

Cornhuskers take care of Ags

No. 24 A&M loses home winning streak to No. 1 Nebraska

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The Battalion
The No. 1 Nebraska Cornhuskers walked into the G. Rollie White Coliseum last night with the confidence that produced a perfect Big 12 and regular-season record.

The No. 24 Texas A&M volleyball team encountered G. Rollie White with the confidence that contributed to a perfect home record for 28 straight matches.

Only one of the teams could receive credit for a perfect record, Nebraska, 8-15, 15-6, 15-13, 5-9, in front of a season-high 1,300 fans.

"We were in this match," said outside hitter Michelle Cole. "We made them work for every point. We fought out there and never stopped fighting."

The Aggies moved to 15-6 overall and 10-4 in the Big 12 conference, while Nebraska improved to 23-0 and 15-0 in the Big 12, while A&M sits in a tie for third place with the University of Missouri.

Nebraska took control of the first game of the

match by going on a 4-0 run. A kill from outside hitter Erin Gibson ended the streak, and another kill from Cole gave the Aggies their first point of the game.

Nebraska's six-footers dominated at the net and forced an A&M timeout with the score at 2-6.

The Aggies put two more points on the board with kills from Cole and middle blocker Heather Marshall and continued to chip away at the Cornhuskers' lead.

Kills from Cole and outside hitter Christy Clark gave the Aggies an 11-8 lead, and A&M pushed ahead to end the game on a block by Clark and Marshall.

Nebraska again got off to a quick start in the second game by taking an 8-1 lead. The Aggies could not find momentum, and the Huskers quickly improved their lead to 11-1.

A kill from setter Jenna Moscovic and a Nebraska hitting error gave the Aggies two more points, but Nebraska answered with consecutive blocks and a kill and ended the match on an A&M hitting error.

In game three, Nebraska posted an early 4-1 lead, but the Aggies fought back with kills from Clark and Marshall. They forced a Cornhusker

timeout with the score tied at 4 points a piece. However, Nebraska did not let up and pulled ahead, 7-12.

The Aggies responded with two consecutive blocks from Clark, Marshall and middle blocker Tara Pulaski, and an ace from defensive specialist Beth Weynand moved the score to 10-12.

A&M pulled within one on a Nebraska hitting error, but the Huskers took advantage of A&M miscues to end the game.

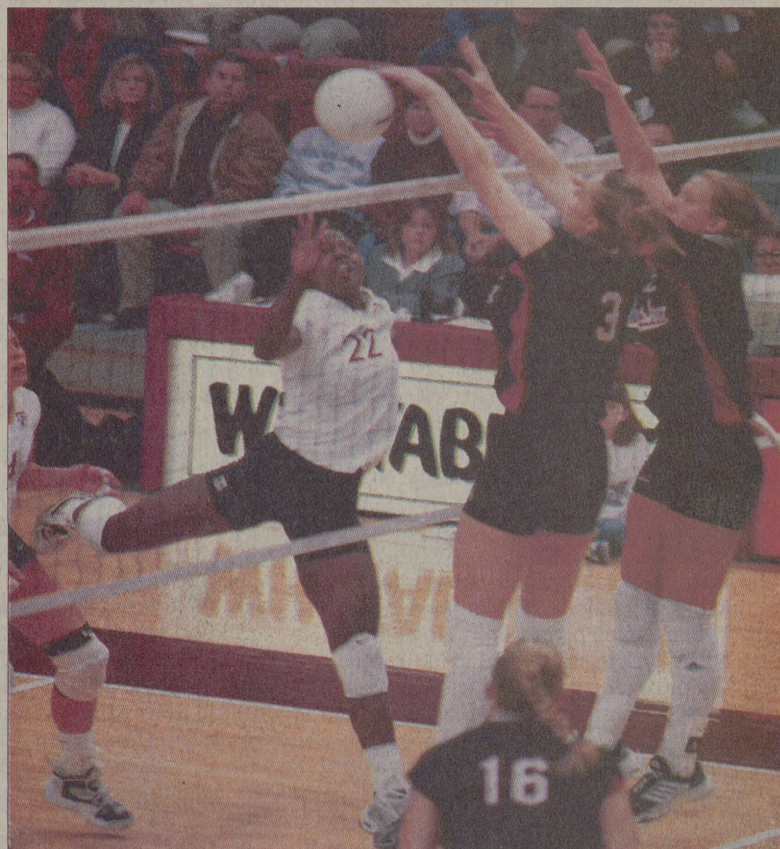
In the fourth game, the Aggies took an early 3-1 lead with kills from Marshall and Gibson. A kill put Nebraska ahead, 4-3, but the Aggies regained the lead with kills by Moscovic and Pulaski.

