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Amber Woolsey and the Aggies will battle the Texas Longhorns tonight at G. Rollie White.

Bragging rights on the line as Aggies, Horns set to battle

By JASON WHITCOMB
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With the post-season tournaments around the corner, the No. 18-ranked Texas A&M Volleyball Team is looking to finish the season on a high note and make their stake to become the best team in the state.

Standing in their way will be the eighth-ranked Texas Longhorns, whose eyes will come upon them tonight at G. Rollie White Coliseum. This battle of state bragging rights will begin at 7 p.m. and will end with only one team left standing with their heads up high in the Texas sky.

"The game is about pride," said senior outside hitter Kristie Smedsrud. "We control our own destiny with the Big 12 and are just looking to improve our seed in the tournament. Beating someone like Texas would really help us out with seed-

ing. Its going to be an awesome environment and we are going to be really pumped up. If we play like we know to play, we will be fine."

Earlier this season, the Ags suffered a heartbreaking loss to the Longhorns in Austin. Both teams

behind them. Last year, the Aggies dominated the Longhorns and sent them back to Austin after a 3-0 slapping. This time, however, the Ags are expecting the Longhorns to be pumped up and ready to play tough.

"They are not going to want what happened last year to happen again this year," coach Laurie Corbelli said. "They returned most of their starters and they have not forgotten that. As much as we love the 12th Man, we cannot rely on their noise to distract them. We have to be on the top of our game."

Texas is coming to town with the best record in the Big 12 at 20-3 and is led by one of the best players in the country, junior outside hitter Demetria Sance. Sance is a fierce killer, who will be looking to inflict some vengeance on the Aggies.

As for the Aggies, Corbelli believes the team needs to perform well in two

key areas, passing and blocking, in order to pull off a victory.

"They are a real strong serving team and our passing is going to have to be sharp," said Corbelli. "We are also going to have to have good positioning and timing on our blocks. We are not as big as they are so we do not expect to block everything in sight, but we do expect to slow the game down."

Both teams will be ready for a dogfight and the slightest advantage could decide who wins the game. Whoever comes out on top will be able to boast about it for another year and the loser will just have to live with it.

"They are definitely looking back at what happened last year," said Smedsrud. "This is a tough place to play if the crowd is not on your side. I think that both teams are pretty equal and it's going to be a real tough fight that will be fun to watch."

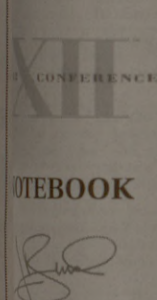
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SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER

struggled, but Texas held off the Aggies 15-12 in the fifth and final game, giving them a 3-2 victory.

There is no doubt, however, that the Aggies are a different team when they have the 12th Man

Huskers dodge Missouri's bullet to remain unbeaten in Big 12



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grab just before it hit the turf. The touchdown sent the game into overtime where Nebraska eventually won it.

Talk about luck of the Irish. Nebraska had no business winning the game and yet some how, some way got it done. Missouri coach Larry Smith said he can not believe it either.

"It's just one stinking play," Smith said. "That's what it boils down to."

Don't Let the Door Hit You On Your Way Out.

After losing 24-10 to Texas Tech on Saturday, Texas coach John Mackovic all but packed up his belongings for the move to a new office. For weeks the rumor mill has said the maligned coach will not be asked to return next season. Lately, the same rumor mill has said Texas regents are in agreement to fire or reassign Mackovic at the end of the season. The Swami promises Mackovic's removal is imminent.

The Longhorns (3-6, 1-5) have guaranteed themselves a losing record for the first time since 1991 (5-6) — the same year David McWilliams was fired as coach — and have lost four straight games for the first time since 1988, when the team finished 4-7.

Mackovic will have his first losing season since going 6-10 with the Kansas City Chiefs in 1985.

Williams vs. Williams.

In a season marred with losses and disappointments, several Longhorn players have said the sole reason they continue to play is because of the record pace running back Williams has established. The Longhorn's lone source of motivation was set to take center stage on Saturday. It was expected to be a record setting day for Williams, the nations leading rusher (177.4 yards per game) heading into the game. He was seeking to tie an NCAA record by rushing for a fifth-straight 200-yard game.

But Texas Tech's defense, which recorded seven sacks, held him to 80 yards on 21 carries.

Instead, it was Tech's Ricky Williams who stole the show. The true freshman from Duncanville carried the Red Raider's offense, rushing 25 times for 131 yards.

I Heard That.

Nebraska wide receiver Matt Davidson after making a miraculous catch that sent the Cornhuskers into overtime and a 45-38 win over Missouri, in reference to the

'Immaculate Reception.'

■ "Franco Harris? Yeah I've seen that play on ESPN a few times."

OSU coach Bob Simmons about the Cowboys scoring 10 fourth-quarter points, when leading 20-7 over cross-state rival Oklahoma.

