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## Aggies bounce back with win vs. Tech

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their opponent had reared its head earlier, especially in the Texas and Kansas State matches where the women had chances to win, but were unable to finish the job by grabbing the needed points late in the match. The Aggies seemed to take a step in solving the problem against Tech.

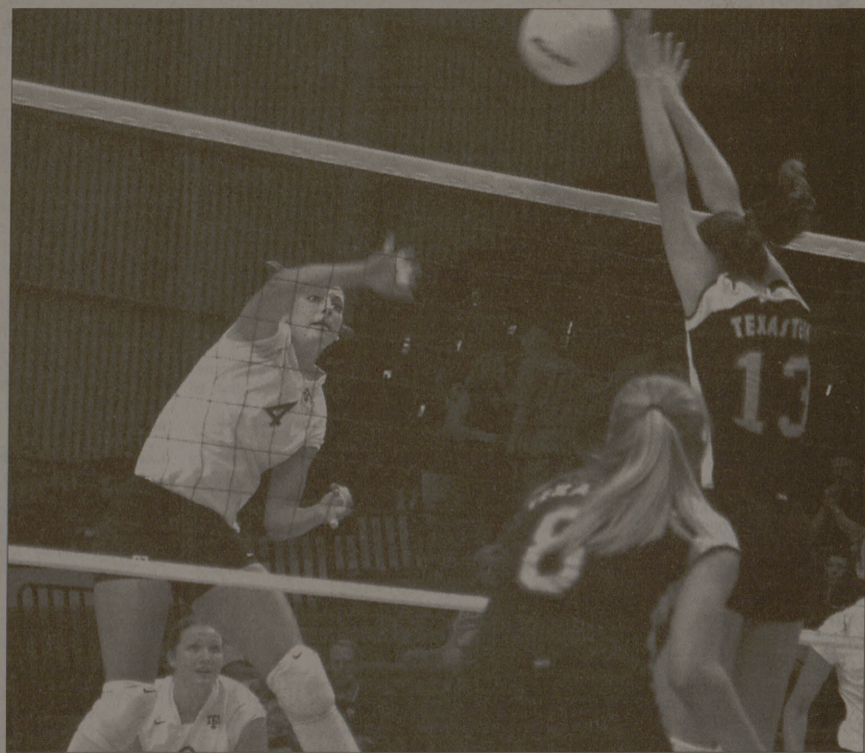
After splitting the first 12 points of the game with the Raiders (8-8, 0-7), the Aggies never trailed, immediately going on a 16-6 run. The run was helped along by some strong defensive play by the Aggies. They held the Raiders to .135 hitting percentage, while hitting over .300 themselves.

"We've been trying hard to keep our opponent at a lower hitting percentage, that's an area where I don't think we've been doing as well as we wanted too, it was a successful evening for us from the defensive perspective," Corbelli said.

The trend toward consistency carried over into the second game, which looked a whole lot like the first. Again the Raiders scored first, but made little noise after that. The Aggies immediately turned the fledgling Tech lead around by stringing together six straight points. After that it was all A&M, leading to a 30-25 win, and giving the Aggies a 2-0 lead in the match.

On the court the Aggies were led by the usual suspects.

Junior Melissa Munsch finished with a career high hitting percentage of .500, along with 10 kills. Sophomore Laura Jones added a team high 13 kills, and



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Texas A&M junior outside hitter **Melissa Munsch** goes for the kill but is blocked by Texas Tech middle blocker **Raven Garrett** makes the block. The Aggies beat the Raiders in three games.

senior Beth Skypala put in 17 digs on defense.

thought about letting up, especially after the last two losses we had."

The Aggies made quick work of the

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### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Texas, Oklahoma governors make bets on UT-OU

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A side of beef and 150 pounds of cornmeal for cornbread are riding on the outcome of Saturday's Oklahoma-Texas football game in a friendly wager between Gov. Brad Henry and Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

A Sooner victory will mean Perry must pony up an entire side of beef, courtesy of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers.

A Texas win will require Henry to turn over 150 pounds of cornmeal for cornbread, courtesy of the Shawnee-based Shawnee Milling Co.

Henry said he expects No. 1 Oklahoma to claim another victory in Dallas. Oklahoma has defeated Texas the past three years.

"While I applaud Governor Perry for his loyalty to the Longhorns, I am confident that coach Bob Stoops and our Sooners will make Saturday another banner day for the crimson and cream," Henry said.

