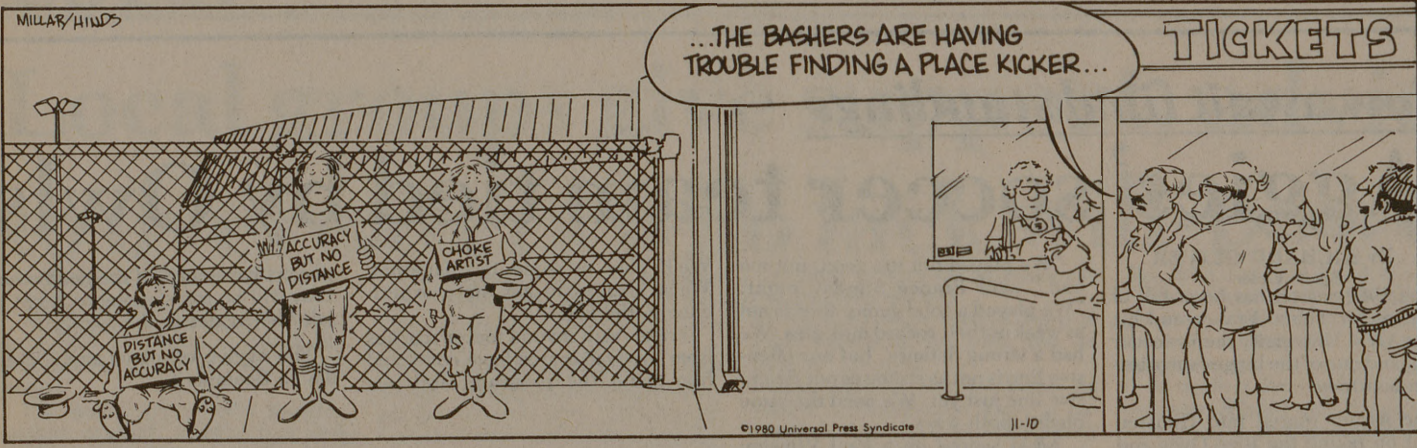


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Ag women finish fourth

Volleyball team advances

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The Texas A&M women's volleyball team started out with a bang this weekend and then hung on to take fourth place in the state volleyball championship at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

In Friday's preliminary matches, the unseeded Aggies first met up with fourth seeded Texas Tech. The Red Raiders had dealt the Aggies two losses earlier in the season, but in front of a small home crowd, the hosts won easily. As it turned out, that victory alone qualified the Aggies for the regional tournament in Baton Rouge in two weeks. The Aggies went on to defeat North Texas State and then lost to UT-Arlington on Friday. Their two victories enabled A&M to play in the championship bracket Saturday, consisting of the tournament's top four teams. This year, the top four were all invited to the regional tournament.

Saturday the Aggies lost to Houston, the eventual winner, and then to Texas to wind up fourth. Head coach Terry Condon sounded confused in her brief synopsis of her teams' play this weekend.

"It went real well Friday," she said. "But by Saturday we played like our same old selves. I don't know whether they thought the win against Tech or just one good day would be good enough or not."

Sue Wetzel, a sophomore starter for the Aggies, said the Tech victory led to the letdown.

"We were all fired up for Tech,"

the Californian said. "I guess we're all satisfied with that, and might have let up a little."

Playing five games in two days took its toll on many of the players, and Anne Yardley, another Aggie starter, said that and a tough week of practice had everyone burned out by Saturday.

"I was really tired," she said. "We had all those games and a really hard week of practice Monday through Thursday and a lot of people were really exhausted."

Injuries to Krista Sodich and Marianna McNamara, both regulars, also hurt the A&M effort. Sodich broke a finger in practice Thursday and missed the whole tournament, while McNamara twisted an ankle on Friday and did not play Saturday, though she's supposed to be back for practice today.

Leslie Lucas, a sophomore player for the Longhorns, said the Aggies will be winning a lot more in the future.

"I think it's just immaturity and inexperience that's holding them back right now," she said. "They haven't worked together long enough and they have a first-year coach like we do."

Yardley said the team should peak around two weeks from now in Baton Rouge.

"We played pretty well in this tournament because we spent the past week working on defense," she said. "That's how you beat teams like Houston, with good defense. We've got a couple of weeks to work on our

game now and we should be able to win more at regionals. We should have beaten those teams this weekend, but we just didn't play as well as we could."

This week the Ags make two more appearances at G. Rollie, facing Lamar Wednesday night and the Mexican national team Thursday.

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Dallas stunned by Giants; Dorsett rushes for 183 yards

United Press International
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New York learned the cruel facts about intensity against the Philadelphia Eagles a month ago and Sunday the Giants made Dallas pay dearly for their education.

The Giants saw a 16-3 halftime lead dissolve into a 31-16 defeat against the Eagles four weeks ago and New York coach Ray Perkins chastised his club for a lack of concentration. Perkins, however, was all smiles Sunday when the Giants made the big plays in a 38-35 victory over the Cowboys that snapped an eight-game losing streak.

"George (defensive end Martin) and I told ourselves before the game we have to play for 60 minutes," said New York defensive end Gary Jeter. "They went up 35-28, but we never quit. This is the best win since I've been here."

"Dallas is a great team, but we made more big plays and that (wide receiver Mike) Friede, I wanna' take him out to dinner."

Phil Simms threw for 351 yards and three touchdowns and hit Friede with a 40-yard pass to the Cowboys set up Joe Danelo's winning 27-yard field goal 36 seconds left.

"I did an awful lot of things well out there," Simms, who helped the Giants end a 12-game losing streak to the Cowboys and dropped Dallas. "There were a lot of great catches out there, I know if it was me or them."

Dallas gambled and failed late in the game. Robert Newhouse was stopped by defensive end Van Pelt on a fourth-and-1 from the Cowboys. Pelt, who also notched two of the five interceptions, was thrown by Danny White, asked to be traded last month, but he scarcely hid his glee after answering questions to the refrain of "New York" in the lockerroom.

"I had forgot what it feels like to win," said a year veteran linebacker. "This is one of the best I've had."

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The Aggies received 23 of the 31

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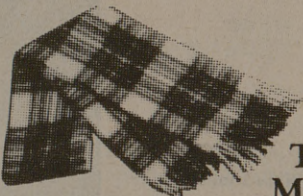
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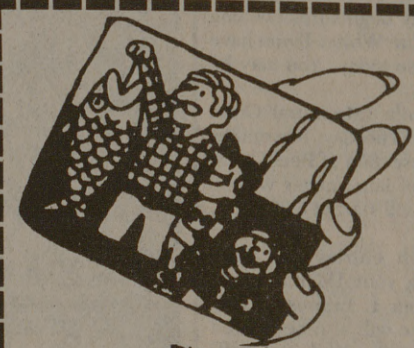
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