■ "I wasn't trying to run the score up. I was just trying to run our offense and that's what we did."

Baylor coach Dave Roberts on A&M quarterback Brannndon Stewart's three touchdowns and a season-high 231 yards in the Aggies 38-10 victory.

■ "I know one thing, Stewart is a heck of a quarterback. I enjoyed watching him play."

Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop after going nine of 17 for 218 yards and three touchdowns in the Wildcats 48-16 rout of Kansas.

■ "God just blessed me with a great arm and I'm just thankful I'm able to use it."

Games of the Week.

Colorado (5-4, 3-3) at #10 Kansas State (8-1, 5-1) — KSU Stadium

■ Colorado must win one of its last two contests to qualify for a bowl game. But

that's no small order. The Buffaloes have to defeat either K-State or Nebraska. The Wildcats' Michael Bishop is now 32-1 as a college quarterback. His one loss is to then-No. 1 Nebraska. And even though Nebraska dropped two slots to No. 3 after a near loss to Missouri, Nebraska is still undefeated and has won 37 straight conference games.

Texas Tech (5-4, 4-2) at #21 Oklahoma State (7-2, 4-2) — Lewis Field

■ Texas Tech must dig deep down and find a source of motivation after the University voluntarily withdrew last week from postseason contention due to an alleged 18 NCAA rules violations. The Red Raiders can still win the "unofficial" Big 12 South Title if it wins its next two games against OSU and Oklahoma. And without a postseason ban, Tech would win the South outright by virtue of tie-breaker. If it happens, coach Spyke Dykes should take a page from the R.C. Slocum school of coaching and buy the team championship rings anyway.

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Book series brings Texas college football legends together

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Four Texas football legends made a stop yesterday in College Station. The University of Texas at Dallas' Darrell Royal, NFL Hall of Famer Doak Walker, and Texas Tech's John David Crow were on hand for a book signing at Barnes and Noble Book Store on campus.

The book signing was part of a six-city tour promoting the first four books in a series about Texas college football legends. The

fourth book takes a look at TCU's "Slingin' Sammy" Baugh. Project editor Mike Bynum said Baugh did not make the tour because he operates on a different agenda.

"Sam was on the ranch and unable to tour," Bynum said. "He's 83 years old. He comes to some things and doesn't want to come to others. It depends how he feels that morning. I'm just glad he's part of this series and what we're doing with the Texas legends group."

The series will also include Texas A&M greats John Kimbrough and Jack Pardee, former Longhorns Earl Camp-

bell, Bobby Lane and James Street, Rice Owl alumnus Dickey Magel and SMU Mustang Kyle Rote.

The tour kicked off Thursday in Fort Worth and will conclude Friday, in Austin. After two stops, Bynum said the signing has drawn five to 600 people per location. Bynum also said he is expecting larger crowds in both Houston and Austin thanks in part to a large base of Longhorn and Aggie alumni.

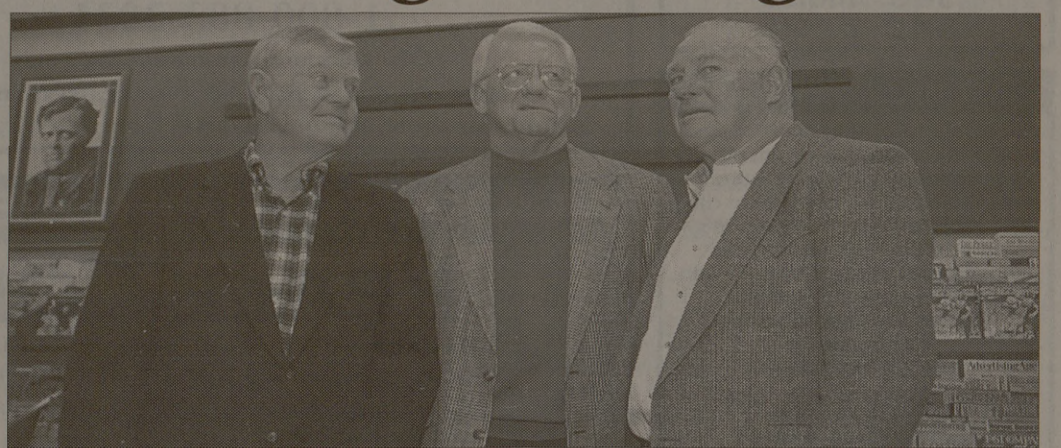
The books cover the lives of these extraordinary athletes and how they altered the game of football. Walker said his

book, *More than a Hero*, helped him remember the good old days.

"The book is more stats than anything," Walker said. "The pictures they put in it bring back a lot of fond memories."

Each book costs \$29.95, but Bynum said it is money well spent.

"The stories they tell are just so funny," Bynum said. "As a writer and editor myself, the stories they tell really take you back to another area and you appreciate what happened in the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s that helped make football such a big deal in this state."



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