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## Texas Tech spikes A&M in five games

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Somebody needs to tell the Lady Aggies that close doesn't count in volleyball. Not even against teams as good as the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Texas A&M lost 15-13, 7-15, 15-8, 4-15, 12-15 to Tech Thursday night, dropping to 2-6 in Southwest Conference play and 10-15 overall. Tech, who is now 7-0 in five-game matches, clinched second place in the SWC with a 7-2 record, and improved to 17-10 overall.

A&M rallied from a 10-2 deficit in the

### Lady Aggie Update

- **Score:** A&M loses in five games to Texas Tech.
- **Record:** 10-15.
- **SWC Record:** 2-6

fifth game to tie Tech 11-11. However, it couldn't capitalize on the momentum and lost the match.

The Lady Aggies and Raiders each played superb defensive matches, with both teams breaking the previous SWC record for digs in a match. A&M had 149 and Tech had 141 to break Houston's record of 139.

Amy Cummings led the Lady Aggies with 16 kills and four blocks, one solo, and three assists. Kelli Kellen contributed 14 kills and six blocks, including four solos. Setter Yvonne Van Brandt turned in her usual solid performance, leading the Lady Aggies with 37 assists and leading all players with 33 digs.

Tech's Sabrina Zenon led all players with 20 kills and seven blocks, including five solos. Teammates Vicki Baldwin and Lisa Clark added 18 and 15 kills, respectively.

A&M took leads of 2-0 and 11-6 in the first game before winning on a Krista Hierholzer ace past a diving Red Raider.

Tech dominated the second game, and took an early 7-0 lead. A&M closed the gap to 11-7, but couldn't score on the swarming Tech defense, and lost the second game.

A&M erased a 2-0 deficit, and grabbed a 7-2 lead, on their way to a win in the third game.

The Raiders completely dominated the fourth game, taking leads of 5-0 and 10-2

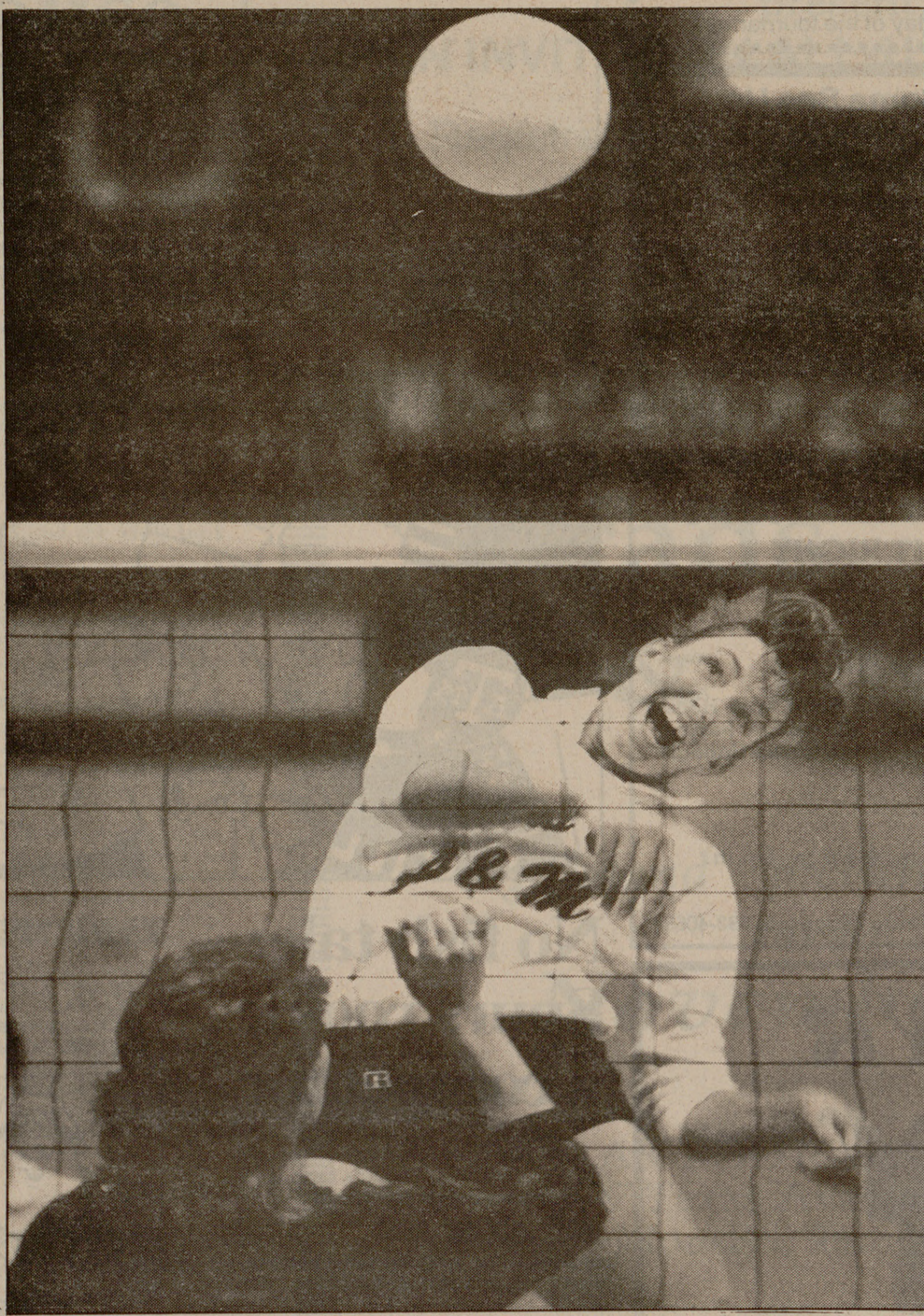


Photo by Scott D. Weaver

Texas A&M's Amy Cummings surprises Tech's Lisa Clark with a quick spike during the second game. Tech downed A&M in five games.

before taking the win, and setting the stage for the winner-take-all fifth game.

