

THE BATTALION

Texas QB race ends in favor of Applewhite

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas quarterback controversy is over — for now.

Coach Mack Brown said he is scrapping his two-quarterback rotation this week and named Major Applewhite his starter against Colorado. It is the first time this season Brown has announced a starter before kickoff.

Applewhite and Chris Simms had been alternating starts. Simms started three games and Applewhite two for No. 25 Texas (3-2, 1-1 Big 12). Applewhite started last week's 63-14 loss to Oklahoma.

Although neither was effective in that game, Applewhite has played the better of the two, passing for 1,110 yards and 10 touchdowns. Simms has thrown for 339 yards with three touchdowns and four interceptions. Both have thrown four interceptions.

Brown left open the possibility Simms could play Saturday.

"Major will start and Chris will play if we need him to win the game," he said.

Offensive coordinator Greg Davis said a deciding factor was Applewhite's experience. The junior was the Big 12 offensive player of the year in 1999. A win Saturday keeps Texas in the hunt for the Big 12 South division title.

"We'll go with Major and if the situations dictates, we'll certainly bring Chris in," Davis said. "The difference is last (week) we said we'd be playing both quarterbacks."

Aggies blow by Tech in straight sets

Blocks pave way for A&M victory

BY BREE HOLZ
The Battalion

Practice for the Texas A&M volleyball team will be shorter today. A&M volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli told the team before the match that for every successful block, she would take five minutes off of the next practice. She had no idea the team would respond with a whopping 17 blocks, setting a record for team blocks in a three-game Big 12 match.

"I thought they'd get maybe four or five blocks, which would get us out of practice about 20 minutes early," she said. "I had scheduled a three-hour practice, but I guess now it's only going to be an hour and a half."

The Aggies swept Texas Tech University last night at G. Rollie White Coliseum, 15-6, 15-12, 15-11 in front of a rowdy crowd of 1,761. With the win, the Aggies improve to 11-4 (6-2 Big 12) and sit in a two-way tie for second place in the league with Kansas State. The loss moved Tech to 16-3 and 5-3 in conference play.

Tech took an early 2-0 lead in the first game with kills, but A&M quickly came back and tied the game on Tech hitting errors. Middle

blocker Heather Marshall posted the third point of the game, followed by a kill from setter Jenna Moscovic.

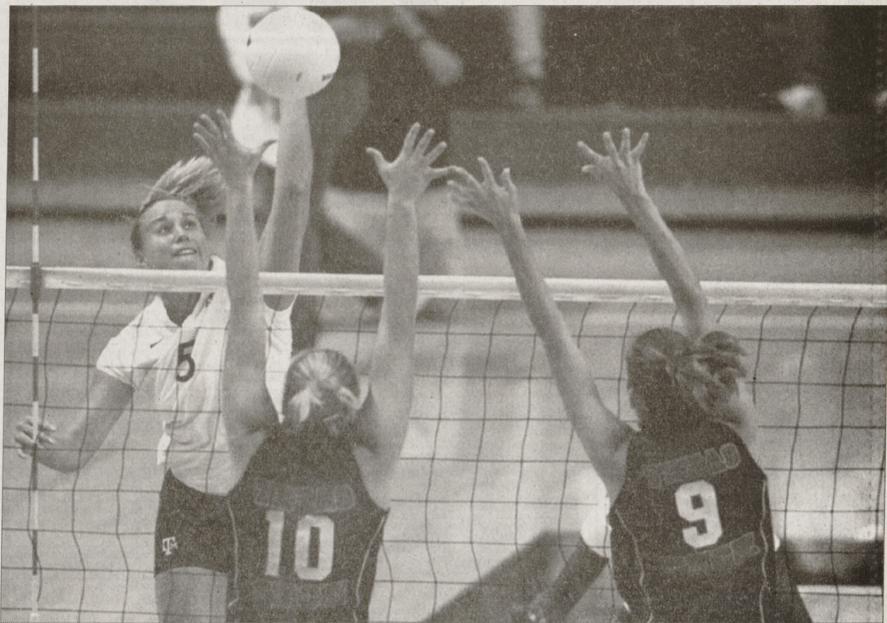
Tech called its first timeout of the game when the Aggies were winning, 5-2. A&M came out of the huddle and scored two more points on Tech miscues to put them ahead, 7-2. Tech managed to score its third point of the game on an A&M hitting error, but a block by Moscovic and Marshall put the score at 9-3 and forced another Tech timeout.

Despite Tech's attempt to get back in the game, two kills from outside hitter Erin Gibson and two straight blocks by Moscovic and Marshall ended game one.

Tech jumped to a quick lead again in the second game, but the Aggies responded with kills from Marshall and middle blocker A.D. Achilefu. With the Aggies ahead, 3-2, Tech gained momentum and forced 10 consecutive sideouts before tying the score on an A&M hitting error. The Raiders pulled ahead with a block, but the Aggies came back and tied the score with a kill from Cole.

Tech called a timeout with the

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Texas A&M outside hitter Brandi Mount attempts to make one of her eight kills against Texas Tech through a pair of blockers. The Aggies defeated Texas Tech in straight sets, 15-6, 15-12, 15-11.

Corbelli and volleyball team break records with win at G. Rollie White

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After a record-breaking season in 1999, it seems it would be difficult for the Texas A&M volleyball team to break any more records in 2000. However, this season, the Aggies broke the record for most consecutive home wins, and coach Laurie Corbelli tied the record for most wins by an A&M coach.

The record for consecutive home wins now stands at 26, thanks to a win Wednesday over Texas Tech. Ironically, Texas

Tech was the last team to be successful at G. Rollie White Coliseum on Nov. 1, 1998.

"I don't know how much the streak is on our minds," Corbelli said. "I'm not using the streak as any external motivation. The team is pretty motivated already to do their jobs well and play as a team. But it's nice to have that external motivation."

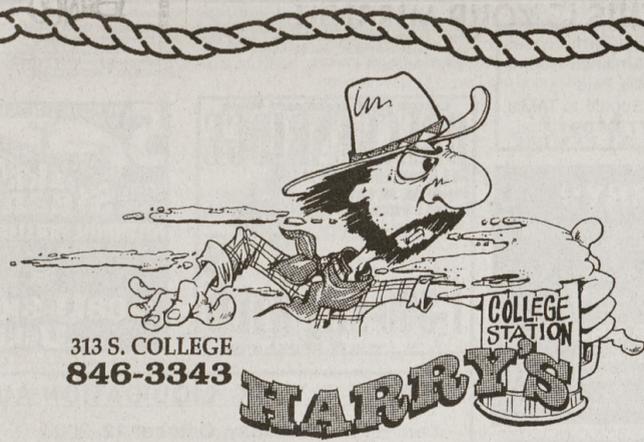
Corbelli needs only one more win to break the record for the most wins in her career. Since she began coaching at A&M in 1993, she has accumulated a 180-64 record. She already has the highest winning percentage of any volleyball coach at A&M

with a .737. Terry Condon, who coached from 1980-85, held the previous record with 180 wins.

Since Corbelli was hired, the Aggies are 87-13 at home. Eleven of the 13 losses were to Top 25 opponents. The other two losses came at the hands of none other than unranked Texas Tech.

"We're really not worried about any records," Corbelli said. "We just want to go out there and be successful every time we step on the court."

A&M will next put its home record on the line against No. 24 Missouri on Saturday, Oct. 21.



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