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## Lady Ags swept in SWC opener

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The Texas A&M Lady Aggies had an upset in mind when the Houston Cougars came into G. Rollie White Coliseum Wednesday night.

For a while, they even had an advantage on the scoreboard. But, the Coogs defense was simply too strong for the Lady Ags. The Coogs beat the Lady Ags 15-11, 15-11, 15-8.

In spite of the sweep, the games were close. A&M refused to give in, fighting until the last point, but the Houston defense stole the show.

A&M never managed a run longer than two points, and had only six two-point runs.

A&M coach Al Givens said that his team made mistakes, but had only praise for Houston.

"We were simply thumped by a better team tonight," he said. "I thought we would match up better

(with Houston) than we did."

Houston out-performed A&M in almost every statistical category. The Coogs killed 61 of their 168 attempts with only 18 errors for a .256 attack percentage. A&M was 53 of 168 with 28 errors, for a .149 attack percentage.

Freshman Elizabeth Edmiston and junior Krista Hierholzer led the Aggies with 13 kills each, and they contributed 15 and 14 digs, respectively. Amy Cummings had nine kills, 13 digs and two aces.

In the first game, Houston grabbed a 3-1 lead on a Julie Gates ace and two Lady Ag errors. After Cummings killed a Coog rally with a powerful spike, the Lady Ags scored on a Houston error and a cross-court spike by Edmiston. A&M then scored on two Kelli Kellen blocks

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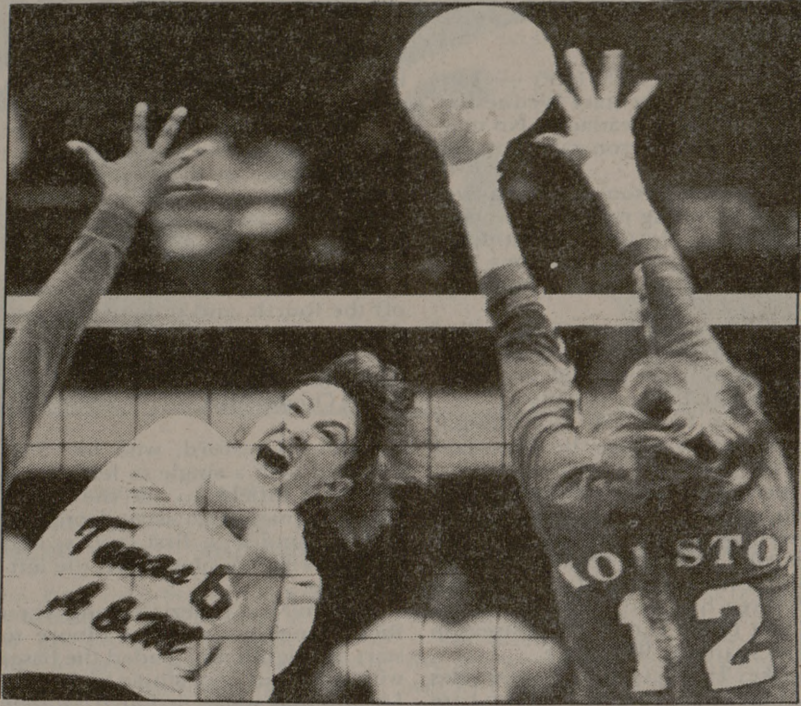


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Lady Aggies' attacker Amy Cummings (#6) spikes the ball over the Cougars' Julie Gates (#12) in A&M's 15-11, 15-11, 15-8 loss Wednesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Lady Aggies play this weekend in North Carolina.

## The Brothers Webb: teammates once again

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For as long as they can remember, they've played together — from childhood through high school, and now college. But these two Texas A&M football players share more than just being teammates.

They're brothers.

After growing up in the same home and being stars in the same high school, Richmond and James Webb now find themselves Aggies. Richmond, a 6-7, 290-pound senior offensive tackle, anchors a talented offensive line in 1989. He is a returning All-Southwest Conference lineman.

James is a 6-4, 221-pound sophomore outside linebacker. He'll have to wait his turn to play, though. Playing time this season has been hard to find. He backs up preseason All-American and

Butkus Award candidate Aaron Wallace.

Wallace, the Aggies' defensive leader and biggest playmaker, ironically also is from the same high school as the Brothers Webb — Dallas Roosevelt. In fact, Wallace is at A&M today because of Richmond. A&M recruiters saw Wallace only because they were at Roosevelt looking at Richmond.

"I've known Aaron ever since the third grade, so we've been pretty good friends through the years," Richmond said. "We've grown up together and I've been playing with him ever since high school."

But James' relationship with Wallace is on a different level.

"And I've been playing behind Aaron ever since I can remember," James said. "When he leaves, I hope I can get my chance."

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## Poor play, no scoring and an 'offensive' line — Dallas has it all

The 1989 Dallas Cowboys.

New owner. New coach. New quarterback. New hope after a 3-13 season. And now, a new reality.

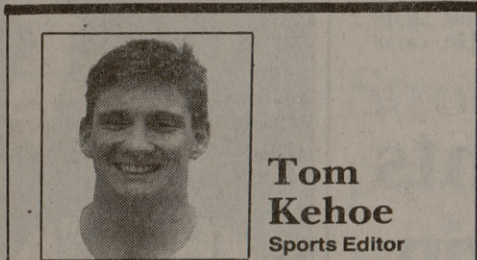
One that makes 3-13 pretty attractive. After four abysmal games it's now certain that the preseason, new-regime hype was nothing more than that. A 3-1 preseason record deceived many into thinking that deposing Tom Landry was the panacea that would resurrect (whimper) "America's team."