#### MLB League Championship Series Results

NLCS	R	H	E
Florida	3	9	1
Chicago	12	16	1
Series tied 1-1			

ALCS	R	H	E
Boston	5	13	0
Yankees	2	3	0
Boston leads 1-0			

## A&M swimmers open their season this weekend

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If last season is any indication of what this season could be for the Texas A&M women's swimming and diving team, the Aggies have plenty to be excited about, especially since the NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships will take place in College Station.

However, as the saying goes, one must learn to walk before he can run.

A&M will begin taking baby steps toward the NCAA championship Friday when it hosts the University of North Texas and Incarnate Word University in a dual meet.

The Aggies will go into the meet brimming with confidence after a banner season last spring.

Three A&M swimmers won Big 12 titles (an A&M record), and nine swimmers and five relay teams went to the NCAA Championships.

In addition, the Aggies will be returning eight NCAA qualifiers, including sophomore Katie Fancher, who was voted team MVP after an impressive 2002-2003 season in which she swam to a Big 12 title in the 500 meter

freestyle.

A&M head coach Steve Bultman said he is expecting big things from a squad loaded with talent.

"I am very excited about this year because I think this could be the best team I've had since I've been here," Bultman said. "This will be a good meet to get the season started because we'll be facing tough competition when we

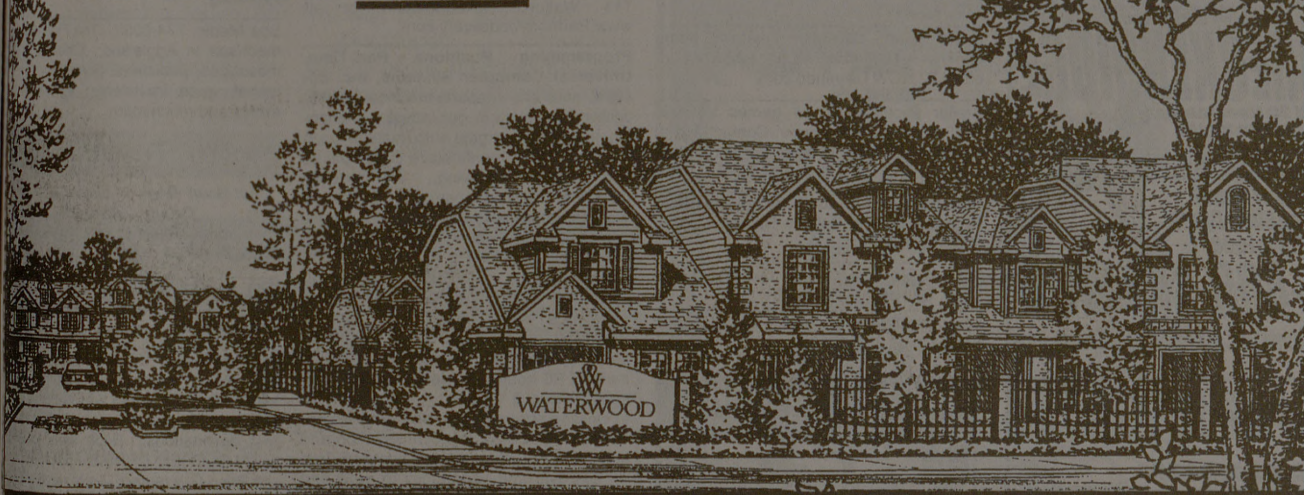
head up to (the Big 12 relays) next week."

Meanwhile for North Texas, starting the season against a tough Aggie squad is just what the young team needs.

This is only the sixth year of the program's existence at North Texas, and the Mean Green have not been able to avoid the

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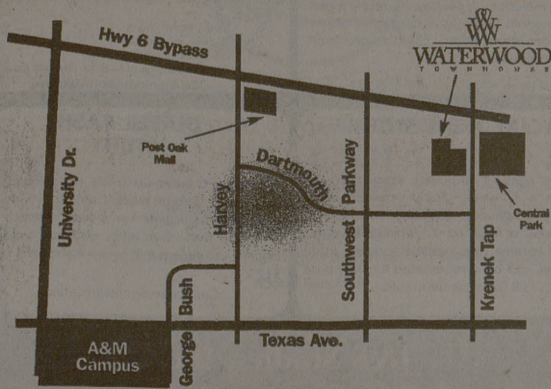
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