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Lady Ags dominate SHSU in home sweep

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Although the Texas A&M lady volleyball team has been anything but dominant this year, they swept Sam Houston State Tuesday night. It took A&M only an hour to dispose of SHSU 15-6, 15-7, 15-4. A&M fired on all cylinders, boasting a .375 killing percentage, and out-dugged SHSU 40-28. The Lady Aggies took advantage of strong spiking from Kelli Kellen, Krista Hierholzer and Amy Cummings to improve their season record to 2-3. SHSU fell to 5-6. A&M Coach Al Givens juggled the lineup, and every healthy Lady Aggie on the roster saw action in the match. Setter Yvonne Van Brandt spent all of her time at the outside attacker position, while Hierholzer and Lynn Ponder took turns setting. "I was pleased with the way that everybody contributed," Givens said. "We may have found a lineup that we can work with."

with their roles, we'll continue to improve. I was especially happy with the way our freshmen performed."

Freshmen Elizabeth Edmiston and Barb Bella contributed three kills each, and Bella played in all three games. Sophomore Alysia Gonzales saw limited action, but chipped in three kills.

In the first game, A&M broke a 4-4 tie by scoring seven of the next eight points on two aces, kills by Cummings and Bella and three SHSU errors. The Aggies then took advantage of four LadyKats' errors to chalk up the win.

Coming back strong, A&M took a 5-1 lead in the second game on a Van Brandt kill and four SHSU errors. With an 11-7 lead, Edmiston served out the game as Van Brandt registered another kill and SHSU committed two

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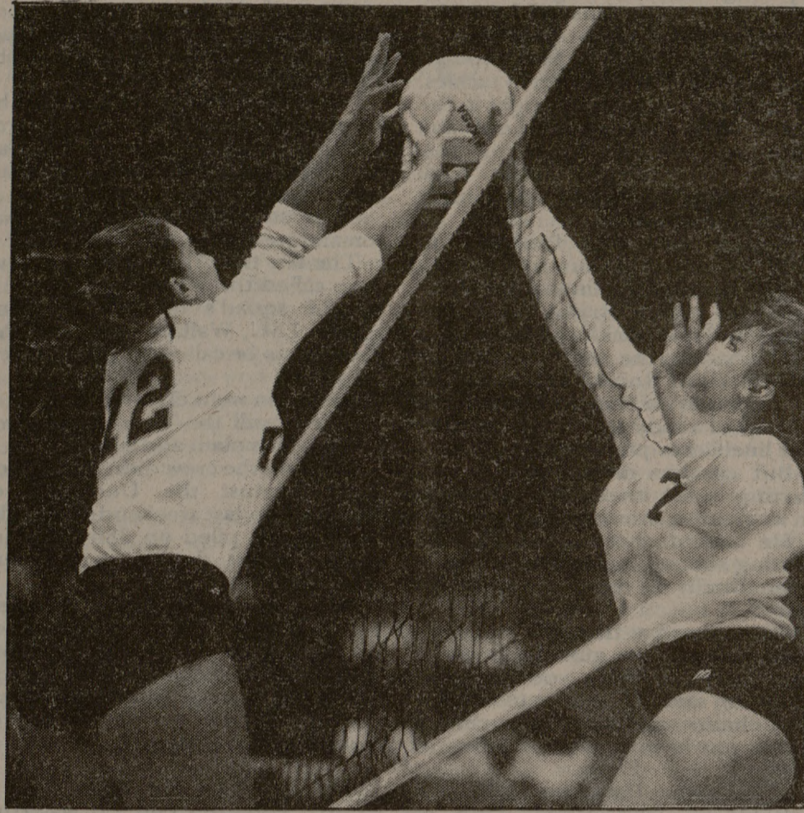


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A&M's Barb Bella (12) blocks a shot in Tuesday's win.

Robinson no no-name for Aggie fans in 1989

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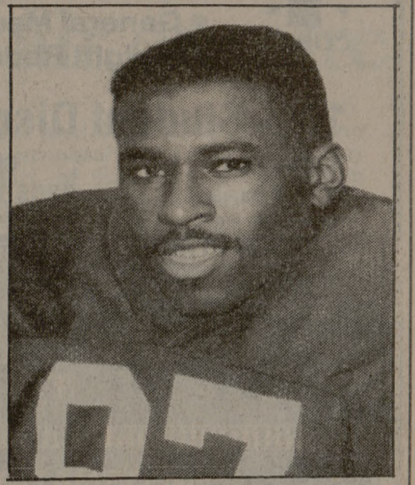
Out of the eight three-year lettermen on the Texas A&M roster, he's one of the least well-known. The senior linebacker sometimes must feel like he's in an American Express commercial.

He's Jeroy Robinson. Do you know him?

During his first three years at A&M, his was hardly a household name.

Playing behind talented players like Todd Howard and John Roper, both who now are on NFL rosters, coaches were hard-pressed to find Robinson playing time.

One experiment last season even had him playing the 6-2, 240-pound linebacker line up at noseguard.



