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total over the weekend. Midfielders Andrea Starns, Jessica Martin and Amber Childers each joined Ragsdale by sinking one in the back of the net.

But it was the midfielders who provided the impact play Sunday.

Just minutes before kickoff, freshman midfielder Ashley Murray went down with what appeared to be a torn ACL in her right knee. If so, it would mark the fifth A&M player to be sidelined with the long-term knee injury.

Despite the loss of a starter, the midfield took over the game.

"Our emphasis this week was to pressure and win balls in the middle field," A&M coach G. Guerrieri said. "Our midfield did a good job of that."

That midfield was responsible for three assists and three goals against the Buffaloes and was the key to the Aggies' ball control for the entire game.

"Our outside midfielders gave some of the best crosses today," Tamporello said. "All they did was put the ball behind their defense, and all we had to do was run into the ball, make a connection and the ball will do the rest."

Meanwhile, the defense kept the Aggie keepers from working hard. After allowing Texas Tech only a single shot, the back line gave up only four to Colorado.

"This is the first weekend we've really come together," said defender Amber Reynolds. "Everybody is really starting to mesh well, and our confidence is much higher."



CODY WAGES/THE BATTALION

Freshman defender **Adrienne Dillard** clears a ball against Texas Tech in Friday's 3-0 win.

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Tamporello said the team has adopted a new attitude.

"We've got a new little slogan," Tamporello said. "It's 'Whatever It Takes,' and from this point on, that's what we use. This [victory] is a great confidence booster for this team. This is where our season starts, and we are only going to go uphill from here."

With the shutout, the Aggies will add a bagel to the "bagel pole," a tradition which began last season. After every A&M shutout, the team will hammer a bagel into a pole located behind the Aggie Soccer Complex grandstands.

At season's end, all the bagels will have blown away or been eaten by birds, but a nail will remain in the pole as a reminder.

VOLLEYBALL

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Colorado returned from a timeout to tie the score at 13-13 on an A&M error, but Cole came through in the end. She pushed the Aggies ahead with a kill, and then pounded another attack to give A&M the game.

Colorado scored the first two points of game three, but A&M came back to take the lead 3-2 on another Cole kill.

With the score at 5-4, A&M scored four consecutive points to extend the Aggies' lead to 9-4. Colorado called a timeout, but the Aggies came out and scored two more points thanks to kills from Gibson. However, the Buffaloes found momentum and began to knock down A&M's lead.

The Aggies called a timeout with a 13-12 lead, then called another timeout after Colorado took the lead and posted game point. Eventually, a Colorado kill gave the Buffaloes the third game.

"Our attacks started to become less intense, and they [Colorado] jumped on that," A&M coach Laurie Corbelli said.

In the fourth game, A&M bounced back from the game three loss by taking a 6-0 lead. After a Colorado

timeout, the Aggies moved the score to 7-0 with a block from Marshall and Moscovic.

Once again, the Buffaloes defensive skill powered their comeback, and A&M called a timeout with the score at 11-8.

The Aggies found momentum and finished off the Buffaloes with two kills from Gibson for the match.

Gibson led the way for the Aggie offense and defense as she posted match and career highs in kills (25) and digs (35). Cole set a career high in kills with 21, and Marshall set a career high in digs with 23.

"We played awesome defense," Corbelli said. "Our blocking is coming around in spurts, and that's probably our biggest weakness. It's just going to take some fine tuning in practice."

On Sunday, the Aggies concluded their home stand, defeating Texas-Pan American 15-3, 15-5, 15-1 at G. Rolie White Coliseum in a non-conference match.

Freshman outside hitter Beth Skypala led the Aggies with a career-high 10 kills, and senior setter Claire Harvey posted a season-high 33 assists.

A&M will travel to Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday to battle the No. 1 University of Nebraska Cornhuskers. The match will take place at the Lincoln Center at 2 p.m.

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