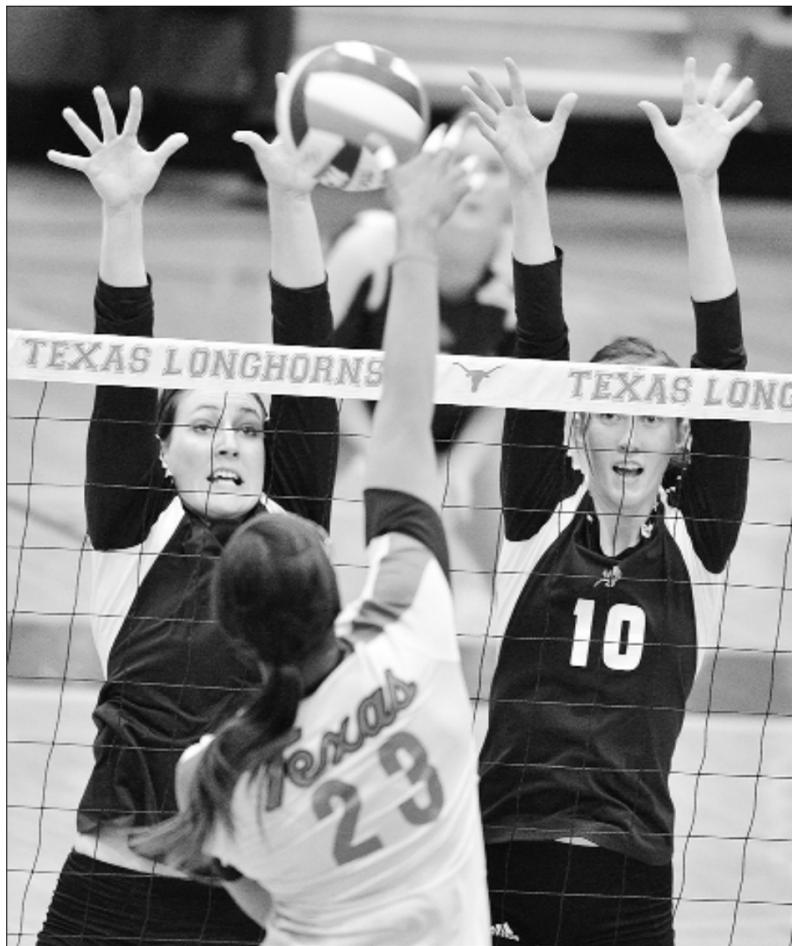


COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL



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Texas State seniors Amari Deardorff (left) and Ashlee Hilbun (right) go up to the net to try to block a kill attempt by Texas' Bailey Webster in Thursday's match.

Bobcats push UT to the brink

TXST swept again, but fights

By TYLER MAYFORTH
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — Some strange things happened halfway through the second set of an eventual three-set loss by Texas State to Texas in the first round of the NCAA Division I Volleyball Tournament.

Gregory Gym, the usual raucous home of the Longhorns, nearly fell silent in the second set.

"There was a point when the crowd got a little quieter," said senior right-side hitter Amari Deardorff, who led the Bobcats with nine kills. "It was cool for us to feel like even the crowd was a little nervous."

If, at some point, the home crowd tried to start a "Texas-Fight" chant, the second part of it was quickly replaced by "State" by a strong Bobcat contingent.

"We could hear our crowd," Texas State head coach Karen Chisum said. "Those fans who came up were very, very appreciative of what these girls were doing."

Above all, Texas head coach Jerritt Elliott had to make a "T" with his hands twice and call his defending national champions back to the huddle. Elliott

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Texas State junior Caylin Mahoney had 26 assists in Thursday's 3-0 loss to UT.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lady Rattlers split

By JOSEPH GARCIA
Daily Record Sports

BUDA — Christina Jamerson's Lady Rattlers made the short trip to Hays High School yesterday and returned home with success after splitting games within their pool.

Facing a good Austin-St. Michael's team in the opener yesterday morning, San Marcos conquered the Lady Crusaders 55-40 for its third-consecutive win, led by Shannon Mathis' 18-point performance.

However, in the afternoon matchup with Bryan-Rudder, who took out host Hays earlier in the day 61-48, the Lady Rattlers were met with a tougher test.

The Lady Rattlers hung tough and never backed down, hustling until the final buzzer, but the Lady Rangers pulled out a 69-56 victory. San Marcos is now 7-7 for the season and 4-2 in its last six contests.

Jamerson was pleased

with the way Day 1 of the Hays Rebel Classic went for her team.

"The win this morning was a good thing to start us off and we were still on the high of beating East Central," Jamerson said. "We had watched film and saw some things where we all blocked out and so on and that's what we brought. That last game the girls now feel like we can hang with that team. We just didn't do the things that we needed to do."

Tied up a 9-all late in the first quarter, Rudder went on a 7-3 run to close out the period, taking a 16-12 lead. Then just when the Lady Rangers began to pull away in the second frame, Mathis hit back-to-back-to-back 3-pointers to end the half. The three-point barrage closed Rudder's advantage to 35-27 at halftime.

