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On the road again ...

Lady Aggies facing tough Beaumont trip

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The Texas A&M volleyball team will continue its long list of road games tonight in Beaumont. Lamar University are the fourth of eight opponents the Lady Aggies will face in almost two weeks of consecutive road

A&M will play the Lady Cardinals at 7:00 p.m. on the Lamar

The 2-6 Lady Aggies are looking for their first road victory of the season after coming off losses to Nebraska, Wyoming and Purdue in last weekend's Ne-

A&M coach Al Givens said the road has been tough for the team, but the players did not get disappointed after playing the level of

mpetition they have. "Life, volleyball, whatever everything is a learning process," Givens said. "The trials and tribulations help prepare you for the other obstacles that you are going

"We went up to Nebraska and got the chance to play some real quality teams and we really be-lieve that's going to help prepare

us for the conference."

Givens says if the Lady Aggies can go 2-2 on their upcoming road trip that the team will be

back on the track where they need to be.

A&M travels to Baton Rouge, La., this weekend to compete against Penn State, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, and Louisiana State in the Tiger Classic.

Givens says the team had two good days of practice here in pre-paration for the Lamar match and feels good about some of the

things that are taking place.
The 9-5 Lady Cardinals have won eight of their last nine contests after losing three of their first four of the season.

Lamar returns a team that went 24-16 last year — picking up one of its losses against the Lady Aggies in College Station.

Givens said that beating a team that's playing well like Lamar will give the Lady Aggies momentum heading into the tournament in

Givens said he would like to see the team increase the chemistry and consistency that it found in the match Tuesday against Southwest Texas State. A&M defeated the Lady Bobcats in four games, 15-3, 17-19, 15-10, 15-5.

"We're trying to get a group that's going to jell and mend toge-ther," Givens said after the vic-"I wanted to stay with a group without making a lot of wholesale changes.

The starting lineup will stay intact for tonight's game

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he three or four times we yelled,

6. The heat: Intolerable and uncontrollable. It was like standing in he Dixie Chicken on a packed night in the heat of the summer. Needless o say, I did not enjoy the bowls of perspiration gushing profusely from my forehead. It was one of the few imes I would have appreciated the uxury of a Kyle Dome.

5. The couple lip-locking in front of me: I believe in the best of tradiwhen the other ons but hev! eam is faced with third and long on he next series, it's probably time to ake a breather. Glad they didn't hoke on each other's Big Red chew-

4. The over-excited fan with the southern drawl: "Let's score 91 ... for the class of '91 ... whoooop!," he barked out in the third quarter of the game. The same logic that would say, "Let's drop an atomic bomb on lraq tomorrow and end the whole

3. The future: Knowing next week's game against North Texas could be a bigger drubbing than this

2. Infinite wisdom: The bleacher think I did. Hope good one for you.

whose knowledge of the game far exceeds that of the coaches or anyone else in the immediate environment. "Ahh ... yeah ... I could have told you that would be a good time to call that play-action fake to the fullback and have the quarterback hide the ball behind his back until he

has fooled the safety, and the re-ceiver is running all by himself on a fly route toward the end zone."

And finally ... the No. 1 complaint about The A&M-Southwestern Louisiana game .

1. Shyness/Stupidity: Call it what you want. Taking an attractive but innocent freshman to the game and being too shy to explain to her what the tradition of, "When one Aggie scores, all Aggies score" means. It'is possible for a 21-year-old to be bash-

So there it is, snide but unfortu-nately true. Maybe these things didn't happen to you, but over the course of the season they inevitably will make their unwelcome appearance. Football games are a lot of fun and should be looked forward to. Maybe I just had a bad day ... yeah, I



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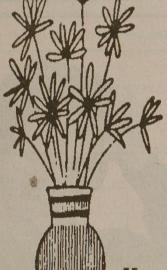
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