## Volleyballers defeat S. Illinois, Tech

By Tom Mulos Reporter

The weekend was pretty profitable for Texas A&M athletic

Not only did the football team beat Arkansas but, the Lady Aggie volleyball team won both of their weekend matches.

First, A&M defeated Southern Illinois Friday night, 15-10, 7-15, 15-6 and 15-9. Second, it upset Texas Tech, the Southwest Conference's second-place team, in four games on Sunday, 6-15, 15-9, 15-6 and 15-5.

"It's been a big weekend," A&M Coach Al Givens said. "I thought since we won on Friday and the football team won a big game that we might be down.

"This really put an end to a big weekend. This is not the same team that was playing in September and that's obvious. This team has learned how to win.'

A&M extended its record to 15-19 overall and 4-5 in conference while Tech dropped to 14-14 and 6-3 respectively.

Earlier in the season, A&M won the first two games against Texas Tech before the Red Raiders came back and won three games to win the match.

This time, the scenario was omewhat reversed.

Texas Tech won the first game but the Aggies came back to win the next three.

"We had problems passing the ball in the first game," Givens said. "But in the next games, they

pulled together and got the job

"I'm really proud of our younger players like Amy Cumings, Krista Hierholzer, both freshmen, and Megan Purtell, a

Cumings had 11 kills out of 20 attempts for a .558 attack percentage. Senior Yvonne Van Brandt added a .358 set percentage along with Hierholzer's .353.

"Yvonne (Van Brandt) played really well," Givens said. "She really had good set selection to-

Texas Tech was led by Susan Kelly's .545 attack percentage and Mary Loescher's .327 set percentage. Tech committed 17 errors to A&M's nine.

Red Raider Becky Boxwell, third in the conference in kills average, was held to a .225 attack percentage with 13 kills.

"They (Tech) made a lot of passing errors which really boosted our momentum," Givens

A&M has gone 6-6 against teams that they played earlier in the season. They have also won six of their last seven matches.

'Two matches ago down in Houston," Givens said, "I said that the team had finally learned how to play to win instead of playing not to lose.

"That is something that will really help this young team next season. We have now played 34 matches this season so this team is not really young anymore.

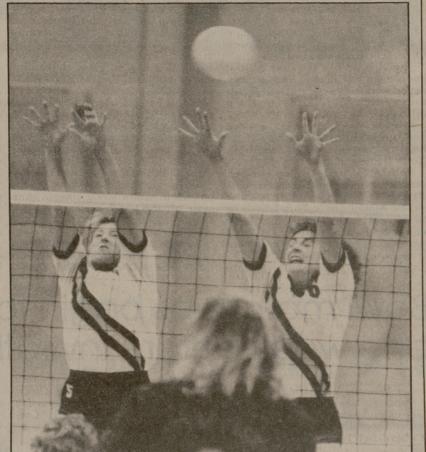


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A&M's Krista Hierholzer (left) and Amy Cumings go up for a block Sunday during the Aggies four-game victory over Texas Tech.

#### Cowboys down Pats for overtime victory

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Herschel Walker raced 60 yards for a touchdown 1:50 into overtime as the Dallas Cowboys overcame a plague of penalties and a late New England lead for a 23-17 NFL victory over

the Patriots Sunday.

Dallas' Roger Ruzek had sent the game into overtime with a 20-yard field goal with 28 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

The Cowboys, 5-4, started at their own 30-yard line following the overtime kickoff. After Walker's 2-yard loss and an incompletion, a third-down pass from Danny White to Timmy Newsome gained 12 yards and a first down at the 40. Walker, who rushed for an NFL career high 173 yards, fourth best in team history, then burst through the left side of the lne for the winning touch-

It improved Dallas' overtime record to 6-2 and dropped New England's to 0-9.

The Patriots, 4-5, had taken a 17-14 lead with 1:55 left in the fourth quarter on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Tom Ramsey to Stanley Morgan. Ramsey had enterned the game zone.

early in the third quarter after Steve Grogan was tackled and suffered

But Dallas marched 78 yards in 11 plays and 1:27 for the tying field goal. The key play was a 43-yard, fourth-down completion from White to Mike Renfro that brought

the ball to the New England 27. Dallas tied a club record with 15 enalties one week after committing 11 in a 27-17 loss to Detroit.

White's 3-yard touchdown pass to Doug Cosbie 10 seconds before intermission had given Dallas a 14-7 halftime lead. The Cowboys had scored first on Ron Francis' 18-yard interception return for a touchdown, but the Patriots tied the game on Grogan's 2-yard run.

