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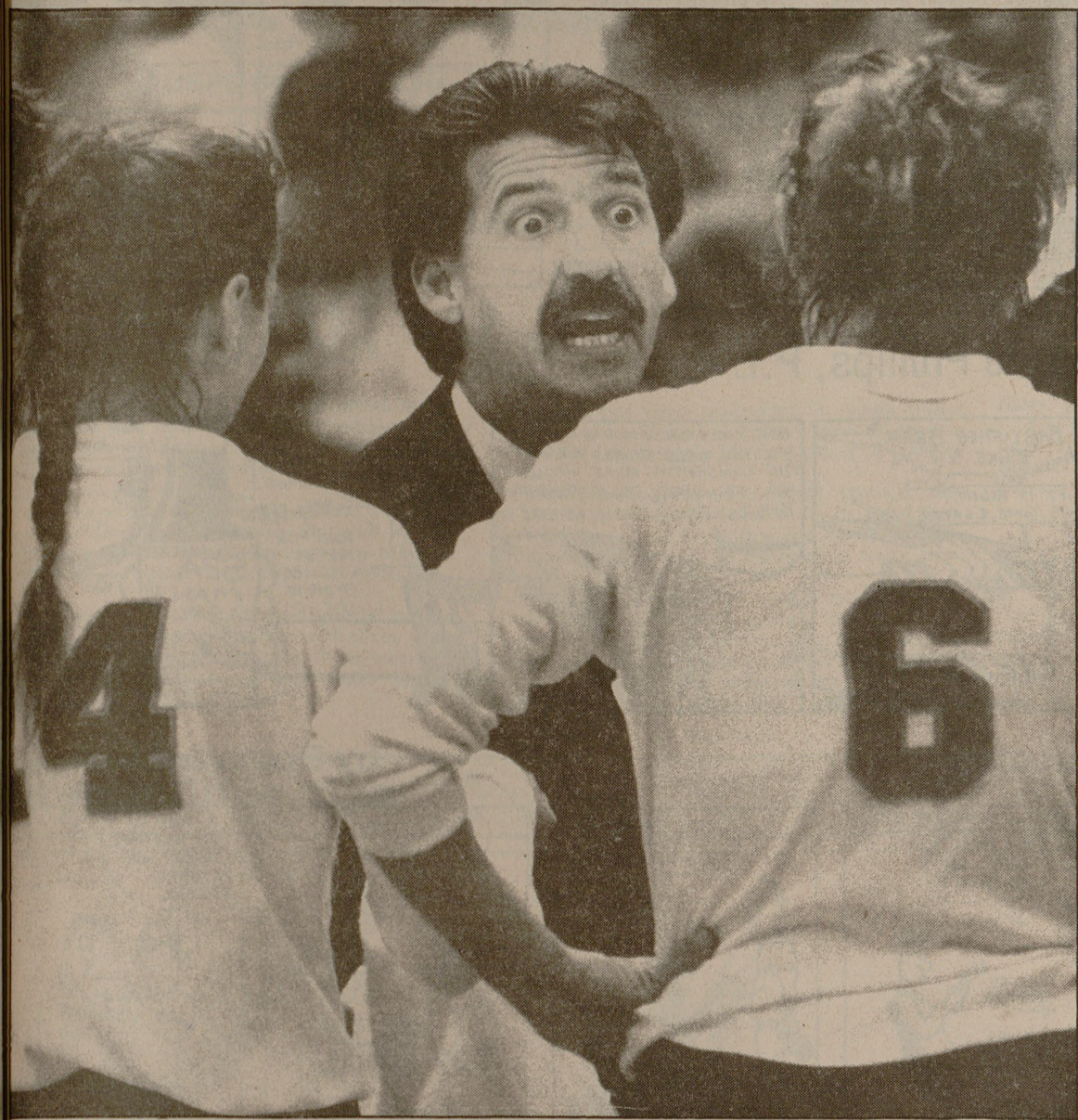


Photo by Jay Janner

A&M volleyball coach Al Givens said his team is right on track for its goal with a 10-3 record for October. With the Lady Aggies' win over Baylor, their overall record rises to 11-13. See page 8.

Bengals slay Browns 34-13

CLEVELAND (AP) — Boomer Esiason, who completed only seven of 17 passes for 85 yards, led in a bid to reach 20,000 yards for his career, but he hit Rodney Holman and Mike Barber with touchdown passes as the Cincinnati Bengals beat the archrival Cleveland Browns 34-13 on Monday night.