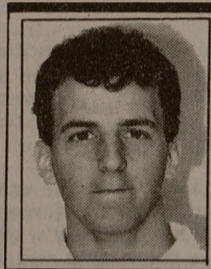
Jeroy Robinson

But Robinson's time finally has come. That might be bad news to

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Ags and Pokes drove this stoic to tears with weekend letdowns

I've never been an emotional person. You would watch the commercials for long distance telephone companies and tear up. I would snicker. When E.T. was on his deathbed, you sobbed in the theatre along with 50 bawling children. I laughed and told you it was just a movie about a short alien and a dumb kid. I ridiculed housewives who became so engrossed in daily soap operas that they would put everything on hold. Heaven help anyone who stood in their way or disturbed them during these sacred hours. I guess I just didn't understand. But this past weekend made me see the light and finally brought out my emotional side. I had been looking forward to seeing an A&M team silence its critics and beat the Washington Huskies. It was also time for the unveiling of the Jimmy Johnson era of



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the Dallas Cowboys.

Watching the Huskies tear the Aggies apart and then seeing the Saints brutalize the Cowboys, I felt tears emerge.

It wasn't a good weekend for the Cowboys, Aggies or the Southwest Conference.

I never expected the Cowboys to make a bid for the Super Bowl this early in the

season, but I thought they at least would give the Saints a run for their money.

Does 28-0 ring a season's worth of doom to your ears?

For that matter, I thought this was finally the year the SWC would gain some respect, competing with other nationally-ranked teams and fairing well.

No chance there. Two weeks ago, Texas was humiliated by Colorado. While I can always revel in a UT loss, I can't enjoy the whole SWC losing games to national teams.

The Aggies were demoralized by Washington, Baylor suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Oklahoma and TCU lost a heartbreaker to Missouri in the last minutes of its game.

The only bright spot in the conference last week came from Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders, picked to finish

seventh in the SWC by media writers and unranked in national polls, handled No. 20 Arizona, a team figured by some to be a contender for the Rose Bowl.

Could this be the Year of the Red Raiders?

Probably not. I spent the weekend sitting on the couch, screaming at the television. People walking by thought I was a maniac.

Maybe I should have been committed. Who else but a lunatic would spend three-and-a-half hours on a weekend screaming at coaches, quarterbacks, officials and taunting fans?

I yelled at Cowboys Coach Jimmy Johnson and Aggies Coach R.C. Slocum on the TV screen. I screamed at referees as if I thought they'd cower and reverse calls. I even pleaded with quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Lance Pavlas as if my talk

would inspire them and their teams.

Maybe I got a little carried away. The Aggies still are ranked in the national polls and don't start conference play until this weekend. And maybe the poor showing of the SWC was a fluke.

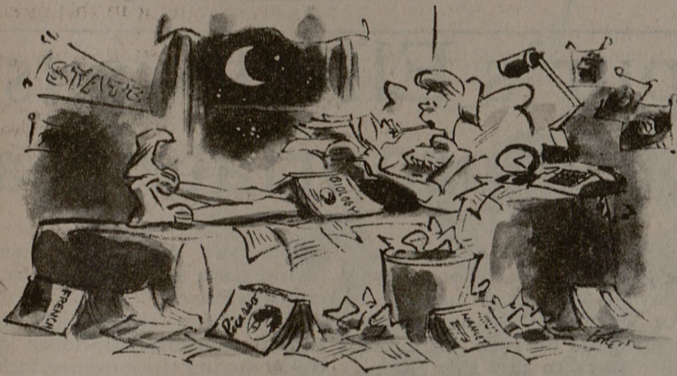
But what really hurts is that I honestly thought the Dallas Cowboys would be the Cinderella team of the 1990s. I'm not used to them being in the cellar of the NFC East.

I explained their last two losing seasons as a mishap, a falter in their step. Surely, no team that dominated the 1970s like the Cowboys were as bad as their 3-13 record last year.

OK, you're right — I'm getting carried away. After all, the whole season's left, and who knows, maybe last week's Aggies' loss and Cowboys' drubbing was also a fluke.

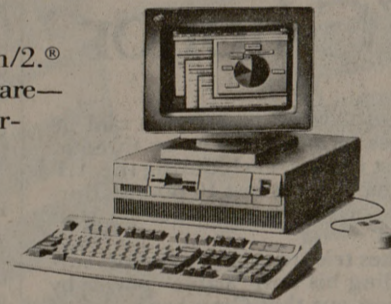
If you ask me, I think I'm relying on one too many a fluke.

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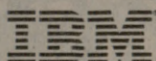
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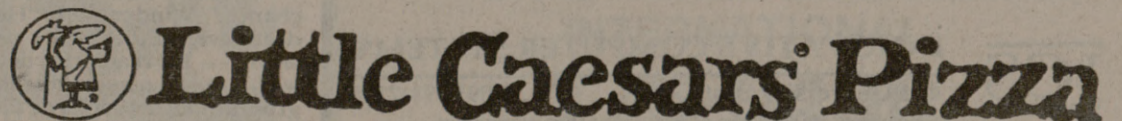


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