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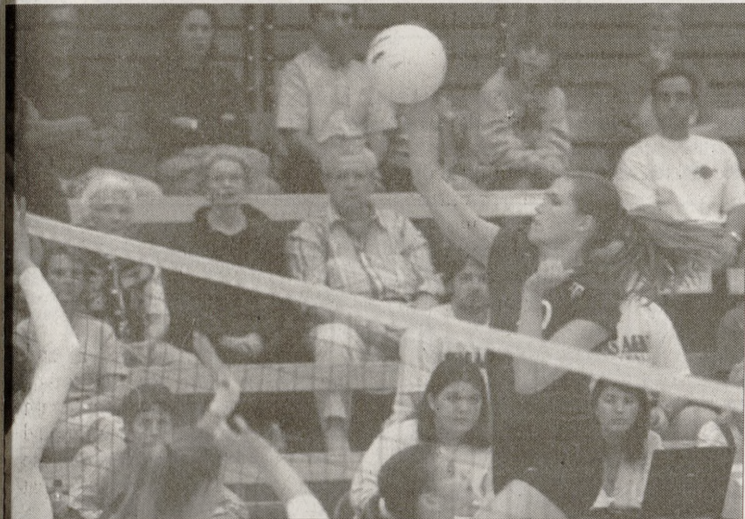
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Texas A&M senior Heather Marshall, pictured above in A&M's first-ever win in Austin against Texas, will lead the Aggies into Kansas.

Jayhawks look to beat A&M for first time ever

Emotion carries Aggies on road trip

By BREE HOLZ
The Battalion

The No. 21 Texas A&M volleyball team will battle the University of Kansas tonight in Lawrence, Kan., at the Family Center at 7 p.m. The match will be telecast by Fox Sports Net and will air Friday at 11 a.m.

The Aggies have won five of their last six matches and are tied for second place in the Big 12 with Missouri and Kansas State, each holding 8-3 conference records. No. 1 Nebraska sits alone in first place with an 11-0 league mark.

A&M coach Laurie Corbelli said anything is possible at this point in the season, and the team cannot afford to overlook any Big 12 team.

"You can't let down now for any of your matches, even the ones that you think are given," she said. "You have to really go out and count it as an opportunity to improve."

Saturday, A&M defeated 25th-ranked Missouri 3-0 at G. Rollie White Coliseum to move its overall record to 13-5.

"It was a really huge win for us, especially to show that we have the confidence to beat a team after they have already beaten us," said outside hitter Erin Gibson.

Kansas sits in seventh place in the Big 12 with a 3-8 league record and a 12-8 overall mark.

The Jayhawks lost to Colorado 0-3 Saturday night in Lawrence. The loss was Kansas' fifth in six matches.

A&M and Kansas met earlier this

season, and the Aggies came out on top, 15-8, 15-13, 15-9, the Jayhawks their first loss of the season after starting the year 9-0.

The Aggies hold a decisive 10-0 all-time record against Kansas. A&M swept the Jayhawks in both of their meetings last season.

A contributing factor to A&M's success is the way the team becomes emotionally involved in its matches.

"We feed off emotion, and we get so excited when we do good things," said outside hitter A.D. Achilefu. "That's how we show each other that we have a lot of confidence in each other."

Corbelli said the team relies on emotion to help it focus on one match at a time.

"They spend a lot of time trying to fire up, they spend a lot of time knowing that as a team they have to generate emotion on the court, and I think they're all starting to feel more comfortable about how they show that emotion," she said.

Offensively, the team leads the Big 12 in kills per game (18.31) and assists per game (16.55).

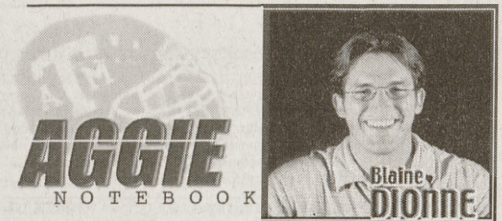
"We've been hitting really well, but offense can be on and it can be off," Corbelli said. "We need to continue to improve our blocking and defense."

A&M also leads the conference in digs per game with 19.34, while Gibson leads the league individually with 4.25.

The Aggies will be back at G. Rollie White Friday night when they host the University of Oklahoma at 6 p.m.

Aggies mature in time for tough finish

No. 10 Kansas State, No. 2 Oklahoma to close out A&M's home schedule



With more than half the conference season behind it, the Texas A&M football team is finally coming around—and it could not have picked a better time.

