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Cardinal downs Aggies to win title

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The 18th-ranked Texas A&M volleyball team knew it had its hands full when it faced the ninth-ranked Stanford Cardinal at the Verizon Texas A&M Invitational Saturday at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Even though going into the match the Aggies had the confidence of starting the season 6-0, the Stanford was the biggest, most physical team A&M has faced.

Stanford used that physical stature to get the Aggies down early then hold off a late A&M rally to defeat the Aggies, 30-18, 30-24, 24-30, 30-23 and win the title.

Stanford (6-1) outblocked the Aggies 15-3, and committed only eight hitting errors in the match with a hitting percentage of .367.

The Aggies meanwhile never got on track, committing a whopping 42 errors and hitting only .157.

"We had a hard time as a team in getting going," said A&M volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli. "I thought we ended up doing some nice things offensively that we hadn't been able to do earlier in the match."

"And that was really the big difference. If we could have just stayed on that roll, I think things could have turned out differently."

A&M could not get going in game one as Stanford made its presence known from the get-go.

The Cardinal put five points on the board before a kill by

A&M senior outside hitter Erin Lechler made it a 5-1 game. The Cardinal would not be slowed as they scored 20 of the next 30 points to give them their biggest lead at 25-11. A&M pushed it to 26-16, but could not get any closer as Stanford closed out the game.

Stanford was nearly perfect in game one as they had no attack errors and hit .462. U.S. Olympian Logan Tom recorded seven of her match high 21 kills in game one for the Cardinal.

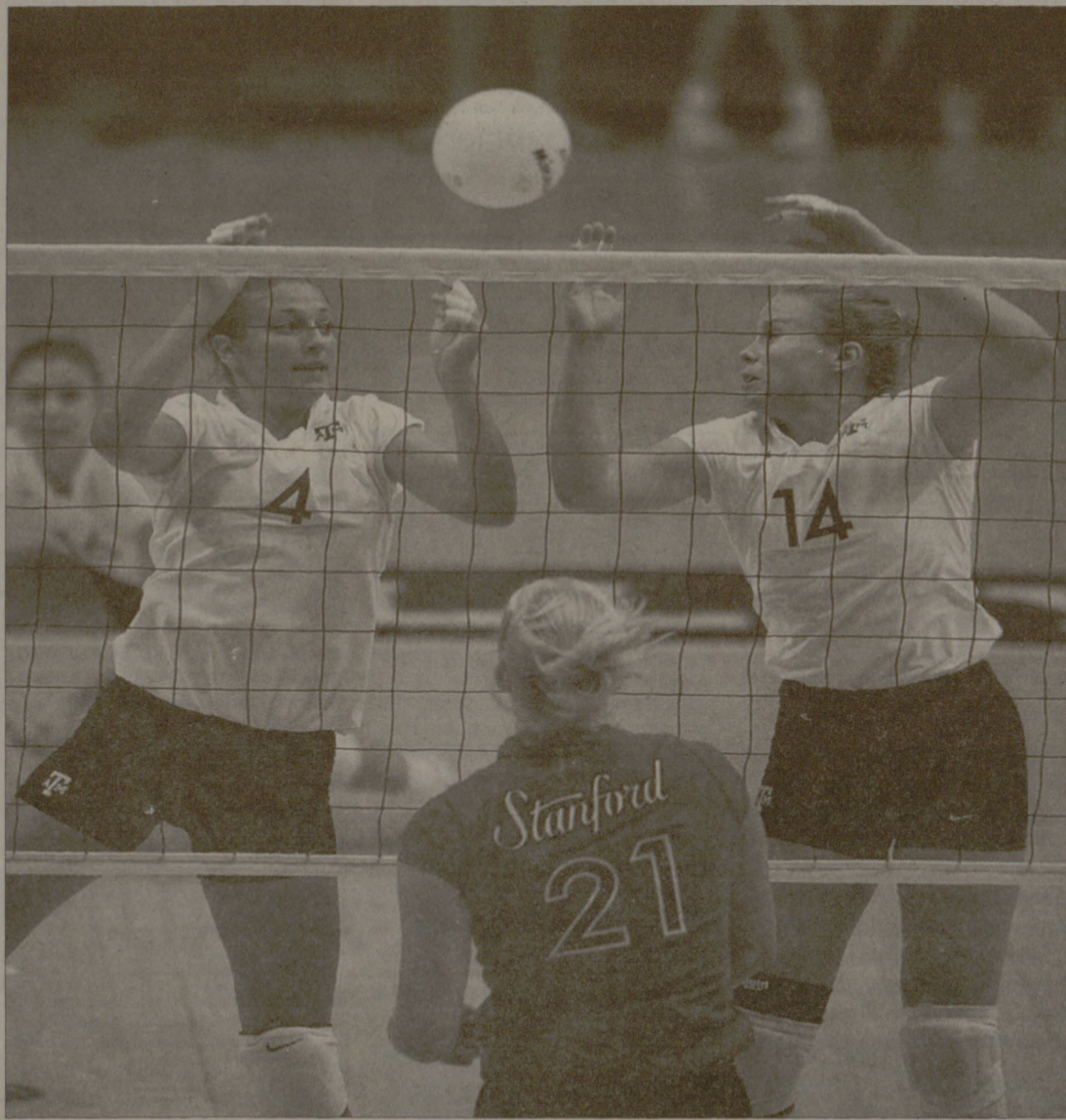
Game two was a bit tighter as Aggies kept close to the Cardinal. A&M pulled to within 13-12 on a kill by senior outside hitter Michelle Cole, but could not pull any closer as Stanford held strong to take a two game to none lead.