New England cut the lead to 14-10 on Tony Franklin's 41-yard field goal with 9:48 left in the fourth

It followed a penalty that gave him a second chance. Cornerback Robert Williams had blocked Franklin's 46-yard attempt but was penalized for lining up in the neutral

#### Oilers ransack Steelers on strength of Moon

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Warren Moon threw third-quarter touchdown passes to Curtis Duncan and Drew Hill as the surprising Houston Oilers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers

23-3 Sunday and ended a decade-long Three Rivers Stadium jinx. Moon completed 18 of 24 passes for 252 yards as the Oilers, off to their best start in seven years, won in Pittsburgh for the first time since 1978. The Oilers, 6-3, remained tied for the AFC Central Division lead with Cleveland while ending a fourgame losing streak against the Steelers, who had won eight of their pre-

vious nine games. Moon, held in check in the first half by Pittsburgh's blitzing linebackers, gave Houston the lead for good at 7-3 with a 14-yard scoring pass to Duncan midway through the third period. It was the fifth touchdown catch in the last four games for Duncan, a rookie 10th-round draft choice from Northwestern.

Moon, who had beaten Pittsburgh only once previously in his four-year career, made it 14-3 with 1:30 left in the period on a 42-yard scoring pass to a wide-open Hill, who had slipped behind two Steelers' defenders. The score completed a 6-play, 90-yard scoring drive kept alive by Moon's 24-yard completion to Givins on a second-and-seven play.

The Steelers, falling to 5-4, never.

threatened after Gary Anderson gave them a 3-0 lead with a 22-yard field goal in the final minute of the first quarter.

With embattled quarterback Mark Malone again unable to generate an offense, the Steelers' next seven drives ended in either a punt or turnover. Malone completed only 7 of 22 passes for 89 yards and an interception and was replaced at the start of the fourth quarter by Bubby

Malone, booed loudly during the Steelers' last home game, a 23-20 victory over Cincinnati on Oct. 25, was increasingly jeered Sunday and Brister's entrance brought a loud roar from the crowd.

# **Aggies**

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walked off the field carrying Stump on his shoulders, said the game proved a lot about the senior quarerback and his desire to help the

"The best way to describe it," herrill said, "is that there were a lot of players who really hung in there matter what happened, and Craig is one of them.

"We started off the year not really performing, and I kept saying that it

wasn't the quarterback's fault, at least not all of it. But he (Stump) never let it get him down. He was ready to respond and play the game."

Stump entered the game in the third quarter after the Aggies took over on their own 22-yard line. After picking up a quick first down, Stump kept the ball on an option to the left side for 21 yards. After three more first downs, the Aggies faced a third down and goal situation from the Arkansas 3-yard line.

Stump then dropped back and hit terback Quinn Grovey made a poor

freshman wide receiver Gary Oliver in the corner of the end zone for A&M's second touchdown

Arkansas, which rotated four different quarterbacks into the game, mounted its only sustained drive of the day late in the fourth quarter after recovering a Matt Gurley fumble on its own 26-yard line.

The Razorbacks used four first downs to get inside the Aggies' 10-yard line. But on third down from the 7-yard line, freshman quarpitch on a counter option that was recovered by A&M's Mickey Wash-

Fumble, bumble, stumble and fall. So went Arkansas' Cotton Bowl

A&M on the other hand, strengthened its chance for a third consecutive Dallas New Year. Even if the Aggies lose to TCU this week-end, they could repeat as the SWC representative at the Cotton Bowl by beating Texas on Thanksgiving day.

Who would have thought?

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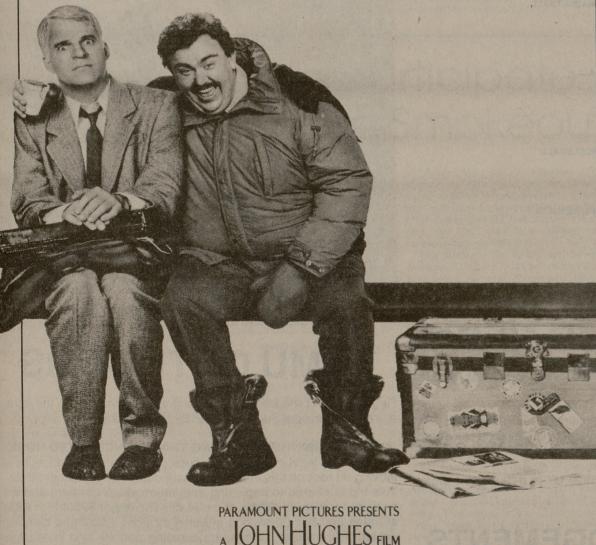
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