In the third quarter it was the Lady Rangers' who nailed a myriad of three-point

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San Marcos junior Madison Miles goes up for a layup during a recent game.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas State can't rally to road win

From Staff Reports

HOUSTON — A second-half rally by the Bobcats fell short on Thursday evening, as they fell on the road to Rice by a score of 74-61.

Texas State outscored the Owls 43-40 in the second half and came within five with 3:14 left in the game.

The Bobcats (1-6) started in control of the game, quickly building up a 9-0 lead through the first three minutes. Rice's Jessica Kuster, however, snapped the Bobcat run and proceeded to lead the Owls on a 24-2 run with 7:15 remaining in the half.

Rice (5-5) built up a 16-point, 34-18 lead going into the locker rooms. Ayriel Anderson highlighted the Texas State offense in the first half, totaling nine points

for the Bobcats.

Out of the intermission, the Owls scored the first four points en route to building up a 20-point lead on the Bobcats. Texas State answered the Owls second half start with six straight, setting the tone for the remainder of the game.

After cutting the Rice lead to 12 on several occasions in the second half, the Bobcats once again found themselves down 16 with 8:18 remaining. The Bobcats then used a 16-5 run during the next five minutes, capped by lay-up by Erin Peoples, to make it a 60-55 game in favor of the Owls.

Rice's Elena Gumbs snapped the Bobcat streak with a three with 2:41 left, putting an end to the Bobcats second-half rally.

NFL

Lowly Texans fall to the Jaguars

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars have gone from the worst team in the NFL to the hottest team in the AFC.

And they're enjoying it. Chad Henne threw two touchdown passes, Jordan Todman scored on some trickery and the Jaguars held on to beat the Houston Texans 27-20 on Thursday night.

The Jaguars (4-9) won their third straight — their fourth victory in five games since a bye — and continued to show signs of progress under first-year coach Gus Bradley. They have the longest winning streak in the AFC.

"Four out of five, yeah, you're feeling good," Henne said.

Jacksonville also won at home for the first time since Nov. 25, 2012, against Tennessee.

"Our guys just really believe," Bradley said. "The biggest challenge is to keep doing what we're doing. We're a young team that's learning how to do this."

Houston (2-11) extended its franchise-record losing streak to 11 games, a stunning stretch of futility that could lead the franchise to fire coach Gary Kubiak.

"It's been a gut-wrenching experience," said Kubiak, whose team has lost eight games by seven points or less. "We've been in so many close games."

Kubiak and the Texans looked as if they would end the streak after a quarterback change, but Geno Hayes intercepted Matt Schaub's pass with 2:08 remaining to seal Jacksonville's first series sweep since 2009.

Schaub came off the bench and

carved up Jacksonville's secondary in the second half.

He replaced starter Case Keenum late in the third quarter and led the team to a touchdown and a field goal in his first two possessions. The Texans were in the red zone again, but failed to convert a fourth-down play with 3:37 remaining. Jacksonville picked up a huge first down that flipped the field — not surprising that it came on a penalty — but punted.

Hayes picked off Schaub's next pass, a floater over the middle.

The Jaguars milked the clock from there, and Josh Scobee's 39-yard field goal provided some insurance. The Texans had one final chance — they needed to go 77 yards in 20 seconds and without a timeout — but Schaub was sacked to end the game.

Jacksonville 27, Houston 20

Houston	0	7	10	3	-20
J'Ville	7	10	7	3	-27

First Quarter		
JAX — Lewis 1 pass from Henne (Scobee kick), 8:48.		
Second Quarter		
JAX — Shorts III 6 pass from Henne (Scobee kick), 13:41.		
HOU — Martin 8 pass from Keenum (Bullock kick), 1:53.		
JAX — FG Scobee 40, :03.		
Third Quarter		
HOU — FG Bullock 34, 8:29.		
JAX — Todman 21 pass from Sanders (Scobee kick), 6:12.		
HOU — Graham 5 pass from Schaub (Bullock kick), 1:08.		
Fourth Quarter		
HOU — FG Bullock 31, 11:31.		
JAX — FG Scobee 39, :25.		
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Kickoff Returns	3-40	2-48
Ints Ret.	0-0	2-11
Comp-Att-Int	33-58-2	13-28-0
Sacked-YL	3-34	1-6
Punts	5-43.8	8-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yds	14-177	8-57
T.O.P	35:22	24:38

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Houston: Tate 14-53, Keenum 1-13, D.Johnson 3-10, Schaub 1-7. Jacksonville: Jones-Drew 14-103, Henne 4-33, Todman 7-14, Sanders 1-0, Robinson 2-(minus 1).
Passing — Houston: Schaub 17-29-1-198, Keenum 16-29-1-159. Jacksonville: Henne 12-27-0-117, Sanders 1-1-0-21.
Receiving — Houston: A.Johnson 13-154, Graham 8-73, Martin 4-28, Hopkins 3-76, Tate 2-3, Griffin 1-10, Posey 1-9, D.Johnson 1-4. Jacksonville: Sanders 3-26, Brown 3-16, Lewis 2-42, Jones-Drew 2-20, Shorts III 2-13, Todman 1-21.

