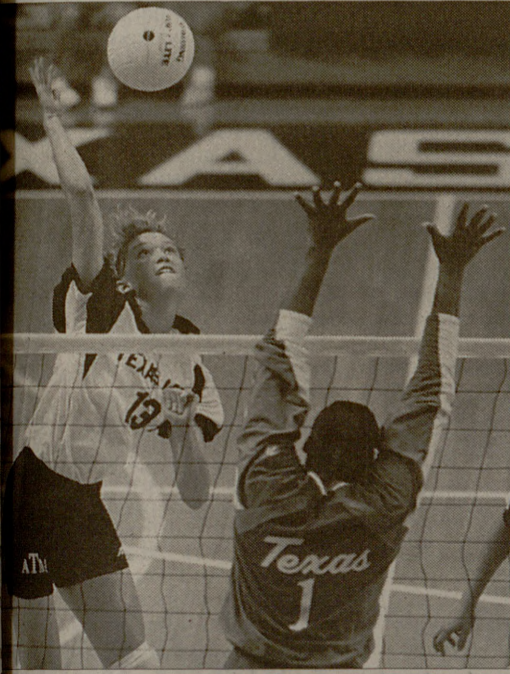


Lady Ags throw out history, sweep Texas



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Outside hitter **Kristie Smedsrud** goes for a kill over Texas' **Demetria Sance** Wednesday night.

► The A&M Volleyball Team posted its first sweep over Texas since the 1978 season.

By ROSS HECOX
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The last time the Texas A&M Volleyball Team swept the University of Texas in three games, it was Oct. 13, 1978, and Lady Aggie outside hitter Stacy Sykora was 15 months old.

After being dominated by the Longhorns 43-11 since 1976, A&M got the monkey off its back Wednesday night by defeating the University of Texas, 16-14, 15-2, 15-12 before a screaming crowd of 2,380 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Lady Aggies' victory was their first regular season win over Texas since Oct. 30, 1991, in College Station.

"It's a match we've been waiting for a long while," A&M Head Coach Laurie Corbelli said. "I'm glad to be a part of it,

because my folks are Longhorns."

With A&M leading 14-12 in the third game, the Longhorns lost serve after freshman middle blocker Sarah Butler's serving error. Defending the ensuing A&M serve, Texas sophomore outside hitter Katie Austin hit a spike attempt just out of bounds to the right, giving the Lady Aggies the victory.

"It's a dream come true," junior outside hitter Kristie Smedsrud said. "I did not expect a three-game sweep. It's the most awesome feeling ever."

Junior outside hitter Stacy Sykora said the team's ability to keep the match's momentum throughout was the key to the victory.

"When we had two or three mistakes, we didn't get down," Sykora said. "We were always at that level."

In the beginning of the third game, A&M fell behind 6-2, but slow-

ly pulled even at 6-6 with senior middle blocker Page White's shot down the Texas left line. A Butler kill attempt was long, giving the Lady Aggies the lead 7-6 and Texas was never able to regain the lead.

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A&M Head Coach

A&M was successful in setting the ball to the left side and the middle. Middle blockers White and junior Cindy VanderWoude combined for a .375 hitting average and 20 kills.

In the second game, A&M jumped out to a commanding 11-1 lead on a Smedsrud kill that deflected off the Texas blockers. Texas was unable to run a diverse attack throughout the match and made several substitutions.

Sykora made the score 14-2 when she spiked the ball off Barnes' shoulder. The Longhorns failed to score on their next possession, and Austin's hitting error let A&M go up two games

to none in the match. The team hit for a .323 average in the game.

Corbelli said it was encouraging to see the Lady Aggies play so well in the second game after struggling this season in the second frame of several matches.

"I was very proud of game two," Corbelli said. "[The players] came back really strong."

Texas took an early 4-0 lead in the opening game, but A&M quickly responded with a 7-0 run to go up by three. Extending their lead to 14-9, the Lady Aggies let the Longhorns back into the game with a combination of net violations and a kill by Butler.

But after Texas tied the game 14-14, Sykora recorded three kills to help A&M close the set.