Woods sealed it with a 1-yard touchdown run with 2:32 remaining, then celebrated by doing his awkward dance before a disheartened crowd of 78,567. He ran five times for seven yards in the game, his first since he tore up a knee in the second game of the 1989 season. As a team, the Bengals rushed for 233 yards, more than doubling their season average of 97. James Brooks, bothered by a sore neck, darted 28 yards for a touchdown on his first carry in the second quarter.

Cincinnati's 28th-ranked defense intercepted Bernie Kosar twice, setting up a pair of short field goals by Jim Breech, and sacked Kosar four times. The Browns (2-5) fell three

games back of the first-place Bengals (5-2) in the AFC Central Division, doing nothing to quell speculation that Cleveland coach Bud Carson is in danger of losing his job.

Cleveland is off to its worst start since 1984, when Sam Rutigliano was fired at midseason — the day after a loss to the Bengals. Carson is 0-3 against Cincinnati.

Esiason marched the Bengals 80 yards on their opening drive, capping it with a 19-yard pass to Holman in the right corner of the end zone. He added a 2-yard scoring pass to Barber with 12 minutes left in the game.

The officials lost control of the game for nine minutes in the second quarter, stopping the action three times for lengthy consultations with the replay booth. There was yet another replay session early in the third quarter, when the videotape negated a Cincinnati fumble.

Dickerson unaffected by crowd's taunting

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Eric Dickerson was affected by the banners and boos in the Hoosier Dome about as much as he was by his six-week vacation from the Indianapolis Colts.

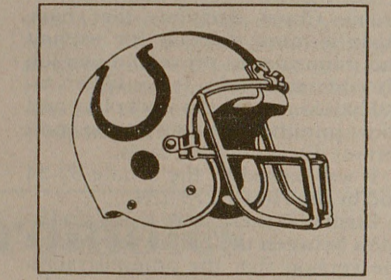
In other words, not much. "There was no problem. It was no

the upper deck overlooking the field, a sign read, "Eric expensive but worthless every penny of it." Another one proclaimed "Indy wants Albert," referring to Albert Bentley, who took over in Dickerson's absence.

Dickerson, nagged by injuries and frustrated most of last season, severely criticized the offensive line for not protecting him. He demanded to be traded and threatened to retire rather than return to the Colts. He failed a physical in training camp, then refused to take another exam after undergoing rehabilitation of his hamstring.

The Colts suspended him and put him on the non-football injured list, costing him more than \$600,000 from his 1990 salary of \$1.45 million.

On Oct. 13, Dickerson and his agent met with Colts owner Robert Irsay, and the domestic crisis was settled, at least for now, with a four-year contract extension and a hefty pay raise reportedly at more than \$10 million through 1994. Dickerson, who returned to practice last Tuesday, said all along there never were any hard feelings with most of his teammates.



big deal to me. I don't get caught up in that," Dickerson said of the chorus of boos that greeted him as he trotted onto the field on the Colts' first possession Sunday.

The Colts introduced their defensive squad as part of the pregame routine, saving Dickerson from a hostile welcome then. But far above him, hanging from

AP Top 25

Team	Record
1. Virginia (1)	7-0-0
2. Auburn (5)	5-0-1
3. Notre Dame (6)	5-1-0
4. Nebraska (4)	7-0-0
5. Illinois (8)	5-1-0
6. Houston (9)	6-0-0
7. Washington (13)	6-1-0
8. Miami Fla. (2)	4-2-0
9. Brigham Young (12)	5-1-0
10. Colorado (14)	6-1-1
11. Tennessee (3)	4-1-2
12. Florida St. (7)	4-2-0
13. Texas (19)	4-1-0
14. Florida (17)	6-1-0
15. Iowa (22)	5-1-0
16. Georgia Tech (11)	5-0-1
17. Mississippi (18)	6-1-0
18. Wyoming (21)	8-0-0
19. Clemson (22)	6-2-0
20. Michigan (10)	3-3-0
21. Southern Cal (15)	5-2-0
22. Oklahoma (16)	5-2-0
23. Arizona (—)	5-2-0
24. Texas Christian (—)	5-1-0
25. Oregon (—)	5-2-0

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