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Volleyball

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(San Diego State University Invitational), but the rest of competition really wasn't the caliber that we expect at A&M and California."

Gregory said her squad is bigger and more physical than in the past and that she hopes to step up well with heavyweights as A&M and UC-Berkeley.

"What I try to do every day in the preseason is to play conference games against teams ranked high to let us know our strengths and weaknesses," Gregory said.

Gregory's team includes players of junior middle blocker Megan Blackshire and sophomore middle blocker Olivia Waldowski. Waldowski recorded 10 blocks and three aces in a set of Texas Tech to cap the tournament, and Blackshire is coming off a 10-kill performance.

"UCSB is a great program that have been for a long time," Corbelli said. "We want this chance to compare ourselves to the UC-Berkeley."

Corbelli said his team might suffer the effects of a rigorous game and travel schedule, but he won't be too much of a factor.

"I'd like to see the same level of effort as we had last week against UCLA," Corbelli said. "This has been one of the best starts coming out of two-sets we've had effort-wise. Offensively, the level of execution has been outstanding, and we want to be more consistent in that level."

The Lady Gauchos hope to overcome A&M's top senior All-American middle blocker Melissa Munsch, junior outside hitter Laura Jones and junior setter Kari Kelley.

Munsch is five digs away from becoming the seventh Aggie to total more than 1,000 digs and 1,000 kills in a career. Jones leads the team in kills (four) and digs (three) per game, and Kelley averages 11.36 assists per game.

The Aggies have never beaten UCSB. The record is 3-0 in favor of the Lady Gauchos, though two teams have not met since 1997. The tournament is the Aggies' first before opening conference play on Iowa State Sept. 15.

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dispensing North Texas 65-35 last week, but head coach Mark Brown said his team should not underestimate the Razorbacks like the polls have.

While the Razorbacks still have senior quarterback Matt Jones — as big and athletic as almost any quarterback in the country — they return no other starters on offense from last year's team. Couple that with a defense with only two returnees, and the Razorbacks' 22-game winning streak against non-conference opponents is in serious jeopardy.

Texas Tech vs. New Mexico

After a less-than-impressive 27-13 victory over lowly Southern Methodist University to start the season, Texas Tech (14-1) looks to unleash its high-powered offense this week against the University of New Mexico (0-4).

If Tech head coach Mike Leach's offense can carry last week's second-half momentum against SMU into this week, Leach shouldn't have to resort to drastic tactics. Senior quarterback Sonny Cumbie, who will be making only his second career start this week, has already fit comfortably in Tech's pass-heavy scheme. Cumbie's statistics against the Mustangs were more than impressive, as he threw for 477 yards and four touchdowns.

New Mexico, however, is no pushover. It looked strong against Washington State last week, despite falling 21-17, and look to be improved from last year. Having said that, the Longhorns' defense will have its hands full trying to stop Cumbie and the Red Raiders' aerial assault.

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DATE	SPORT	SITE	PTS.
Sept. 10	Soccer	College Station	1
Oct. 16	Volleyball	College Station	1/2
Oct. 30	Men's Cross Country	Topeka, Kan.	1
Oct. 30	Women's Cross Country	Topeka, Kan.	1
Nov. 11	Volleyball	Austin	1/2
Nov. 26	Football	Austin	1
Jan. 12	Men's Basketball	College Station	1/2
Feb. 2	Women's Basketball	Austin	1/2
Feb. 4	Women's Swimming & Diving	College Station	1
Feb. 5	Men's Swimming & Diving	Austin	1
Feb. 16	Men's Basketball	Austin	1/2
Feb. 25-26	Men's Indoor Track & Field	Lincoln, Neb.	1
Feb. 25-26	Women's Indoor Track & Field	Lincoln, Neb.	1
Mar. 2	Women's Basketball	College Station	1/2
Apr. 6	Softball	Austin	1/2
Apr. 20	Women's Tennis	Austin	1
Apr. 22-24	Women's Golf	Austin	1
Apr. 23	Men's Tennis	College Station	1
Apr. 27	Softball	College Station	1/2
Apr. 29-M1	Men's Golf	Trinity, Texas	1
May 13-15	Men's Outdoor Track & Field	Manhattan, Kan.	1
May 13-15	Women's Outdoor Track & Field	Manhattan, Kan.	1
May 20	Baseball	College Station	1
May 21	Baseball	Austin	
May 22	Baseball	Austin	

The first match of the State Farm Lone Star Showdown is **FRIDAY NIGHT** at 6:30 p.m. at the **AGGIE SOCCER COMPLEX** as the Aggies and Longhorns square off in a top-25 tilt.

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