Aggies strive for goal

The Texas A&M University women's volleyball team had two goals before the season started this fall: win the regional tournament and then win the national cham-

The Aggies completed the first of their goals Saturday in Arlington where they beat the University of Texas at Arlington to win the regional tournament for the first time.

"We had a very exciting weekend," said Dave Schakel, head volleyball coach. "I felt we were the best team all season and we proved

"I knew we had a good team but it just took a while for me to figure out what the best line up was. We have some very talented freshmen and I just had to see how everyone would

The Aggies went into the tournament seeded second and upset top-seeded UTA in four matches. UTA won the state championship at the beginning of of November while Texas A&M placed third, being upset by second place Lamar.

Now the Aggies head for Tuscaloosa, Ala. to try and fulfill their second goal — the national cham-

pionship. The tournament is packed with California schools and promises to be a good one.

"I believe we will go into the tournament seeded seventh or eighth," Schakel said. "Hawaii will probably be top-seeded followed by UCLA, USC, Pepperdine, Utah St., BYU and then us.

We are going to the tournament thinking we can win the whole thing. I think that we can do it too.

"It used to be that there would be one or two teams that were the strongest going into the tournament," he said. "Now the talent is pretty evenly spread and just about any team can win. I think if we play our best we can definitely win.

they received an at-large invitation front row specialists.

"Another player who came off the

Aggie starters are healthy and ready ment, scoring seven crucial points for the tournament according to in the final match against UTA.

Schakel praised his players for their consistently good play and hard work all season that got them

Lisa Duncan have also come off the bench to help us put together a lot of our wins. I'm just very pleased to the tournament.

"I would have to say that our co-captains, Vicki Marshall and Wendy Wilson have led the team all year," he said. "They are our best defensive players and best spikers and

have played great all year.
"Dianne Douglas led our team in blocking this year. I think she can block just about anything a team can put over the net.

"We have one quarterback out there and that is our setter, Kristen Bloom. She sets every ball that is set and has done an outstanding job all

"We have two more positions that four people share. We have front and back row specialists and all four have played excellently for us. Donna Branch and Crystal Cobb are This is not the first trip to the national tournament for the Aggies as Dunn and Krista Sodich are the

The Aggies take a 47-11 record bench time and time again to help into the tournament being held at us is Pam Hill. She played a big part the University of Alabama. All of the in our drive to the national tourna-

Pam Miller, Mary Rushke and with our whole team," he said.

Campbell leads the way

Oilers slip by Miam Page 1918

United Press International HOUSTON — What Earl Campbell has done for the Houston Oilers can be told in the story of the simple slip screen pass

The tale began as Campbell was carrying Tyler High to a Texas state football championship in 1973 and Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini was trying to surprise NFL defenses with the slip screen — a pass thrown across the field to a wide receiver who has stepped back behind the line of scrimmage

"We used it a lot, probably too much," Pastorini said. "But it was a potent play. We needed something to keep defenses honest and that seemed to be the best we had. We used it even though it didn't work half the

Houston's use of the play, which was seemingly the Oilers' only departure from offensive conservatism, became a joke

among local sportswriters.
"Where have I seen that before," a press box spectator would announce loudly. More often than not, he was no more surprised by the slip screen than

opposing defenses.

Then came Campbell, who is after 12 games the NFL's leading

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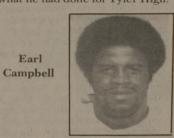
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eighth rookie in NFL history to gain more than 1,000 yards aground. In the last collegiate draft, coach Bum Phillips se-cured the 220-pound Heisman Trophy winner who by then had done for the University of Texas what he had done for Tyler High.



"Before, people didn't respect r running," Oilers wide reour running," Oilers wide re-ceiver Ken Burrough said. "Before Earl they didn't stay at home. When you have a back like him, the slip screen is almost

unstoppable."
The Miami Dolphins would not disagree after their dishear-tening 35-30 loss of a Monday night thriller in the Astrodome. Campbell ran for 199 yards and four touchdowns, and a halfdozen slip screen passes to Burrough, Rich Caster and Mike Renfro worked every time for

Eight-year veteran cornerback Willie Alexander said the Oilers, a possible playoff team now, have never won a bigger game against

a tougher opponent.

"Give credit to (Miami coach)
Don Shula for making my night a
track meet," Alexander said.

"He's one of the greatest of all time. His game plan was magnificent. We didn't know where

they were coming from next."

The Dolpins appeared to have enough to win the game when defensive end A.J. Duhe made a spectacular sack of Pastorini in the end zone early in the fourth quarter for a safety and a 23-21 lead. But the Oilers defense, despite being riddled for almost 500 yards, held Miami after its free kick was returned into its territory.

"No matter if they had scored again, we would not have gotten down," Pastorini said.

Houston's offense took strength from the defensive stand and pounded 80 yards in 12 plays for the go-ahead touchdown. Campbell's 12-yard run canned that divine and then capped that drive, and then moments later following an interception he took a pitch out and fled down the right sideline for 81 more yards and a clinching

"Earl won't listen to tions," an obviously of Oilers coach Bum Phili-"I told him to just ge

down and run out the Some excellent plays were made, but enses executed so ma that they controlled t Houston's five touchdo went for 70, 87, 63, 80 yards. Miami march

touchdowns on drives of 89 and 75 yards. "It was two great offer the field tonight and the carried it to each other,

linebacker Steve Kiners "Campbell," said Shi everything they said abou and more.

Miami, with the loss, is game behind New Engla competitive championshi in the AFC Eastern Di The Patriots are 9-3 and phins 8-4 with four gar

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Aggie wrestlers win

The Texas Aggie Wrestlers journeyed to Fort Worth to participate in a five team tournament Friday.

The tournament, which was hosted by TCU, was attended by Richland Junior College, North Texas State University, and part of the University of Texas wrestling team in Fort Worth for the weekend.

The Aggies won the meet by downing TCU, UT, and NTSU — Texas A&M's main rival and second place finisher in last year's state The Aggies did not wrestle Rich-

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