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## innesota native making a me for herself in Aggieland

#### BY TRAVIS V. DABNEY Staff writer

the 15th-ranked Texas A&M lleyball Team continues its rch towards the NCAA tourin December, the Aggies are ly by a strong contingent of players who have been there ne that. The one exception to eseems to be sophomore and middle blocker Amber

Minnesota native has proved th this season after taking over ner Aggie all-conference per-

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mbar<sup>a try</sup> and am really glad that I did," y many said.

at yo<sup>iter's</sup> mother, Gayle Trustman of nd Park, Kan., was teammates as A&M coach Laurie Corbelli 1980 United States Olympic When the time came for o select the college that was

r there was little doubt that I was in the running but e other schools that had programs as well. The of Texas, Texas Tech , University of Nebraska, University of California at

Santa Barbara all vied for Woolsey's talent, but A&M won out.

My mom knew coach Corbelli and she knew that I would be looked after, plus A&M had the best coaching available and was academically superior to any of the other places that I was really looking at," Woolsey said.

In moving to Texas, Woolsey had to make some adjustments to the typical life that most Texans take for granted. 'The weather is so hot and humid

here in Texas and when it ices over here there is no school. Needless to say that is not the case in Minnesota,"

Like most students and especially student athletes Woolsey, faced some

> lenges in her first year of college. "Juggling my academics, being on the road all the time and making up classes that we miss on road trips was definitely a challenge for me,"

Apparently Woolsey adjusted just fine as she received a distinguished student academic honor in the spring of 1997

Like most athletes Woolsey recognizes that there are some things she needs to work on.

"I need to become more of a threat when I am out on the court," Woolsey said. "I need to let the opponent know that they should be afraid.

Woolsey and the Aggie volleyball team take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders and the Baylor Bears this Sophomore middle blocker Amber Woolsey

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weekend at G. Rollie White Coliseum. has been a key component of the A&M lineup.

## Longhorn's nightmare perpetuated by Baylor

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THE BATTALION

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nbelievable! Baylor upsets Texas 23-21 for its first Big 12 win and only the second win of the season. It just goes to show you, that's why they play the games. After the Bears lost to a meek Iowa State squad, it appeared Baylor owned sole possession of the Big 12 cellar. But with the Bears adding to the Longhorns' downward spiral, both Texas and Iowa State are down in the muck and mire of a 1-4 conference record.

#### Papa Papa Ooo Mow Mow.

Nebraska's coach Tom Osborne reached a coaching milestone with Saturday's 69-7 victory over the Sooners. Osborne obtained 250 wins as a head coach, becoming the fastest ever to do so. The legendary Joe Paterno, coach of the Penn State Nittany Lions, won his 250th game after 320 contests. Osborne achieved the feat in just 302 games.

#### **Bringing Down the House.**

After Baylor's thrilling 23-21 upset of the Texas Longhorns, the Baylor students tore down the goal posts in the south endzone. Despite several police officers manning the field, the crazed Bear fanatics hung on the posts until they came crashing down. The mangled souvenir was placed in front of the Baylor Administration building, for fans to sign. If it can be repaired, Baylor officials said they plan to put the post back up with signatures intact

#### Half Court Offense. In the Wildcats 13-2 win over Texas Tech, Kansas State's offense only crossed midfield once. K-state's two scores came after the stingy Wildcat-D

forced turnovers in Tech territory. And Tech's offense managed just 117 yards and six first downs. The Red Raiders failed to get a first down on 12 of 17 possessions. The only time Tech managed to cross the goal line was when it forced K-State quarterback Michael Bishop to throw the ball away from his own endzone for a safety.

## Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

The last time Missouri beat the University of Colorado, Ronald Reagan was in office and the Swami was just nine years old. But on Saturday, Missouri ended its 12-year losing streak, downing the Buffaloes 41-31.

With three straight victories, including last week's double-overtime win over previously unbeaten Oklahoma State, Mizzou secured its first winning season since 1983. And the University of Colorado posted its fourth loss in the same season for the first time since 1988.

### Barry, Please Come Back to Norman.

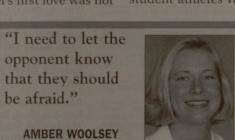
After a 3-6 start and a 69-7 shellacking by Nebraska, Sooner coach John Blake may be looking for a new job in three weeks. Nebraska has won the last seven contests, outscoring the Sooners 265-61. Not since the days of Barry Switzer has OU dominated the rivalry. Ironically Switzer, currently the Dallas Cowboy's coach, may be ridden out of Big D at seasons end.

During his coaching stint in Norman, everyone in Oklahoma thought Switzer was a reincarnation of God. So Barry, pack your bags, accept the \$1-million contract buyout and move back to Norman.

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# A&M MIDDLE BLOCKER