The Aggies came to life in game three and took advantage of their freshman on a hot streak to take the game. Freshman middle blocker Melissa Munsch notched eight kills and the Aggies hit .333 as they won the game.

A&M could not keep the momentum going into game four as Stanford rallied to put away the Aggies. A&M seemed poised to send the match to a game five as a kill by Cole gave A&M a 7-3 lead.

A&M hitting errors kept Stanford in the game and an error by senior outside hitter Brandi Mount gave the Cardinal a 13-12 lead they would not relinquish. The match ended in fitting fashion when Stanford's

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Freshman middle blocker **Melissa Munsch** and senior outside hitter **Erin Lechler** attempt to block a Stanford spike during the Aggies' loss to the Cardinal on Saturday afternoon at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Johnson suffers injured spleen

Senior wide receiver Bethel Johnson spent Thursday night in a Laramie, Wyo., hospital after suffering a bruised spleen during Texas A&M's 28-20 win over Wyoming.



Johnson, a native of Corsicana, Texas, returned to College Station on Friday after spending the night at the hospital for observation.

The injury occurred when Johnson was hit in the midsection after one of his six receptions against the Cowboys.

Johnson, one of the Aggies' most consistent receivers, has made at least one reception in every regular season game he has played in.

Aggie competes in Goodwill Games

Texas A&M sophomore diver Marie-Eve Marleau represented Canada on Friday and Saturday in the Goodwill Games, held this year in Brisbane, Australia.

On Friday, Marleau teamed with fellow Canadian Myriam Boileau to finish sixth in the women's 10-meter synchronized platform competition, earning a score of 261.81. China won the gold with a score of 315.36.

Marleau also earned 10th place in the 10-meter platform event on Saturday.

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PLAY EVERYDAY WITH INTRAMURALS

•**CoRec Softball Officials Orientation Clinics**—Earn some extra money this semester with this great starter job! No previous experience is necessary. Attend the orientation clinic on September 17th at 7:00pm in Rec Room 281 and get hired!

Program	Registration	Cost
Pre-Season Flag Football	Sept. 3-Sept. 11	\$10/team
Flag Football	Sept. 3-Sept. 11	\$40/team
Badminton	Sept. 3-Sept. 11	FREE
Golf	Sept. 3-Sept. 11	\$35/person
Tennis (tourn. only)	Sept. 10-Sept. 18	FREE
CoRec Softball	Sept. 17-Sept. 25	\$40/team
Squash	Sept. 17-Sept. 25	FREE
Handball	Sept. 3-Sept. 11	FREE

•**Looking for something more competitive?**—Try one of our many and diverse Sport Clubs. Tryouts for many of the clubs is ending soon. Check out the Sports Club link on the recsports website for a complete sport listing and details on how to get involved!

GET VALUE WITH GOLF

•**Golf Lessons!**—Single and group lessons available for beginners to those looking to improve skills. Rates are a very competitive \$30.00 per individual lesson or \$50.00 per group lesson. Discounts are available for 3 lessons or more. Contact Rick Kahlich at 845-1723 for more information. **Open to the public! We are located on the southside of the A&M campus. Call the Pro Shop at 845-1723 & visit us online.**

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•**NEW-MASTERS Swim Program**—Workouts are tailored to meet the individual's goals, whether you seek to increase your fitness, improve your stroke or have a desire to compete. Morning and evening practice times are offered as well as a Saturday workout. \$50 for 25 workout passes. Program has just started, get involved now.

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•**Back To School GEAR SALE!**—Come by TAMU Outdoors to enjoy savings on clearance items as well as on our climbing gear packages. We will also be offering our Arc/Teryx backpacks and guidebooks at unbelievable savings. Sale runs September 3-12, Outdoors is located behind the Rec Center across from Olsen Field.

Upcoming Event	Registration	Event Date
Kayak Roll Clinic	Sept. 3-Sept. 17	Sept. 18
Lead Climbing	Sept. 3-Sept. 17	Sept. 18
Intro To Rock Climbing	Sept. 3-Sept. 19	Sept. 22
Kayak Open Practice	Sept. 3-Sept. 24	Sept. 25
Rock Climb <i>Enchanted Rock</i>	Sept. 3-Sept. 25	Sept. 28-30

GET HEALTHY WITH FITNESS & CLASSES

•**NEW & FREE!-Weight Room Orientation**—Our newest FREE programming offering is available every Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

•**'Jump Start' YOUR Fall Fitness Goals**—Begin your healthy lifestyle with: 1 personal training session, fitness profile, nutrition consultation & more for only \$30!

•**Fall 2001-Healthy Living Lecture Series**—All of these programs are FREE, you are asked to arrive in room 281 Rec before 5:30pm, no late admittance.
September 19—*Eating Well on Campus-Is It Possible?*
September 26—*Putting the Fun in Run!*
October 3—*Running Injuries & Their Prevention*
October 10—*Getting Out of Your Training Rut!*
October 17—*Fad Diets: What is the meaning of this Madness?*