But alas, it's not to be.

The numbers are startling. Initially, there are the four consecutive losses. And in case you haven't read or heard it elsewhere, that's their worst start, since 1963 when they were an expansion-club doormat. Now they're just a doormat.

More numbers — Points For: 41, Points Against: 115!

Six of those points on the "for" side were scored by defensive end Jim Jeffcoat.



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Numbers? How 'bout number 28? Not only is it where the Cowgirls rank in most offensive and defensive categories, it was where Troy "Million Dollar" Aikman ranked among starting NFL quarterbacks before his left index finger was realigned. And 28 is one place before the Cowboys will get to pick in next year's draft. That's right. Even if they're 0-16 this year, barring

a trade, there will be no first-round pick in 1990. The 1990 pick is filling in for Aikman. Steve Walsh, a.k.a. the brilliant-supplemental-draft-trade-bait-pick, hasn't panned out to be the hot item around the league Jimmy Johnson thought he would.

But I'm sure Johnson is still glad to have him. If he didn't, his first order of business Monday morning might have been to ingratiate himself to Steve "Pariah" Pelluer. I would have loved to see that.

But here's the worst number of all for Dallas: 12.

That's how many games they still have to play.

Twelve more games. Sounds cruel, doesn't it?

How did this lowly state come to be, you ask? How, after a — whoa — 3-1 preseason, could the Cowboys be getting waxed so badly?

First, it's not all the JJ Boys' fault.

Jerry Jones bought a crummy team. No draft, no new coach, no way was anything going to make the Slow Pokes any kind of worthwhile team this year.

Before the Dogpatch Twins even made the scene, Dallas had lost a large competitive advantage. That is their near non-participation in the Plan B free agent market.

Former owner Bum Bright was trying desperately to unload the team and saw no reason to put money into acquiring players. So, Dallas signed five such free agents (compared to Green Bay's 20) and of those only cornerback Ray Horton and running back Kevin Scott made the team. Had Jones made his deal sooner, former Oiler tight end Jamie Williams would probably be a Cowboy. Not that Dallas needs help at tight end, much.

What is Johnson's fault is the revolving

free-agent door spinning like the entrance of Bloomie's during a back-to-school sale in the juniors department.

Every day Johnson is bringing in handfulls of players to possibly add to the roster. Not exactly good for morale. Why not stick with what you've got, try to teach and improve them, instead of fooling with other team's rejects a couple of days at a time?

Come to think of it, why add even more rejects to the Dallas roster at all?

There's already plenty on the very offensive line. Aikman should be glad it was just his finger. I hate to think how many screws it takes to hold a femur together.

But together is not how the Cowboys have it this year.

Twelve more games. I'd rather endure a fistful of Aikman's fingers.

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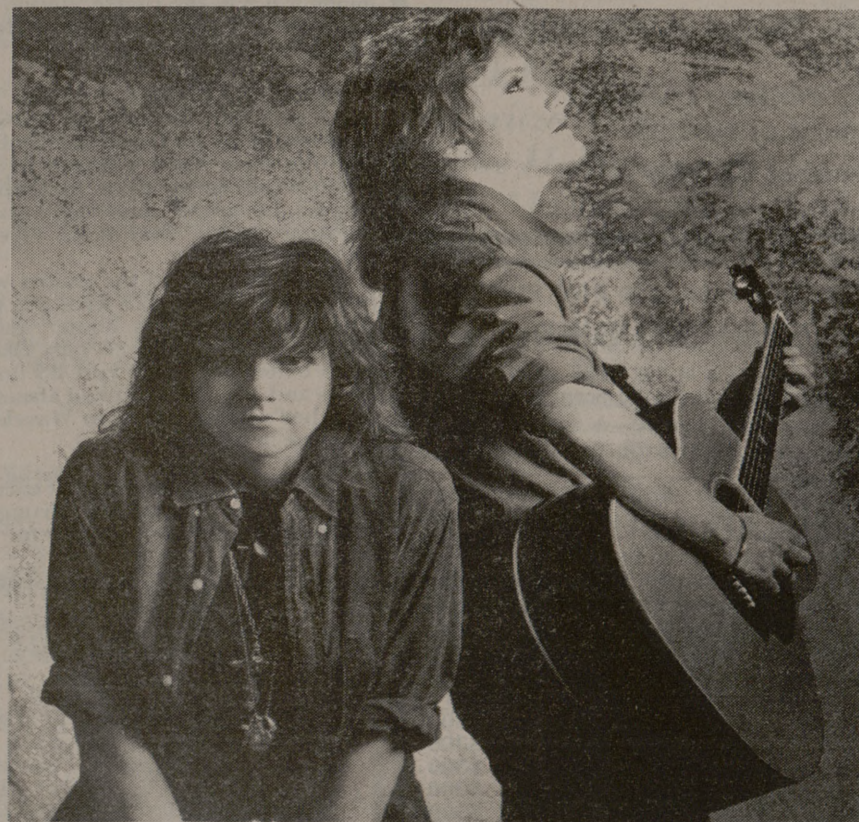
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