A&M coach Al Givens was pleased with his team's effort.

"We played a lot better (than in A&M's earlier loss to Tech)," Givens said. "We

made some mistakes, but our intensity was still good.

"Tech is a great team. They play unbelievable pursuit defense, and keep everything in play. It was just so hard to put them away."

## Carter was 'ripped off' DISD official mad about ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas Independent School District Athletic Director John Kincaide says Carter High School has been "ripped off" by the University Interscholastic Athletic League's executive board, which upheld a decision that will keep Carter out of the playoffs.

"I am not angry. I am mad," Kincaide said Wednesday after the state committee vote. "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."

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.

"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."

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

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.

Dallas school board member Thomas G. Jones, who represents the Carter area, said he was not surprised by the ruling.

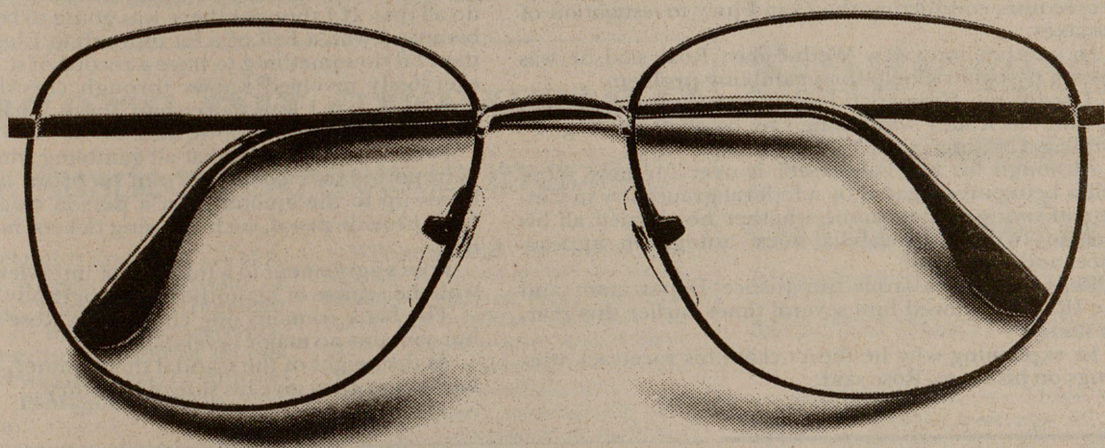
"When you look at their membership, it's eight Anglos and one African-American," he said. "They've been intent on dealing with Carter ever since last year."

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 change was the basis for a lengthy court battle between the school and the UIL.

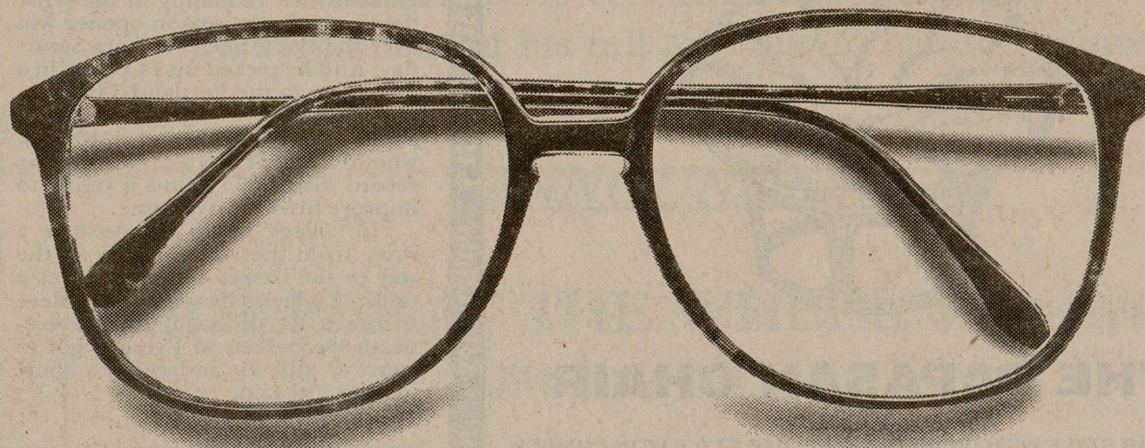
While the dispute raged, Carter breezed through the playoffs and captured the Class 5A state football championship.

After the UIL and Texas Education Agency Director William Kirby disqualified the team from the playoffs, Carter appealed and Judge Paul Davis of Austin eventually ruled in favor of Carter.

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