

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Volleyball travels to take on Cyclones

The 16th-ranked Texas A&M Volleyball Team wraps up a three-match road swing against the Iowa State University Cyclones tonight in Ames, Iowa. First serve is at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Coliseum.



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The Aggies, who swept the University of Kansas and then lost to No. 13 Kansas State University in four games over the weekend, are 14-4 overall and tied for fourth place in the Big 12 standings with a 5-3 conference mark.

"It is important that we build on the good things that happened against Kansas State," A&M volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli said. "We have a lot to build on, and we will continue to get better. This is a very determined team."

Iowa State, 2-13 overall, is in the midst of a 12-match losing streak and is at the bottom of the conference standings with an 0-8 mark. In addition, the Cyclones have yet to win a single game in conference play, having been swept in all eight Big 12 matches.

A&M holds an 8-1 all-time record against Iowa State since the two teams first met in 1981, and a 6-0 record since Big 12 play began in 1996. The Aggies have won the last seven meetings against the Cyclones, all in three games.

Iowa State's lone win against A&M was on Sept. 15, 1989, at the Western Michigan Invitational. Last year, A&M defeated ISU, 15-3, 15-15, 15-1, in College Station and 15-13, 15-5, 15-5 in Ames.

The Aggies are led by senior middle blocker Amber Woolsey, who is hitting .372 and averaging 4.0 kills and 1.38 blocks per game. Senior outside hitter Celia Howes leads A&M with 3.28 digs per game, and sophomore setter Jenna Moscovic is averaging a team-best 11.70 assists per game.

As a team, A&M is hitting .248 and averaging 15.71 kills, 17.13

digs and 3.15 blocks per game, while Iowa State is hitting only .098 and averaging 9.94 kills, 10.06 digs and 2.37 blocks per game.

"We need to concentrate on our team and try to improve on things on our side of the net and then get ready for Colorado at home," Corbelli said. "That is always a great match, and we will be ready for it."

A&M-OSU game moved to 2:30 p.m.

The kickoff time for the Texas A&M-Oklahoma State football game on Oct. 30 at Kyle Field has been moved to 2:30 p.m. to allow fans ample time to make plans to attend the game, A&M athletic director Wally Groff announced yesterday. The game originally was scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

ABC-TV has announced it will utilize a six-day advance notice for Saturday, Oct. 30 and will select either the A&M game or the Oklahoma at Colorado contest for the 2:30 p.m. time slot. Because of this, the A&M-OSU game was moved to ensure that fans would have more than six days to make travel plans.

"We wanted to take the unknown out of the equation and give fans a concrete kickoff time," Groff said. "We will have fans driving in from all over Texas and Oklahoma for the game, and it's a problem when the kickoff time could change just six days before the game."

Saunders garners preseason honor

A&M junior transfer forward Jaynetta Saunders, was named preseason Big 12 Basketball Newcomer of the year in a vote of the league's head coaches.

Saunders, who led the nation in junior college scoring last season with a 27.1 points per game average, tied with Iowa State's Gintare Cipinyte and Oklahoma State's Tari Cummings for the league's newcomer honor.

"Jaynetta has so much athleticism," A&M women's basketball coach Peggie Gillom said. "She can

just jump out of the gym. She is and all-around player who can play the point or the two or the three. She can also post up."

Saunders played at Belleville Area College in Illinois where she earned first-team All-America honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

During her two seasons at Belleville, she compiled 1,534 points, 635 rebounds, 170 assists, 174 steals and 105 blocked shots.

The Big 12 coaches also voted on a preseason all-conference team. A&M senior forward Prissy Sharpe received votes, but fell short of making the five-player team.

The coaches placed their votes on the preseason overall poll and chose A&M to finish 12th in the conference.

6th Man Club set to begin this fall

Texas A&M basketball fans can get the inside word on the Aggies this season by joining the 6th Man Club, a monthly luncheon with coaches and players at Reed Arena.

The club will meet one Thursday every month from October to March in room 301 at Reed Arena. Lunch will be served at noon followed by the program at 12:30 p.m. Meeting dates are Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 6, Feb. 10, and March 2. Members will also be admitted free to the Melvin Watkins' Texas A&M Coaches and Fans Clinic on Oct. 23 at Reed Arena.

Memberships are \$200 and include meals, parking and a Texas A&M Basketball golf shirt. Extra shirts can be purchased for \$25. Guest meals are \$9 each.

"We think the 6th Man Club will be an excellent way to communicate with our fans and provide them with insight into our basketball program," A&M basketball coach Melvin Watkins said. "I know I'm looking forward to meeting more of our fans and developing a relationship with them."

For more information, contact Kevin Hurley at 845-4531.

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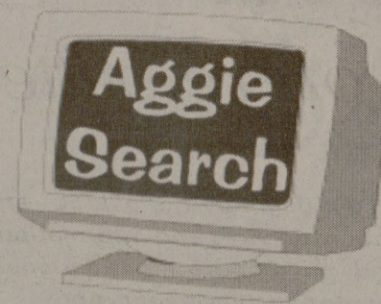
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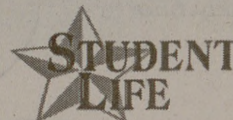
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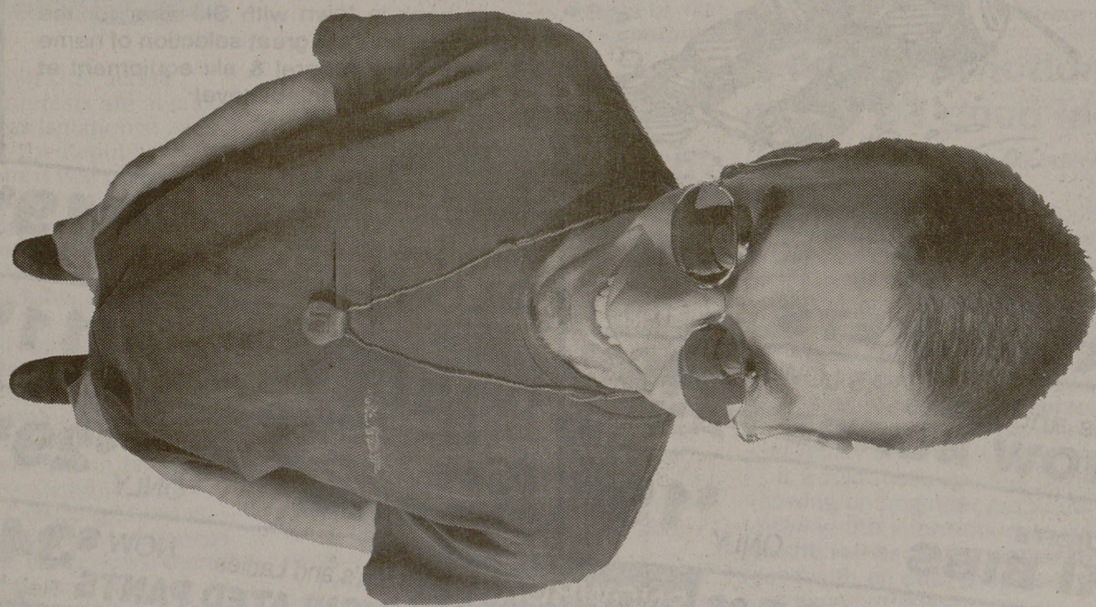
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