"A lot of people didn't believe we could win," Corbelli said. "Mentally, we had to prove to ourselves that we could do it. What I'm most proud of is the players have believed and trusted in the coaches."

Pacing the Lady Aggies was Smedsrud with 14 kills, while White and Sykora added 13 and 11 respectively.



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While the Texas A&M Football Team spent last week concentrating on beating the University of North Texas, the University of Colorado had a week off. The Buffaloes utilized their time by studying A&M's game film while licking their wounds from their 20-13 loss at the University of Michigan two weeks ago.

"It was a good week off for us," Colorado senior linebacker Matt Russell said. "It has given us a chance to look at some things and get together a good game plan."

Second-year Head Coach Rick Neuheisel said a week off provides both positives and negatives for a team.

"It's good that you can heal from injuries more, and you have more time to fix mistakes," Neuheisel said.

"But you also worry about (losing) your game tempo."

The 12th-ranked Buffaloes (2-1) rumble into College Station this weekend to open Big 12 Conference play for both A&M and themselves.

Colorado senior wide receiver James Kidd said after an idle week, he is ready to take on the Aggies.

"When you lose a game, you want to get back out there as soon as you can," Kidd said. "We're ready to play."

Russell, an All-American last year who is second on the team with 35 tackles, said the team used the extra week to become familiar with A&M plays.

"We've been working on what we've seen [A&M] doing," Russell said. "If they do something one time, we do it 15 times."

Losing only 12 lettermen and six starters from last season's 10-2 squad, the Buffaloes have much of the same

A change of scenery

look they had during last year's matchup against the Aggies, a contest they won 29-21. On offense, the team returned all of its skill-players, including senior quarterback Koy Detmer. Detmer has completed 74-of-114 passes for 906 yards this season, with six touchdowns and only one interception in three games.

Senior Rae Carruth leads the team in receiving yards (219) including seven receptions for 115 yards against Michigan.

Kidd, who has caught 11 passes for 158 yards this year, said he is confident in the speedy Buffalo offense.

"We have a lot of speed on [the offensive] side," Kidd said. "We have everything we need. We're going to do our normal stuff — nothing special for A&M."

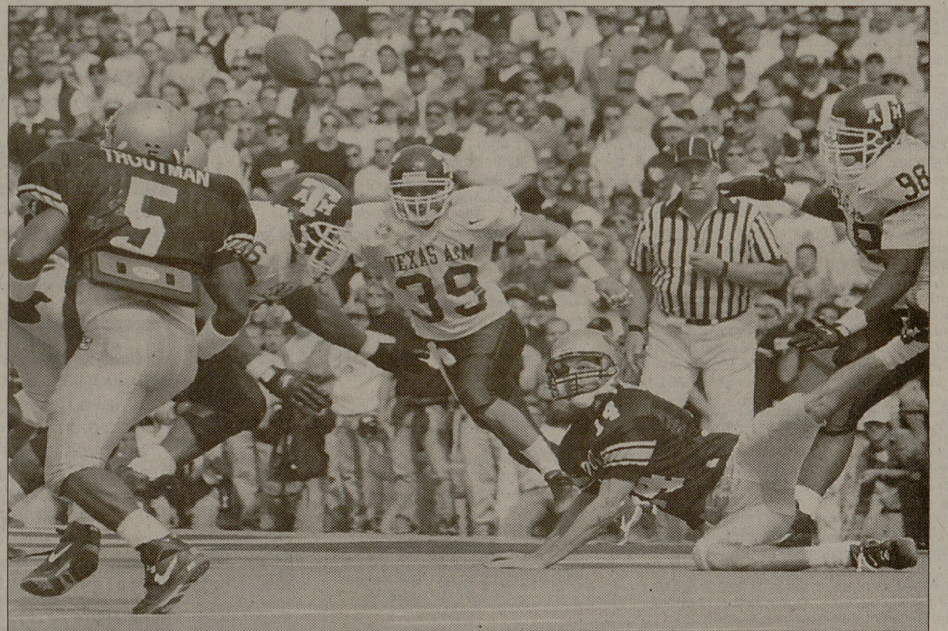
The Aggie offense has changed since last year's matchup, particularly with the departure of quarterback Corey Pullig and tailback Leeland McElroy.

