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Lady Ags, Red Raiders play tonight

By Alan Lehmann

Of *The Battalion* Staff

The Texas A&M Lady Aggie volleyball team will take on Texas Tech at 7:30 Thursday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. A&M will be trying to avenge a loss earlier in the year to Tech in Lubbock 15-4, 15-6, 15-11.

The Lady Aggies will be trying to improve their 2-5 Southwest Conference record, and their 10-14 record overall.

The Red Raiders are 6-2 in SWC play and 16-10 overall.

A&M beat Rice on Monday, avenging an earlier loss to the Owls and breaking a five-match losing streak.

Amy Cumings led the team with 11 kills and two blocks, while Kelli Kellen chipped in eight kills and eight blocks.

Tech is led by outside hitter Sabrina Zenon and middle blocker Lisa Clark. Zenon leads the Raiders with a .207 hitting percentage and is second in kills with 234.

Clark holds the team lead in kills with 243 and in blocks with 34 solo and 80 assists.

A&M Coach Al Givens said his team has looked good lately.

"We're playing as well as we can be," Givens said. "I've been pleased with our blocking in our last two matches.

"We're playing with more confidence than before, but I think we'll have to have that same level of intensity against Tech. I'd say we're playing well at home."

The Lady Aggies have only two home matches remaining after tonight's. They face Baylor Saturday night and Texas Tuesday night.

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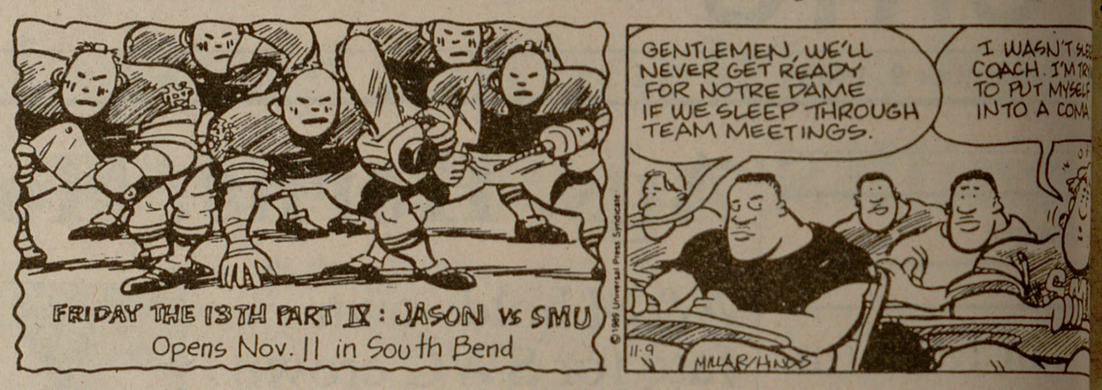

Carter banned from playoff

AUSTIN (AP) — The University Interscholastic League on Wednesday affirmed a ruling banning Dallas Carter from the state schoolboy football playoffs.

By a 6-1 vote, the UIL state executive committee upheld a District 11-5A committee's Oct. 30 decision to ban the defending Class 5A state champions from the playoffs for knowingly playing an ineligible football player in its Oct. 13 game against Grand Prairie.

The school also has been placed on probation for the 1990 season.

The district committee based its ineligibility ruling on the fact that Carter was already on probation for a similar violation last year.

"I am not angry. I am mad," Dallas Independent School District Athletic Director John Kincaide said Wednesday after the state committee vote.

Kincaide, who made Carter's appeal on behalf of the Dallas school district, said, "I feel that we have been ripped off. We did not get a fair hearing. I see it as a designed plan to keep Dallas Carter out of the playoffs."

Carter is the first UIL team to be disqualified from playoff competition since the Post High School girls team received a similar penalty three years ago for holding off-season practices.

"If it were my decision to make, Carter would be in the state football playoffs," Kincaide said. "They made their minds up before we ever came here. The kids have not been treated fairly. It's a sad day."

Carter was first placed on probation for failing to report a grade change by school principal Clarence Russeau during the 1988 school year. The grade was the basis for a lengthy court battle betw school and the UIL.

While the dispute raged, Carter breezed thr playoffs and captured the Class 5A state championship.

After the UIL and Texas Education Agenc William Kirby disqualified the team from the Carter appealed and Judge Paul Davis of Aus tually ruled in favor of Carter.

Last season, senior defensive back Gary grade was changed by Russeau after a teacher a failing algebra grade. This season, sophomo Michael Fuller was the target of the probation.

Fuller had a failing report card grade of 61 first six weeks in algebra, but was transferre other class and received a grade change of 85 Coach Freddie James allowed Fuller to play Grand Prairie after the grade was changed.

