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Aggs handle Baylor No. 16 Aggies sweep up Bears

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After toiling through a pair of five-set road games in its last two matches, the 16th-ranked Texas A&M volleyball team was happy to return home.

The Aggies showed just how happy they were on Wednesday night, firing on all cylinders to sweep Baylor, 30-19, 30-25, 30-23 at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Aggies (9-1, 2-0 in Big 12) had 50 kills against only 15 errors and hit .615 as a team. Baylor (8-3, 0-3) managed 41 kills and had 22 errors to hit only .460 as a team.

"One of the things that first comes to my mind is our attack was much sharper than it has been," said A&M volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli. "We've been working at getting our offensive timing and our rhythm so that we have a little more deception and we break up the block a little bit. I thought tonight that was something that we did better than we've been doing."

The Aggies set the tone for the match in the first game. A&M's attack and

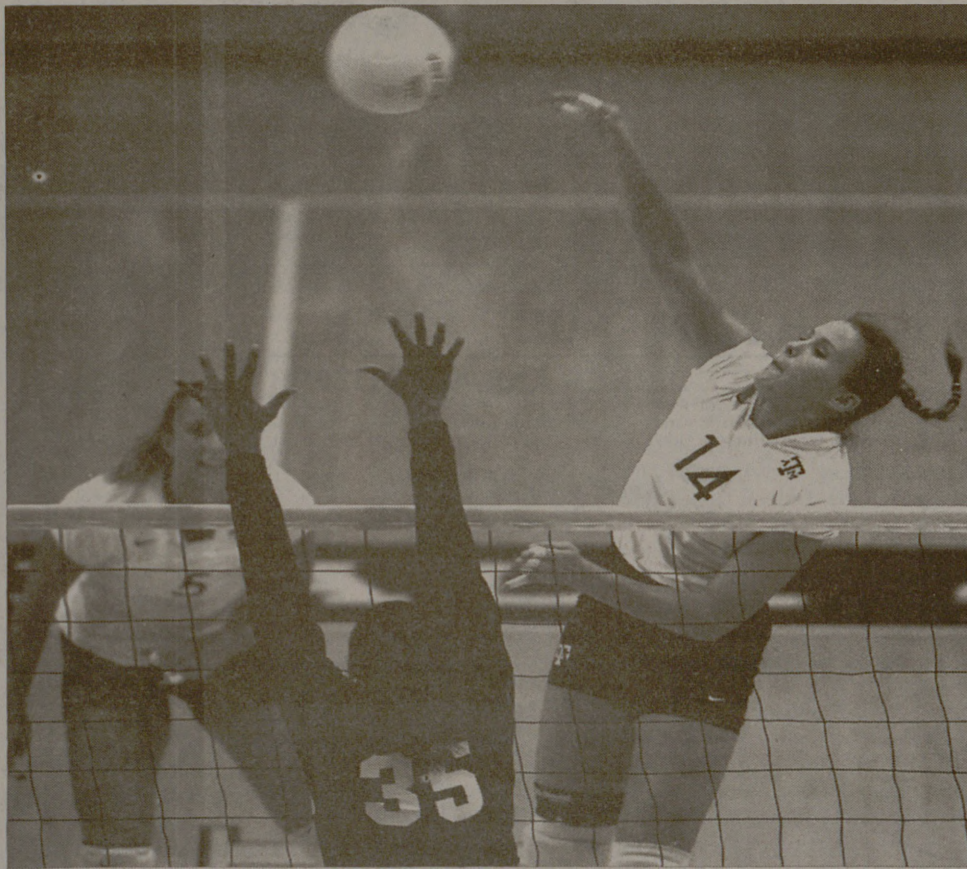
defense was nearly flawless as the Aggies raced to a 23-10 lead when a service ace by Baylor's Tatiana Kenon cut the lead to 23-11. It was Baylor's first point off its own serve.

The teams traded points the rest of the way as the Aggies cruised to take the first game. The Aggies hit .364 in the first game while Baylor could only manage a .050 hitting percentage.

The second game was neck-and-neck all the way as Baylor stepped up its play. Baylor took a 7-4 lead on a block by Tisha Schwartz and Kenon. A&M raced back to tie the game at eight on a kill by senior outside hitter Brandi Mount. After Mount's kill, neither team could get farther than three points from each other, and the game was tied 12 times.

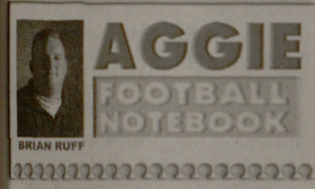
With the score tied at 25, senior outside hitter Michelle Cole put A&M ahead 26-25 with a kill. A&M freshman Melissa Munsch gave A&M the break it needed when her block gave the Aggies a 27-25 lead. A&M would score the last three points, closing out the game on a kill by Munsch.

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Senior outside hitter Erin Lechler pounds a ball past Baylor senior Tatiana Kenon during the Aggies' sweep of the Bears Wednesday at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A&M welcomes very familiar Notre Dame team



The Texas A&M football team will take on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Saturday at Kyle Field. The Aggies come

into the game with a perfect 3-0 record, while the Irish look to notch their first win of the season, coming in at 0-2.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with the Aggies, 3-1, including a 24-10 victory over the Aggies last season in South Bend. The lone victory for the Aggies over the Irish came when A&M beat the Irish 35-10 in the 1988 Cotton Bowl.

Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

Notre Dame no stranger to Texas

Notre Dame football head coach Bob Davie will be reunited with former co-worker R.C. Slocum Saturday when the Irish come to town. The two were both assistants for former A&M football head coach Jackie

Sherrill in the 1980s.

Davie will come back to Kyle Field for the first time since leaving the A&M organization in 1993 for a defensive coordinator position at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame assistant head coach Kirk Doll and defensive coordinator Greg Mattison also were members of Slocum's original coaching staff in 1989.

Sophomore wide receiver

Jamaar Taylor also has a link to the Irish. Taylor, who is tied for the team lead with 11 receptions on the year, transferred to A&M from Notre Dame before the 2000 season. Taylor sat out last season because of NCAA regulations.

Notre Dame has 14 players on their 2001 roster from Texas, while the Aggies have no players

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