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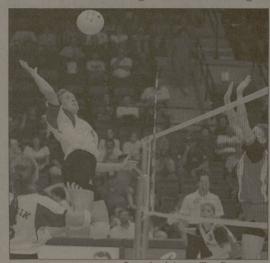
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A&M Volleyball looks to rebound from lo

THE BATTALION

There is nothing that reveals a team's weak-

The 10th-ranked Texas A&M Volleyball Team's 11-match winning streak was terminated by the University of Nebraska last week, and the team is looking to rebound during its



Senior middle blocker Page White launches a spike against Iowa State Oct. 12.

The Lady Aggies will host two conference opponents this weekend. The 23rd-ranked Kansas State Wildcats enter G. Rollie White Coliseum today at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. the University of Kansas checks in.

Junior setter Farah Mensik said after its recent conference loss the team knows what needs to be fixed and has kept up a positive attitude.

'The loss against Nebraska opened up our eves," Mensik said. "We can see what we need to do, and the pressure is off of us since we're not undefeated in the conference anymore." A&M is second in the Big 12 Conference

behind the Huskers with a 7-1 record and owns a 16-3 overall mark.

A&M Head Coach Laurie Corbelli said the team is aware of the shortcomings that Nebraska exposed.

"The girls really wanted to gauge how they stacked up against Nebraska," Corbelli said. "We found out our passing is off and we make too many unforced errors. [The players] are hungry to get back into a match and crank up some intensity.'

Kansas State is tied with the University of Texas in the Big 12 with a 6-2 record and owns a 18-3 record overall. The team features senior middle blocker Kate DeClerk, whose .414 hitting efficiency leads the conference.

Corbelli said the Wildcats are a solid club. 'They're very balanced," Corbelli said. quick right-side attack, and they're

The Jayhawks post a 9-13 records

5 in conference play, leaving them Although the Lady Aggies are

improved.

Mensik said the team is gain dence and seeing better performa

We are starting to realize our and are starting to play up to that said. "Our middle blockers are doing ter, and we are getting the offe spread out.'

Junior middle blocker Cindy Van said the increased production of the blockers makes the whole team bett

"If we're up and hitting, it helps the right sides," VanderWoude said (the opposing team's) middle block spect us, making it harder to defen the outside hitters.

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A&M is undefeated at home with against Kansas State and Kansas.

'We're trying to stay undefeated Corbelli said. "I expect a lot out of our weekend, and we want to win for our fa



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Yankees might miss this ballpark more than the Atlanta Braves.

Andy Pettitte outpitched John Smoltz in a classic duel, and the Yankees moved within one win of the World Series championship by hanging on for a 1-0 victory

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balanced attack.

O'Neill over Atlanta in

Game 5 Thursday night. In the last game ever to be played at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, the Yankees finished this postseason 8-0 on the road. They did it by working around a leadoff double in the ninth inning by Chipper Jones. Pettitte got one out and John Wetteland got the

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must put heat on Lethridge.

a lot of options on offense.

you a lot more looks.

played Tech before.

A&M outside linebacker Keith

Mitchell said the Wrecking Crew

"We're going to have to contain him," Mitchell said. "He's very

mobile and can get open and run

the ball. He's also been passing

the ball well lately, so they have a

Slocum said Lethridge's pres-

They present more problems

with Lethridge and multiple for-

mations," Slocum said. "They give

draw confidence from its having

"We're used to playing them," Mitchell said. "We know their per-

sonnel and their schemes, and we

A&M also faces a tough task on

offense against a stingy Red

Raider defense. The Aggies rank

know what they're going to do."

Mitchell said the team can

ATLANTA (AP) — The New York last two, the final one a fly ball that gimpy right fielder Paul O'Neill caught on the move with runners at first and third.

Now, they'll return to Yankee Stadium — where they're just 2-4 this October — with a chance to clinch their record 23rd title.

Game 6 will be Saturday night, with Jimmy Key starting for New York against Greg Maddux.

The final game at this park turned out to be anything except the kind of slugfest that earned this place its reputation as The Launching Pad. Instead, the House that Hank Built — Hank Aaron that is went out with a whimper, with a total of only nine hits and the lone run scoring as a result of an error.

Still, Yankees manager Joe Torre was glad to take it. He hit the first regular-season home run at the stadium in 1966 and was back for his greatest win in the majors.

16th nationally in total offense with 453.4 yards per game, but Tech comes to College Station after a strong showing against Nebraska last week. The Red Raiders limited the fifth-ranked Cornhuskers to 238 total yards while holding tailback Ahman Green to just 76 yards on 19 carries.

The Raiders are led by linebackers Robert Johnson and Anthony Armour. Johnson leads the team with 69 tackles and Armour is second with 55 stops.

"They're very aggressive on de-fense and don't give up a lot of plays," Slocum said. "They cause you problems.

Slocum said A&M and Tech are in the same situation in the Big 12 South. "If we have any ambition

about being in this race, then this is a game we desperately need to win," Slocum said. "But no more desperately than Texas Tech they need to win, too. We're both in the same boat. If we're going to control our own destiny, then we have to win.

But there is no revenge factor.

McKINNEY

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'Most defensive plays are reactive, and on offense you have a predesigned script," Sherman said. "He had initial problems with correcting his steps and technique. He struggled, but now he is a good technician. By the time he leaves, I want him to be one of the best technicians to have played here.

McKinney's teammate at right guard, freshman Semisi Heimuli, said McKinney's technique is perhaps his best attribute.

"One thing he does real well is technique," Heimuli said. "I can watch him and see

how it's supposed "Other players

to be done."

A&M was a natural choice for know he'll come ready to play the McKinney. While growing up, his family often travgame. They know he's dependable." eled from Centerville to College Station to watch the Aggies in action. McKinney

said he had wanted to play football for A&M since the eighth grade. The McKinney tradition will continue into the next century.

McKinney's younger brother Seth has committed to A&M and is touted as one of the best offensive lineman in the country. A big part of McKinney's dedication to his game has come

from his family. His father played sports, and now his family attends every home game and even some road games 'They haven't missed a game

(at home)," McKinney said. "I wouldn't know what it's like without my family there. There are always five or six people in the stands, and it is fun for the whole family. McKinney has started all seven

games this season on an offensive line that has allowed just 16 sacks.

In the 1996 Texas A&M football media guide, McKinney is described as a tough player with my job."

everyone thinks det ers have to be mean." said. "When I played

a mean streak. However

an intense player." Along with into inney brings a lot of his position. Sherr McKinney wants to be

at his position. "He has moments w very intense," Sherr

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Mike Sherman A&M Offensive Line Coach

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enced and mean, and w ways depend on him Having earned the

tion of being a team "Other players know

said. "They know he's de and ready to do his best

They know he can A&M and has a lot of tie a lot of respect for his the people he represer

Although his position left out of the limelight ney said he just wants best he can be and team win the Big 12th

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