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Volleyball after first win in Austin since 1979

By BLAINE DIONNE
The Battalion

Coming off a five-game heart-breaking loss can be a difficult task in volleyball.

It is a marathon of physical and emotional exertion that can stick with a team if they let it.

According to members of the 25th-ranked Texas A&M volleyball team, that will not be a problem. De-

"With this match, it doesn't matter who's good, it doesn't matter who's bad."

— Michelle Cole
Aggie outside hitter

"With this match, it doesn't matter who's good, it doesn't matter who's bad," outside hitter Michelle Cole said. "You throw all those things out the window, because you know it's going to be a battle."

Unfortunately for the Aggies, they have not won one of the battles in Austin since 1979, something that has stuck in the craw of this year's seniors.

Senior middle blocker Heather Marshall said that winning at Texas has been a goal of hers all along.

"Coming into this season, I had three goals," Marshall said. "I wanted to beat Kansas State, Baylor and Texas away because those are the three teams we had never beaten on the road."

The Aggies are one and one so far on that list, with their last opportunity to win at Gregory Gymnasium coming tonight.

Truth be told, this could be the Aggie's best opportunity in years to beat the 'Horns.

The usually dominant squad from Austin is in a rebuilding year of sorts this season, and A&M coach Laurie Corbelli said that the Aggies need to take advantage of their opponents' weakness while they can.

"They're just young, we all go through those growing pains," Corbelli said. "He's got some freshman on the court and it doesn't really resemble his (Texas coach Jim Moore) type of team yet."

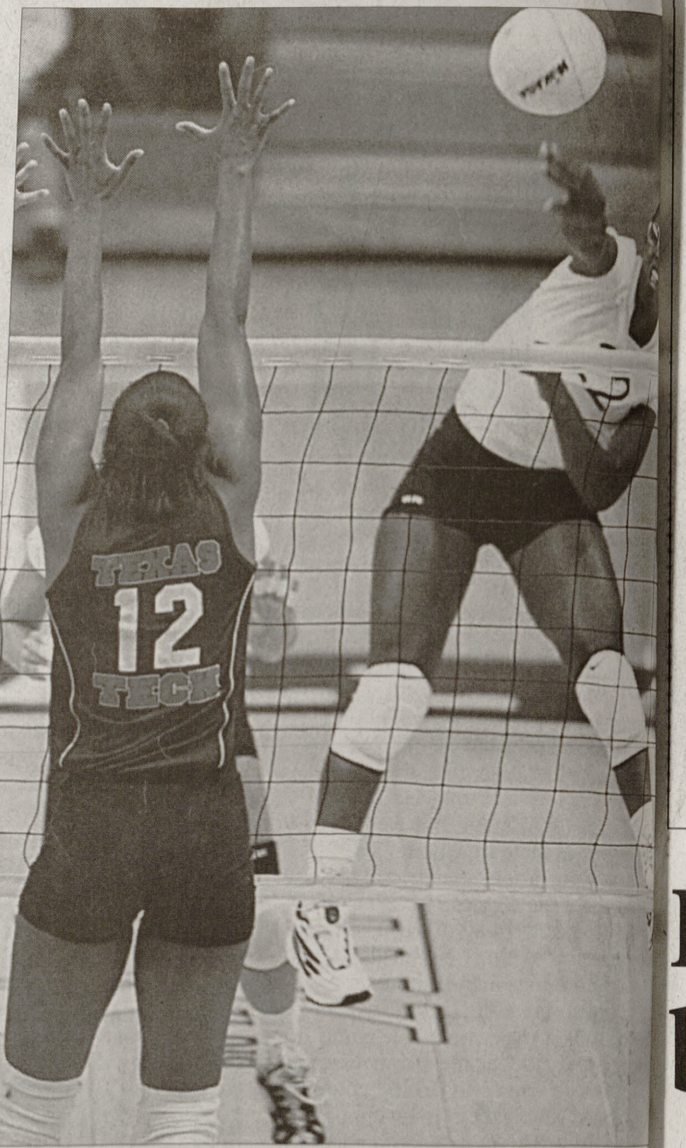
"I know that they're struggling, yet those can be dangerous type of teams. Teams that have a lot of young talent."

