

Aggert patiently waits to become UF starter

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Aggert is the understudy. Senior setter, Heidi Anderson, is the spotlight while adding to her record with the Gator volleyball team. Aggert is spending her freshman year on the bench taking notes. "One of the big ways to learn is to watch," Aggert said. "During the recruitment process you know you can go to a school and probably going to start. Here, I laid it out for me — your career is for learning."

Florida is at right now, it's the best. If Heidi hadn't been there would have been a lot of plays at 7 tonight at Florida and Anderson to play the leading the Gators' offense.

But come next year, it will be Aggert's turn in the spotlight.

"We didn't expect her to be at Heidi's level when she came in," UF coach Mary Wise said. "But starting in the spring, she's calling the shots. It's her show."

Aggert has had a taste of her future role in recent games. In the Gators' final home match Sunday against Mississippi State, Aggert set the middle game of UF's 15-2, 15-10, 15-1 victory. She finished with 15 assists to Anderson's 13.

The statistic is a bit misleading. UF's hitting efficiency with Aggert in the game was .085. In Anderson's two games, the figures were .615 and .455.

But UF's players aren't complaining.

"I like it when Missy comes in," said

freshman outside hitter Meg Fitzgerald. "Missy's going to be our setter the next three years."

Aggert has not made the impact that fellow freshmen Fitzgerald, Aycan Gokberk and Chanda Stebbins have made. But she has received a substantial amount of playing time.

"Lots of times, I'll play the second or third game," Aggert said. "I make sure I watch Heidi to see how she handles certain situations."

Anderson keeps an eye on her heir apparent, too. She noticed Aggert was upset after an Oct. 11 match against Mississippi.

"She thought if we were going to lose the game it would be her fault," Anderson said. "I just told her she has time to learn and to

just hang in there."

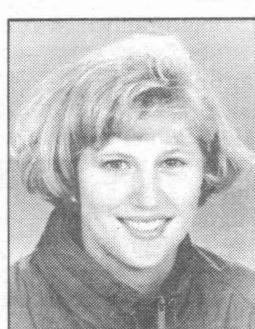
Aggert said she admires Anderson's ability to hold the team together emotionally.

"She's not only a good setter," Aggert said. "She's a good leader. She talks to me a lot about how to set certain hitters. She knows when I'm getting frustrated."

Aggert said she hopes to someday step into that leadership role as well.

Aggert was the team captain her senior season at Jacksonville (Ill.) High School, where she set school records for career kills and assists.

"I think I will get a lot more comfortable with it (leading) as the season goes on," Aggert said. "It's something that comes with time. In the Spring season, I'm going to get a lot of practice. I'm starting to think I'll be ready."



Aggert

Majors 'retires' from Tennessee, receives \$600,000

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Johnny Majors' departure from the University of Tennessee will go down as a retirement rather than with a price tag of

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to retire as assistant
director and head football
coach at the University of Tennessee,
December 31, 1992.*

a letter to the man who was American at Tennessee and later its coach for seasons — whose exit was by a combination of a

three-game losing streak, heart surgery, erosion of support and timing.

The letter was from athletic director Doug Dickey and UT executive vice president Emerson Fly. Majors signed it, acknowledging he received it and approved it.

Copies went to UT president Joe Johnson and Knoxville campus chancellor William Snyder.

The letter was dated Nov. 13. That same day Majors told a news conference in Memphis he was stepping down "since I have not been given the opportunity by the UT administration to remain as

head football coach past this current season."

The letter said Majors' "decision to retire is voluntary on your part."

It also said Majors will get a lump-sum payment of \$600,000 on or before Dec. 31.

"It's generally the amount of money he would have made if he had remained as the coach over the remaining two years (of his contract)," Dickey said Monday.

Majors' base salary is \$96,000. The rest is largely income from radio and television.

The university hasn't experienced a contract buyout before of anywhere near the size of

Majors'.

Basketball coach Don DeVoe's 1989 forced resignation brought him only his base salary — \$72,345 a year — during the 27 months left on his contract.

Majors' predecessor, Bill Battle, resigned under fire in 1976 with the university recommending he receive only the \$48,000 salary he was due for the one year remaining on his contract.

Dickey said Majors "did not choose to accept continuing employment at the university in any way."

"He said he did not choose to do that. He would rather have the

one-time settlement. We negotiated an amount of money that we were both in agreement on," Dickey said.

He said the \$600,000 will come from athletic department revenues that would have gone to boosting reserve funds that now are nearly \$3 million.

Dickey said he hopes to have Majors' successor named by Dec. 1, when coaches begin winter recruiting. Offensive coordinator Phillip Fulmer, who led the Vols to a 3-0 record while Majors was recovering from surgery, is considered the most likely choice.

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