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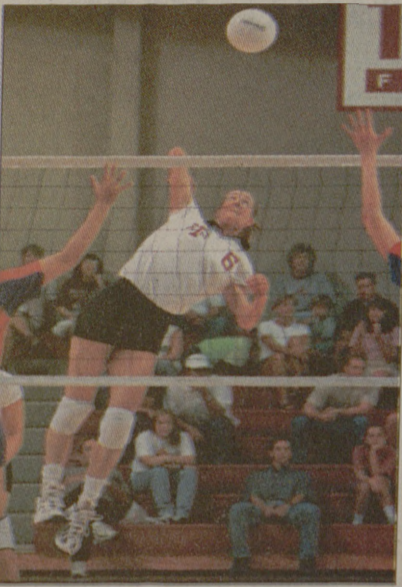


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Volleyball improves Big 12 record with win



ERIC NEWMAN/THE BATTALION

Junior **Amber Woosley** spikes the ball Friday against Kansas.

BY ROBERT HOLLIER
The Battalion

With road matches against No. 3 Nebraska, No. 12 Colorado and No. 13 Texas looming, the No. 16 A&M Volleyball Team took care of business this weekend with two conference victories over Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Aggies improved to 12-2 on the year and 5-1 in the Big 12.

On Sunday, a crowd of 913 were treated to a dominating performance by senior All-American Stacy Sykora in the Aggies' 15-3, 15-8, 15-3 victory over Oklahoma.

In the match, Sykora had 17 kills which gives her 1,343 for her career, placing her fifth in A&M history. She also set a season-high in hitting percentage at .630.

"I think she's one of the most talented players in the country," coach Laurie Corbelli said. "She always

comes to play and compete, and she has taught our younger players how to play with that kind of intensity. Because she isn't the biggest player, she constantly has to prove herself, and that's what she does every night."

The three-game sweep over the Sooners was the Aggies' third-straight sweep over them at G. Rollie White Coliseum and the 11th consecutive win over Oklahoma. The last time the Aggies were defeated by the Sooners was in 1979.

Freshman Erin Gibson also tied a career high in kills with six which she set Friday against Kansas.

"Erin earned her increased playing time from the way she has performed in practice and in her match against Kansas," Cor-

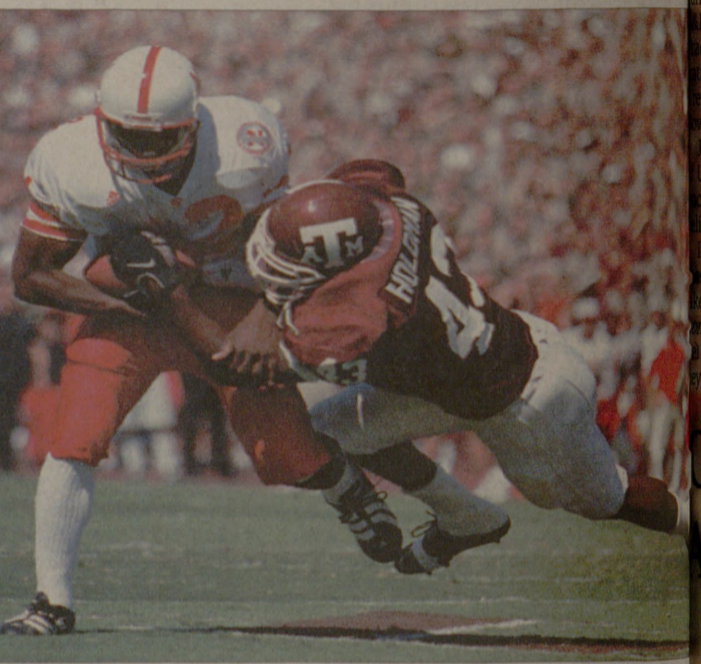
belli said. "She's played with confidence."

On Friday, the Aggies' defense does win championships in their 15-0, 15-6, 15-13 over Kansas in front of 813 in G. Rollie.

In a match where all 13 saw action, the Aggies came game one hitting on all cylinders shutting out the Jayhawks holding them to a -160 hitting percentage, the lowest total held an opponent this season.

This was the first time has been shutout this season, the first time for the Aggies match against Kansas State.

"I was really impressed the way we came out and showed of spirit and excitement," Corbelli said. "I think we were really prepared. Our intensity, execution speed on the attacks could have been sharper, but I thought we came out ready to play."



BRANDON BOLLOM/THE BATTALION

Senior linebacker **Warrick Holdman** sacks Nebraska quarterback **Newcombe** in A&M's 28-21 victory Saturday.

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"I haven't seen the game film, but overall, we did a pretty good job. Everything they got was because we didn't do the right things."

Unlike the Big 12 Championship game in 1997, A&M's defense avoided the key mistakes that led to big gains and, consequently, big touchdowns for the Cornhusker attack.

Linebacker Dat Nguyen said the defensive consistency was the key to Saturday's option defense.

"We just had to keep them from getting the big play," Nguyen said. "They're very precise with what they do. You know you can stop them nine out of 10 plays, but that 10th play could break your back. You've got to stay focused every play."

Nebraska finished the game with 141 rushing yards on 44 attempts for an average of 3.2 yards per carry.

Newcombe finished with a team-high 56 yards, but most of that total came after Nebraska was forced into its hurry-up offense and quick passing game in the fourth quarter.

Holdman said the defense was aware that Newcombe might take off with the ball if his receivers were covered, but Newcombe was still difficult to stop. Nguyen said *some plays toward the end of the game* might have been designed for Newcombe to scramble.

"They had a real fast quarterback," Nguyen said. "They learned what we were doing. We're not as big as some teams up front, and they made great adaptations. They ran a lot of quarterback traps and counters toward the end."

Next week, Nebraska travels north to face the University of Kansas in what might be a game for the Huskers pride.

Nebraska coach Frank Solich will surely have his chalkboard in hand, a nightmare of Xs and Os in his head.

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