	HOU	JAX
First downs	23	18
Total Net Yards	406	281
Rushes-yards	19-83	28-149
Passing	323	132
Punt Returns	3-21	2-25

The Daily Record's
TWO MINUTE DRILL

LOCAL SCHEDULE...

- Friday, December 6**
High School Basketball
- SMA boys at Beorne Geneva Tournament, TBA
 - San Marcos girls vs. Hays, 1 p.m., Hays Rebel Classic
- High School Soccer**
- San Juan Diego at SMA, 7:30 p.m.

- Saturday, December 7**
College Volleyball
- Texas State at NCAA Tournament, TBA
- High School Basketball**
- SMA boys at Beorne Geneva Tour-

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- San Marcos girls at Hays Tournament, Bracket Play
- High School Football**
- Class 4A Division II Regional Final: Port Lavaca Calhoun vs. SA Alamo Heights, 1 p.m. (Bobcat Stadium)
 - Class 5A Division II Regional Final: San Antonio-Johnson vs. Cibolo-Steele, 7 p.m (Bobcat Stadium)

BRIEFLY...

Rattler Football Banquet
Do you want to celebrate San Marcos' strong football season? Well, you're in luck!
On Friday, Dec. 6, the San Marcos football team will hold its annual banquet inside the SMHS cafeteria and PAC.
Cost of the meal is \$15 per plate. Dress is Sunday best.
For more information, be sure to contact Kirsten Ousey at 512-757-0731.

San Marcos PAGA Scramble
On Sunday, Dec. 8, the San Marcos Pan American Golf Association will hold its annual scramble golf tournament out at Quail Creek Country Club.
Any golfer can participate and it's \$45 per play, plus a toy donation. Along with the right to play in the tournament, players get green fee/cart and a meal.
Shotgun start begins at 10 a.m.
For more information, be sure to contact Bobby Rodrigurz at 512-470-1356

or text Peter Contreras at 512-393-1958.
Deadline to enter is Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m.

Quail Creek Ladies Golf League

The Quail Creek Ladies League plays every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Quail Creek Country Club. To sign up, call 353-1665 before 9 a.m.

New-look blog on Texas State

Be sure to check out our blog on Texas State athletics by visiting <http://www.TexasStateSports.com> for all of the up-to-date news on the Texas State Bobcats.



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Texas State freshman Shelby Vas Matt slams home one of her three kills during Thursday night's match. Vas Matt was one of six Bobcats with multiple kills.

Bobcats...

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did so again in the third set when the Bobcats (24-13) still wouldn't back down.

"I want to make it known that Jerritt had to call three timeouts," said Chisum, who coached with a heavy heart with her mother hospitalized from a heart attack earlier in the week. "They got a little frustrated. Jerritt got a little frustrated. That makes me smile and I love him."

Outside of a dreadful first set in which Chisum said her team looked intimidated by the Longhorns' athleticism and power, Texas State responded to each burnt-orange surge with one of its own.

Early on the Bobcats couldn't find a way to slow down Texas' bigger hitters. High passes and brute force from the Longhorns (24-2) nullified Texas State's block and Texas picked apart the Bobcats' young back line on its way to a 25-13 first-set victory in which it hit a robust .429.

"We were extremely disappointed with that first game," Chisum said. "You've got to attack and have relentless pursuit. There were times in the first game when we just didn't do it."

Texas State had to take the pressure off sophomore libero Sierra Smith and freshman defensive specialist Ali Hubicsak and did so by serving better and switching to a quicker offense. Knowing they couldn't match the

Longhorns in the power game, the Bobcats tried to disarm the opponent's big hitters by serving right at them and used speed to get around the taller block.

"Once we were able to open up the hitters like me and Ashlee (Hilbun) more and have a faster offense, it really got the momentum of the game going," Texas State senior middle blocker Molly Ahrens said. "It kind of put the game on our shoulders and we got to run at our speed instead of their speed."

The Bobcats forced Elliott's first timeout of the match after back-to-back aces by Hilbun closed Texas' lead to 15-9 after it had been 13-2. Then an 8-4 run by Texas State made the Longhorns sweat even more.

"They played extremely well and were confident," Elliott said of the Bobcats. "They played really, really well and put us on our heels for a while."

Texas State, however, couldn't push Texas hard enough to make the giant fall over. After getting the second set to both 23-all and 24-all, the Bobcats failed to get the two necessary points they needed to even the match.

Momentum was on Texas State's side coming out of intermission and Chisum's team took an 8-4 lead in the third game, but the Longhorns rallied. Texas closed the match on a 21-8 run and sent the Bobcats, who won the 2013 Sun Belt Conference Tournament, to a long offseason.

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