Nebraska capitalized on the Aggies' hitting errors and again pulled ahead, 6-8. A&M could not find momentum, and Nebraska ended the game on a kill.

"This is one of the most balanced and consistent teams that's out there now," said A&M coach Laurie Corbelli.

Marshall and Gibson contributed offensively with 18 kills each, while Clark posted career highs in kills with eight and block assists with nine.

The Aggies will travel to Ames, Iowa, to take on Iowa State Saturday at 7 p.m.



Outside hitter Michelle Cole defends against two Cornhuskers. The Huskers broke the Ags' 28-match home winning streak with the win.



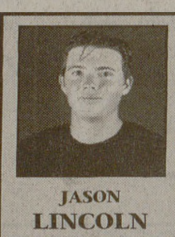
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Outside hitter Christy Clark digs a ball against Nebraska in G. Rollie White Coliseum Wednesday. Clark also serves as a defensive specialist on the team.

Despite loss, G. Rollie White spirit strong

G Rollie White Coliseum is 46 years old. Texas A&M volleyball has been playing there since it began play in 1975. Somewhere along its storied history that includes numerous Aggie Musters, basketball games, volleyball games and special events, the coliseum picked up some magic.



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That magic may not have been enough to upset Nebraska, the No. 1 team in the country, and keep the Aggies' 28-game home winning streak alive, but the Twelfth Man spirit is still as strong as ever in G. Rollie White.

That spirit showed in the first game of the

match, when the Aggies became only the fifth team that Nebraska has been unable to sweep. For the Aggies, a lot of their ability to play their best came from the energy that the crowd provided.

For outside hitter Michelle Cole, the pain of losing for the first time since 1998 in the Aggies' home gym was close to unbearable. Having the loss come against the best team in the nation did little to console her. The loss hurt, but Cole received an equal sting when she turned to face the crowd to sing not the "Aggie War Hymn," but instead the song played in G. Rollie White only after a loss.

"It was really difficult to hear the 'Spirit of Aggieland' in this gym," Cole said. "When I

saw the Twelfth Man singing that in this gym, I just didn't know what to do."

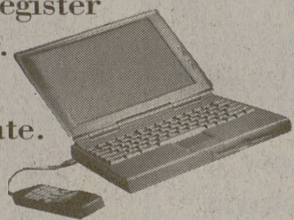
A&M's success over the years in G. Rollie White has caused the coliseum to take on a personality of its own, with nicknames like the "Holler House" or "Jollie Rollie" common across the campus. Since A&M volleyball began, the Aggies have won 73 percent of their games played in the arena. Since coach Laurie Corbelli took over in 1993, the Aggies have piled up an 82-13 win-loss ratio.

But with home-court advantage so prevalent in volleyball, the Aggies' results are not the most impressive aspect of their record.

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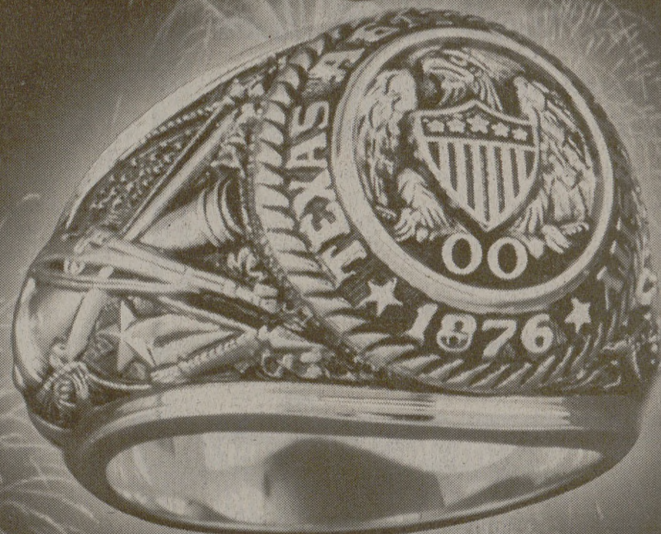


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