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A&M volleyball picks up historic victory in Austin

Corbelli becomes A&M's winningest volleyball coach

STAFF AND WIRE
The Texas A&M volleyball team had not defeated the University of Texas in Austin since the 1979 season. That all changed Wednesday night when the 25th-ranked Aggs defeated the unranked 'Horns in front of 2,653 fans at Gregory Gym, 15-9, 16-14, 14-16, 16-14.

The match was doubly historic for the Aggies as A&M coach Laurie Corbelli moved ahead of Terry Condon to become the Aggies' all-time winningest coach in history with her 181st victory.

"To get the career record and to beat Texas for the first time in Austin are two great things," Corbelli said. "I don't think it's sunk in quite yet. I'm happy to set records for this school that I'm so proud of."

A total of four school records were

broken in the historic, nearly three-hour victory. Junior outside hitter Brandi Mount set a school record for kills in a four-game match with 30, she also hit .614 on the evening.

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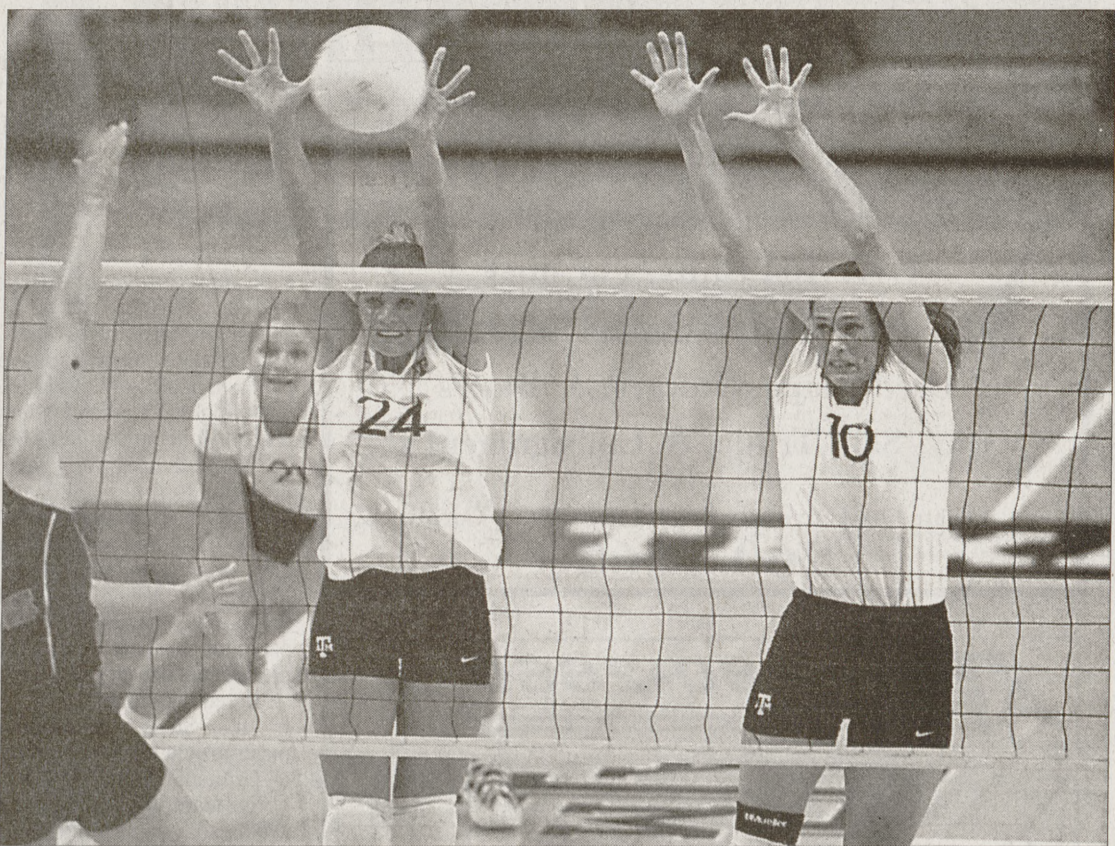
Junior setter Jenna Muscovic also put out a record 88 assists. As a squad, the Aggies set new records for kills

(109) and assists (104). The Aggies took game one and two, then took an 8-0 lead in third game before Texas came roaring back to get their lone victory of the night.

The Aggies fell behind 12-3 in the fourth game before mounting a comeback of their own, finally winning, 16-14.

"Overall, both teams had to fight at different points in time to come from way behind to earn the wins," Corbelli said. "In the third and fourth game, I think the reality of where we were combined with Texas figuring us out somewhat started to creep in. We changed our mindset and fought hard to win it, and I'm most proud of that."

The Aggies will try and increase their 26-game home winning streak on Saturday against the Missouri Tigers at 7 p.m.



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The A&M Volleyball team won a historic match at Texas Wednesday by defeating Texas in Austin.



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The Texas A&M swimming teams will begin their 2000-'01 seasons this Friday at 5 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center Natatorium.

Aggie swimmers dive into season against TCU

BY JEREMY BROWN
The Battalion

After competing in the U.S. Olympic Trials and intrasquad meets, the Texas A&M men's and women's swimming teams will officially begin the 2000-'01 season Friday against Texas Christian University.

Eleven current Aggie swimmers and seven former A&M swimmers competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials this summer, but none made the cut to participate in the Olympics.

Now, it is back to college competition, in which both teams will try to con-

tinue their success in 1999-'00. The men begin the season ranked 17th, and the women are ranked 25th.

Last season, the women placed second in the Big 12 conference championship meet, which marks the highest the women's swimming team has ever finished in a conference championship.

The team then went on to finish 25th in the NCAA championship meet, six places higher than the two preceding years.

Second-year coach Steve Bultman said, "We are fairly pleased with 25th (in the NCAA) our first year here, but we

would really like to move up. That is our goal."

Despite losing five seniors, the women's team has its own group of stars.

All-American Kelly Bolton took 12th in the 100-meter freestyle in the 2000 NCAA meet and set an A&M record in the process. She also took 14th in the 50-meter freestyle in the semifinals of the U.S. Olympic trials.

Clara Ho won the 1999 Big 12 title in the 200-meter butterfly and qualified for the NCAA meet.

Bultman said Sharisse Blau, Amy

Osmun, Shannon Steel, Kathy Barris and Katie Swan are other returning swimmers who could make an impact on the team's success this season.

"They are a hard-working group that will get up and compete," Bultman said.

Bultman also said he is confident in his freshman class, particularly Alexandra Baldree, Katy Lietzau and Michelle Bird. At an intrasquad meet, Baldree and Lietzau had impressive showings; Baldree won two races.

He stressed the importance of recruiting future stars.

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