Neuheisel said the A&M offense poses a bigger threat than last year.

"A&M has a lot of weapons," Neuheisel said. "A year ago, we had to just focus on McElroy. But now we have to take everybody into consideration. [Junior quarterback Brannndon Stewart] is a better runner than [Pullig], and they've got a bevy of excellent (running) backs this year."

Although the Aggies are unranked, Russell said he expects the team to be a tough opponent.

"We will take A&M seriously, just like they're in the top 5," Russell said. "Looking at the film, it's hard to tell that they're 1-2."



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Colorado quarterback **Koy Detmer** (#14) pitches the ball to running back **Herchell Troutman** (#5) before getting swarmed by the A&M defense last season in Boulder.

The game between CU and A&M is not pitting the No. 7 team versus No. 3 like last year, but Kidd said the game will be competitive.

"They're a good team no matter what their record is," Kidd said. "We know they're not going to lay down. We expect a great game, and hopefully at the end, we can be on top."

Neuheisel said the Aggies will be geared up to prove their worth after a 1-

2 start, just as his team is trying to put its loss to Michigan behind it. He said he is not concerned about revenge becoming a factor on the field after Colorado bashed the Aggies' national championship hopes in 1995.

"I don't think [revenge] makes as much difference to the players as it does for the fans," Neuheisel said. "You've got

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Unsung Ironman

After a late entrance into his sport, senior power lifter Bill Windscheif has lifted his way into the international spotlight.

By DENNIS RAMIREZ
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While many Texas A&M students stay busy trying to balance classes, part-time work and other social aspects of life, Bill Windscheif stays busy balancing 1,725 pounds, while competing internationally for the United States Power Lifting Team.

Windscheif, a senior kinesiology major, recently competed in Vaasa, Finland, at the International Power Lifting Federation Junior World Championships.

The 5-foot-6-inch, 215-pound 23-year-old represented the United States and Texas A&M exceptionally well, earning a silver medal in the dead lift and an overall finish of fourth place in the junior division (23 and under).

His totals for the meet were 628 lbs. in the squat competition, 435 lbs. in the bench press competition, and a personal best of 661 lbs. in the dead lift competition, for a total of 1,725 lbs.

"The event was a great experience and offered the really great competition," Windscheif said.

Looking back over his relatively short history in power lifting, Windscheif said he wishes he would have begun the sport at an earlier age.

"I got interested in body building (not power

lifting) at the age of 15, after reading Arnold Swartzinegger's 'Encyclopedia of Modern Bodybuilding,'" Windscheif said.

After reading the book from cover to cover, a motivated Windscheif took up the sport and soon succeeded. In 1993, he won the lightweight division of the Mr. Texas A&M Bodybuilding Contest.

A short time later, while working and training at Gold's Gym in College Station, Windscheif met Steve Lumpee, the owner and operator of the gym. Lumpee, Class of '86, was a 1984 Junior World Champion, 1985 Collegiate National Champion, and a member of the 1983 Texas A&M power lifting championship team.

Lumpee, now his trainer and mentor, introduced him to power lifting and within a year, Windscheif won the 1994 Longhorn Open.

His next meet was the 1995 Collegiate National Championships, where he won second place. This year, he competed at the United States Power Lifting Federation Junior and Collegiate National Championships.

Windscheif finished second overall, and earned an invitation to be a part of the 1996 United States Power Lifting Team.

Windscheif's workout schedule includes training four days a week for a total of eight hours per week.

"You don't need to train all the time to be big and strong," Windscheif said.

As far as dieting, Windscheif said he eats anything he wants within the parameters of the International Power Lifting Federation regulations, because all events are drug tested.



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Bill Windscheif, a senior kinesiology major, dead lifts 510 pounds at Gold's Gym Tuesday night. Windscheif recorded a personal best 661 pound lift at the IPF Junior World Championships in Finland.

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