From here on out, the Aggies will be under a microscope. They cannot afford to lose any more matches, rival or not, if they expect to make serious noise in the postseason.

Being stuck at 25, Corbelli said that A&M really has no more leverage to move up in the polls right now because every team is in the middle of conference schedules.

The Kansas State team the Aggies just lost to was not even ranked in the Top 25, a fact that Corbelli does not agree with.

"They are unquestionably a team that is Top-25 caliber but won't get a chance to break in because they don't play anybody else," Corbelli said. "I think if we can beat the major teams that come here the rest of the season, we can have a shot at second place."



A&M outside hitter Michelle Cole spikes a ball against Texas Tech's G. Rollie White. The Aggies will vie for conference positioning tonight as they take on archrival Texas. SUSAN REDDING/The Battalion

Kidney ailment sidelines Heat's Mourning

MIAMI (AP)—A common but serious kidney ailment will keep Alonzo Mourning sidelined for the entire season, depriving the Miami Heat of their biggest star and the key to their quest for an NBA title.

Doctors said Monday that the illness, first spotted just after Mourning helped the U.S. team to the basketball gold medal earlier this month, was focal glomerulosclerosis, which leads to kidney failure in about half the cases.

They said there were no immediate plans for a kidney transplant or dialysis.

"I feel great right now. We've pretty much got a hold on it, the whole situation right now," Mourning said at a news conference in which he discussed his ailment publicly for the first time. "The main objective is to get me healthy so I can live my life normally, so I can see my babies grow up, and so I can enjoy my family."

"And, at the same time, possibly do the things that I know and love — and that's the game of basketball. But the key right now is to get me healthy."

Pat Riley, the Heat coach who spent the off-season signing free agents and redesigning the team to complement Mourning's talents, said his star

center was following the proper course.

"Alonzo Mourning will not be playing professional basketball this season, and we're totally convinced that the only thing that should be on his mind is getting healthy," Riley said.

The 30-year-old center made his first public appearance since Oct. 3, when he attended the team's media day. Training camp began without him the following day, and he has not practiced because of his condition, which was discovered during a routine physical two weeks ago.

Sean Elliott, who had a kidney transplant last year and is back playing for the San Antonio Spurs, has spoken with Mourning.

"There's a lot of questions that he had, basically," Elliott said. "I know how he feels right now as far as fatigue-wise. When I first went to the doctor, I felt terrible. I can sympathize with him."

Dr. Gerald Appel, of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, said the disease causes the kidneys to leak protein into a person's urine. Without treatment, filters in the kidneys eventually become scarred, cease to function and a transplant is needed.

He said the disease is widespread among blacks. "I am very confident this is not related to HIV

disease, it's not related to drug abuse, it's not related to steroids or anything Alonzo did," Appel said, adding that the origin of Mourning's condition is unknown.

Mourning will be placed on a six-month treatment trial. He will take medications in hopes of reducing the swelling in his lower body, stopping kidneys from leaking proteins and controlling blood pressure and cholesterol levels. He also will follow a strict low-sodium diet.

The drugs cause side effects, Riley said, would make strenuous exercise unsafe.

"He wants to play, but he can't," Riley said. "He's not that stupid."

But even with treatment, about 50 percent of cases develop chronic renal failure, Appel said. Kidney disease used to be the fourth-largest cause of death in the United States.

Doctors initially suspected Mourning had a viral infection, thyroid condition or merely dehydration from a busy off-season.

"Without Zo, everything changes," guard Hardaway said. "It's going to be like that the whole season. Nobody's going to give us any help. They're going to take it to us."

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