At 5-2 overall and 3-1 in conference play, the Aggies are staring one of the most brutal final four games in their history directly in the face. First up is Kansas State, the No. 10 team in the nation and one of the most dangerous offensive teams.

After the game against the Wildcats, the Aggies hit the road to face the Oklahoma State Cowboys, a team that has never defeated the Aggies in Big 12 Conference play, but always play competitively.

The following week, the current No. 2 team in the BCS rankings, the Oklahoma Sooners, comes to Kyle Field. This week, the Sooners play their old nemesis, the No. 1 Nebraska Cornhuskers, for national supremacy. If the Sooners take that game, the No. 1 team just might be visiting Kyle Field in three weeks.

The Aggies will conclude the season against Texas in Austin, in a game that could decide the Big 12 South if things go well for the Aggies.

The Aggies' game at Iowa State last week has made that idea possible. After a roller coaster first five games, the Aggies said they looked at the Iowa State game as a make-or-break situation.

"There is some confidence that has come out of that game," said A&M coach R.C. Slocum. "Every so often, you come out of a game and say, 'That was a team win.' The defense played well, the offense played well, and we played well on special teams. That's what you like to have going into a game that will be as challenging as this game is."

First thing first for the Aggies—Kansas State. The Wildcats lost to Oklahoma at home and had some trouble putting Texas Tech away last week, but that does not take away from the "Cats' obvious talent.

Playing at Kyle Field may not intimidate them, either. For the Ags who are not old enough to remember, K-State came to College Station in 1996 and contributed to the Aggies' worst home season (three losses at Kyle) in years.

Also, Saturday marks the first time the two



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The Aggie defense did an effective job of cutting down the threats posed by Iowa State's 12th-ranked offense. That is a trend it will look to continue for a tough finish to the season.

teams have met since the Aggies' landmark victory in the 1998 Big 12 Championship, that knocked KSU out of the national title hunt.

The Aggies are not exactly helpless, though. Aside from the two blemishes on their record and their absence from the national polls, the Aggies say they are in good shape heading into this game.

"Coming off a victory like that, we're very, very motivated to play Kansas State right now," said inside linebacker Jason Glenn. "Every guy is talking about the game. We've got guys

watching film, even on Sunday. Right after the other game, we started on Kansas State, and that's how it's supposed to be. We can't dwell on a great win; we've got to keep going. We've got a long road ahead of us."

The road the Aggies are taking will be long, but they can get a great start on it by taking out the Wildcats this weekend.

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Mets defeat Yankees in game 3 of World Series

NEW YORK (AP)— Back in their raucous den, with its ear-splitting music and jets roaring overhead, the New York Mets were right at home—and right back in this Subway Series.

Benny Agbayani got Shea Stadium shaking with a go-ahead double in the eighth inning as the Mets handed Orlando Hernandez his first postseason defeat, beating the New York Yankees 4-2 Tuesday night to cut their World Series deficit to 2-1.

A sellout crowd of 55,299 went crazy as Armando Benitez held on in the ninth inning this time, helping the

Mets end the Yankees' record 14-game winning streak in the World Series.

John Franco wound up with the win. Benitez, who blew a ninth-inning lead in Game 1, closed it out after giving up a leadoff single to pinch-hitter Chuck Knoblauch.

There was nothing bizarre about this one, either. There were no pitchers throwing bats instead of balls, a stunt from Game 2 that cost Roger Clemens a \$50,000 fine.

Hernandez began the night with an 8-0 record and a 1.90 ERA in postseason play, and set a Yankees' World

Series record by striking out 12, breaking the mark of 11 set by Bob Turley in 1956.

Still, in a ballpark where the Mets thrive on late-inning magic, it was not enough.

Now, after two one-run defeats at Yankee Stadium, the Mets get a chance to draw even. Bobby J. Jones will pitch Game 4 tonight against Denny Neagle, and Bill Clinton is expected to become the first president in office to attend a Series game since Ronald Reagan in 1983.

Hernandez, who struck out the first

three hitters in the opening inning and took advantage of a few extra inches on the outside corner of Jeff Kellogg's strike zone, fanned Robin Ventura to start the eighth.

But after Todd Zeile singled, Agbayani doubled into the left-center field gap. Agbayani has hit in all 12 of the Mets' postseason games this year, including a 13th-inning home run that beat San Francisco in the division series.

Pinch-hitter Bubba Trammell added a sacrifice fly for insurance.

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