

Aggies end Tigers' win streak

Five Aggie netters post double-figure totals in kills

By Jeff Allen
THE BATTALION

Missouri came to College Station Saturday having had little luck playing at G. Rollie White Coliseum. On each of the Tigers' first seven trips to play the Aggies in the Lone Star State they had been turned away with losses.

Riding a five-game winning streak, including three straight Big 12 wins, the Tigers were hoping the momentum would carry over, but after watching five Aggies pound their way to double figures in kills, Missouri was on the losing side again.

The balanced attack by the Aggies was a big reason why they managed to put away the Tigers efficiently in a business-like 3-1 win. The quintuple double-figure kills performance was only the second the Aggie ladies have pulled off this year.

"It's just absolutely necessary that we spread it out," said Texas A&M coach Lauri Corbelli. "All the hitters were

ready to go tonight, they all got big approaches, big quick swings and had a look in their eyes of determination to get after this team and for everybody to be on (their game), because we haven't had that very often."



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The No. 25 Aggies (10-3, 2-1) were able to keep the Tigers (10-3, 3-1) off balance for much of the first game. They set the tone from the get-go, putting up the first point of the game, and eventually stretching the lead to as many as nine points as play continued. The lead was due in large part to the play of junior Melissa Munsch, who posted six of the team-high 19 kills for the Aggies. It was the third straight match that in which Munsch led the Aggies in kills.

"When it starts to come

together early in the match things just come a little easier," Corbelli said. "Staying in control of the game) builds the confidence of the team."

Things weren't going quite as well on the Tigers' side of the net in the first game. Missouri committed several errors, most of which stymied its comeback attempts.

The Tigers managed a mere .098 hitting percentage in the first game.

The attack leveled off in the second game as the Aggies repeated their performance from the first. Laura Jones and Kendra Felder began their respective climbs to double digits in kills for the Aggies. Felder ended with 12.

Missouri turned things around a bit, but still only hit .160, eventually dropping the game to the Aggies.

Shen Danru lead the Tigers in the second game with seven kills and four digs. She ended the night with a match high of

20 kills and led the Tigers with 17 digs. Beth Skypala led the way on defense for the Aggies with 20 digs.

"Their outside hitters were hitting a really deep ball," Skypala said. "Working around the block was really solid, and it was easy to play defense around, and to know exactly where to go."

After dropping the third game to the Tigers, who turned their fortunes around by hitting .381 as well as by grabbing an early lead, the Aggies were able to finally put Missouri away in the fourth game, 30-22.

The win gave the Aggies consecutive Big 12 wins for the first time this year.

"(This was) one of the cleanest (games we've played this year)," Corbelli said. "The lack of consecutive errors was refreshing, the team came prepared."

The Aggies will continue their Big 12 schedule in Austin this Wednesday against the University of Texas.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Men's Tennis team takes OU in Tulsa tournament

The Texas A&M men's tennis team won four of five singles matches against Oklahoma in the final day of action at the 2003 Polo Tennis National Collegiate Preview Sunday.

Using a mock dual match format, the Aggies topped their third straight opponent in as many days without four of their top returning starters.

Doubles matches were not played Sunday.

Last season the Aggies finished the season ranked No. 11 in the nation and reached the NCAA Sweet 16 for the fourth straight season under A&M tennis coach Tim Cass.

Women's golf team finishes sixth in tourney

The Texas A&M women's golf team carded a final round of 313 on Saturday and finished sixth at the 25th Annual Comcast/Dick McGuire Invitational at the University of New Mexico's Championship Golf Course.

Host New Mexico won the tournament with a 54-hole total of 871, 16 strokes better than runner-up OSU and 55 strokes ahead of the Aggies.

The Aggies were led by freshman Chrisa Spedding, who tied for 16th with a score of 225 for the weekend.

The Aggies are back in action next week in the Shootout at the Legens in Franklin, Ind.

Men's cross country team beats ranked opponents

The No. 30 Texas A&M men's cross country team scored a trio of head-to-head wins over ranked opponents on its way to a seventh-place finish at the Great American Cross Country Festival Friday.

The Aggies earned 193 points by knocking off No. 14 North Carolina State, No. 22 Butler and No. 27 Duke.

Senior Tommy Bonn led the way for the Aggies with a third-place individual finish. He ran the 8,000-meter loop in 25:42.3 and was just nine seconds back of individual champion Travis Laird from No. 3 Northern Arizona, which took home the men's team title.

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