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rish vs Ponies: Big Al says it's senseless violence

Saturday's Notre Dame-Southern ethodist football game should be celed.

There's already too much gratuitous plence on television, so it won't be own on any of the networks. However, Sports Channel, a national cable annel, will show the massacre. This is supposed to be a kinder, tler nation, and yet this senseless ighter is allowed to happen; a game at can only appeal to someone with rious homocidal tendancies. Come on, the Fightin' Irish are the fending national champions, and have aten top-ranked teams all year. Two eeks ago, they thrashed seventh-nked Pittsburgh 41-7, holding the nthers scoreless after their first drive. rlier in the season, they had an offand still beat second-ranked

ichigan. SMU is on the opposite end of the ectrum. The Mustangs are the first ajor college tesm in the modern era to iffer the death penalty. Although they re trying valiantly to rebuild, they are guably the worst major college football am in the last decade

Even though the Punies weren't xpected to win a game all season, they eat Connecticut and North Texas, a ouple of Division II teams. However, MU was slaughtered 95-21 by Houston nd 63-14 by Texas A&M. The Aggies robably could have scored 100 points, ut Coach R.C. Slocum put in his third ring and ran the ball up the middle the st 20 minutes.

The Irish's second team has more rength and speed than the Punies' first

Notre Dame has over a dozen players its roster who can run a 4.5 second 40 rd dash. The Irish have the biggest, ongest lines in the nation, dominating uality opponents like Pittsburgh and lichigan

Not that SMU will roll over and die — hey certainly didn't against heavily avored A&M last week. The Mustangs ept the Aggie faithful quiet for the first ght minutes of last Saturday's game, hen they scored on the opening drive, ee Lehmann/Page 10

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 fivegame 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 Cumings 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 so-los. 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 Hier-holzer 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

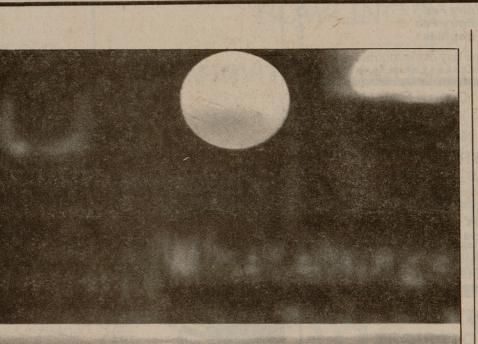




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Texas A&M's Amy Cummings surpirses Tech's Lisa Clark with a quick spike during the second game. Tech downed A&M in five games.

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

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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 commit-tee vote. "I feel that we have been ripped off. We did not get a fair hear-ing. 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 play-offs 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 play-offs," 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 dis-qualified 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 dur-ing 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 cap-tured 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 Aus-tin eventually ruled in favor of Carter.

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