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Aggies set to battle BYU in Sweet 16

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The Texas A&M Volleyball Team attempt to go where no Aggie volleyball squad has gone before tonight — they will take on the 11th ranked Brigham Young University Cougars in east region semifinal action.

"We are really loose and excited, our adrenaline is pumping," M coach Laurie Corbelli said about the match with BYU. "We are waiting to get on the court, and are ready to be challenged."

The Aggies battled the Cougars earlier this season in tournament action, and the Cougars handled the Aggies quite easily sweeping them in three straight sets.

"We are thinking revenge," senior outside hitter stie Smedsrud said. "We just didn't play well the first time we met them. They (BYU) have not shown what we are capable of, and I think that they know that."

The Aggies do not seem to be trying too much stock in their early season loss to BYU.

"I don't really think the previous loss will effect us at all," Smedsrud said.

If the Aggies were to beat the Cougars tonight, their competition would not get any easier as they would face the victor in the match between 25th ranked Ohio State and 2nd ranked Penn State.

The Aggies have been on the threshold many times of making it



Sophomore middle blocker **Amber Woolsey** serves against Michigan. Woolsey and the Aggies are looking to avenge an early season loss to BYU.

to regional final action but have to get there.

This will be the Aggies fifth appearance in regional semifinal action with the last action coming in 1995 with a loss to Florida in three games.

Another mountain for the Aggies to climb will be to end a very

unsuccessful run against the Cougars. The Aggies last beat BYU in '95 in a five game marathon, but previous to that victory, the Aggies had never beaten the Cougars.

Another change for the Aggies will be the fact they will not be the favorite when they get to State Col-

Michigan's Lloyd Carr gets honor

HOUSTON (AP) — Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, whose No. 1 Wolverines are 11-0 and poised for a national championship, was named Thursday as winner of the 1997 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award.

Under Carr, Michigan won the Big Ten title and can win the national title with a Rose Bowl victory over Pac-10 champ Washington State on New Year's Day.

The Wolverines have beaten six Top 25 teams this season. Their schedule was considered among the nation's toughest.

Carr is the first Michigan coach to win the award since Bo Schembechler in 1969.

The coaching award has been given out annually since 1957. It was named after the legendary Texas A&M and Alabama coach in 1986.

Other finalists this year were Joe Tiller of Purdue, Jim Donnan of Georgia, Tom Osborne of Nebraska, Joe Paterno of Penn State and Mack Brown of North Carolina.

Manning tops in football awards

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, one of the favorites for the Heisman Trophy, swept three other college football awards Thursday night.

Manning beat out Michigan defensive back Charles Woodson for the Maxwell Award, which goes to the best all-around player, and also took the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, and the Scholar-Athlete Award.

In the Maxwell balloting, Manning edged Woodson by 55 votes out of a total of 2,500 cast by the Football Writers Association. Washington State quarterback Ryan Leaf was third. Leaf and Cade McNown of UCLA trailed Manning for the O'Brien award.

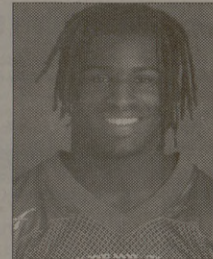
Manning set career records for passing yardage (10,669) and touchdowns (84) at Tennessee and had the most 300-yard passing games in SEC history with 17.

Woodson, who had seven interceptions to push his career total to 17, won the Chuck Bednarik Award as the defensive player of the year,

beating out Dre' Bly of North Carolina and Andy Katzenmoyer of Ohio State. He also captured the Jim Thorpe award, topping Bly and Fred Weary of Florida as the top defensive back.

The coach of the year award went to Mike Price of Washington State, who led his team to the Rose Bowl for the first time in 67 years.

Ricky Williams of Texas, who leads the nation with 1,893 rushing yards, won the Doak Walker Award as the top running back, beating Curtis Enis of Penn State and Ahman Green of Nebraska. The Biletnikoff Award for outstanding receiver went to Randy Moss of Marshall, who had 83 catches for 1,477 yards. He beat out Troy Edwards of Louisiana Tech and Jacques Green of Florida.



Williams

Once-lowly Buccaneers place league-high 7 on Pro Bowl roster

NEWYORK (AP) — The once-lowly Tampa Bay Buccaneers placed an NFL-high seven players in the Pro Bowl, including rookie Warrick Dunn.

The Bucs, in the midst of their first winning season since 1982 and on the brink of qualifying for the playoffs, also placed linebackers Hardy Nickerson, Derrick Brooks, defensive end Warren Sapp, quarterback Trent Dilfer, center Tony Mayberry, fullback Mike Alstott, and Dunn on the NFC squad, the league announced today.

Nickerson is the only starter among the Bucs, although Alstott is the only fullback selected.

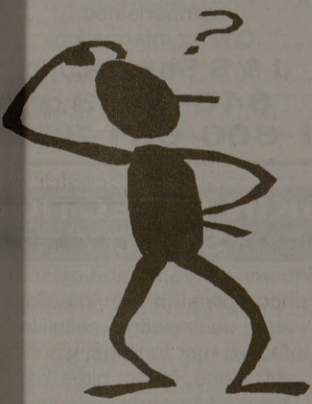
The Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers had six players selected, including starters Brett Favre at quarterback, Dorsey Levens at running back, Reggie White at defensive end and LeRoy Butler at strong safety. The other Packers who made the NFC team for the Feb. 1 game at Honolulu were tight end Mark Chmura and special

teams player Travis Jervey.

White was selected for a record 12th Pro Bowl appearance, breaking a tie with Jerry Rice, who was injured this season, and former Cincinnati tackle Anthony Munoz. White has played in 10 Pro Bowls.

Joining Favre, Levens, Dunn and Alstott in the backfield are Detroit running back Barry Sanders. The other NFC quarterback is Steve Young of San Francisco, which had five players named to the team.

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