Fuller transferred to the new class with only left in the six weeks and was absent for one of but was given an 85 by the new teacher, acco school records presented at Wednesday's hearin

Carter defeated Grand Prairie 36-7, and coa himself was placed on administrative leave school district investigated whether he knew ineligible under the state's no-pass, no-play rule

Under the rule, any student who makes less in a class on a report card during a six-week gra riod is ineligible for extracurricular activities next six-week period.

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Sports Fashion

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Cincinnati has got a really good concept going with the horizontal tiger stripes across the helmet. Everyone else thinks stripes on must go vertically across the center of the helmet. Wrong. I like this change, it's a nice change. I think they've got a good thing here, but they got a *bit* carried away and continued to use the stripes around the shoulders AND down the legs. Too much. Their uniform is now working against them.

Tampa Bay and the Raiders both have pirate-like mascots but, who will prevail but L.A. because they've got a good color scheme, a manly sort of black-and-silver uniform *without* the disco pants .

The Broncos need help, too. They should use either the bronco mascot or the big "D" on the helmet. NOT both! The bronco is silly-looking trying to be menacing in the middle of the "D." Scary, huh? Bad color combinations abound when Denver plays New England. Maybe they shouldn't allow certain teams to play each other because of the color-initiated headaches suffered by all.

Another good idea shared by few teams is the use of the helmet to push the mascot idea further. Minnesota has horns on the sides to look like a viking hat. That's kind of neat. The Rams have horns on their helmets too, but those are curly ram horns and the contrasting blue and yellow makes them stick out more. Philadelphia Eagles have the same idea but with wings, however their green and silver colors are boring.

Why, oh why, do the Dolphins have that ugly helmet with the jumping dolphin on it? Good mascot, but you don't stick a helmet on a sea mammal and think he looks good. Is that to protect him from boat propellers in the Keys?

Perhaps the team to do the most with a bad mascot and poor colors is the Cleveland Browns. What's a Brown? Doesn't strike any kind of terror in *my* heart. They don't have anything on their helmet, good choice. They could put a big "C" on, but then they'd look like Chicago, who, by the way, wins the award for the best mascot and worst use of a mascot by ommission.

The Steelers *would* be my number one choice for nice colors and use of color, but they lost points for only having one side of their helmet decorated. It's kind of strange, but there must be some reason for it. They have a good color combo with black and yellow, and anyone that would work at a steel mill is a good mascot for *my* team. I really like their pants. That's where they win the *big* points. The yellow with thick black stripes down the sides is really nice and unpretentious.

First place in my book goes to the Green Bay Packers. Yeah, they've got a silly mascot but, unlike New England, instead of sticking a "packer" on a helmet hiking a football, they put a nice, big "G" on it. The bright yellow helmet and pants makes the team easy to follow in snow drifts, so common around the Great Lakes playing fields. Anyone who would want to play football in such a hellish winter ice-land deserves praise.

So, if I haven't mentioned your favorite team, check their uniforms. Are there too many stripes? Do they have shiny pants? Is their mascot a bird? Are they from New York?

Teaff suspends playe

WACO (AP) — Running back Lincoln Coleman, linebacker Matthew Pearson, and defensive tackle Michael Dillard were suspended by Baylor coach Grant Teaff on Thursday, the school announced.

Coleman, who was Baylor's second leading rusher with 368 yards on 111 carries, was listed behind starter Eldwin Raphel on the depth chart.

Coleman and Pearson, a freshman who is redshirting, have been suspended "an indefinite time" for failure "to live up to guid tablished by Teaff."

Baylor plays at Arkansas day and it wasn't certain Coleman would play.

Dillard, who is a backup tackle, was suspended for th Arkansas game for failure class attendance establi Teaff.

Teaff said the suspensi that the players will not be practice or play in games d length of their suspensions.

Washington out 6 weeks after injury

Texas A&M Coach R.C. Slocum received some bad news on Wednesday when he found out that cornerback Mickey Washington will be out for six to eight weeks due to a fractured shoulder.

Washington, a 5-11, 205-pound senior from Beaumont, suffered a fractured scapula in the third quarter of last Saturday's A&M-Southern Methodist game. Washington was tackled by linebacker Darren Harrington after a 17-yard punt return, and was down for several minutes before trainers walked him off the field.

It was originally believe Washington, who did not to the game, had suffe bruised shoulder. Washi injury will force him to mi of A&M's two remaining — Arkansas on Nov. 2 Texas on Dec. 2. He mig available for any postseaso games in which the Aggies

Washington is the team leading tackler with 52 tack cluding 34 unassisted. H caused one fumble and rec two, and is second on the te sacks with four.

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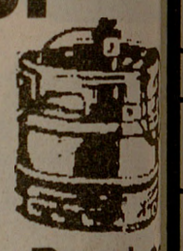

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