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Door to Super Bowl may be open for Cowboys

There are a couple of things that are pretty obvious after the first week of the NFL season.

First, some teams can already start looking forward to next season.

Second, the Dallas Cowboys are Super Bowl bound.

Let's take a look at issue number one.

The Philadelphia Eagles, Phoenix Cardinals and the Detroit Lions are history.

Eagle quarterback Randall Cunningham is gone for the year because of a couple of torn ligaments in his knee. Jim McMahon is not the answer. His best days are behind him and he is not the leader that Cunningham was.

A lot of people had the Eagles making the playoffs as a wild card team. This won't happen without Cunningham. He was the only individual that kept the Eagles as a team. Without him, the Eagles are 47 players with 47 different goals.

The Phoenix Cardinals are footballs equivalent to the NBA Los Angeles Clippers. They are consistently one of the worst teams in the NFC. Add to that the fact they lost their quarterback, Timm Rosenbach, to a ruptured knee ligament for the year. Futility will continue in Phoenix in 1991.

The Detroit Lions look good on paper, but that's it.

They opened the season by getting thumped by the Redskins, 45-0. Sure, Barry Sanders didn't play, but would it have really mattered. Just because he is one of the best backs in football does not mean he will make up a 45 point deficit.

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Lady Aggies ground Eagles

Spikers defeat North Texas 15-3, 15-9, 15-4

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The Texas A&M volleyball team cruised to an easy victory over the University of North Texas Thursday night.

A&M defeated the Eagles at G. Rollie White, 15-3, 15-9 and 15-4.

The victory gave the Lady Aggies a two game winning streak and put their season record over the .500 mark at 3-2.

"Confidence wise, we needed to get over the .500 mark," said coach Al Givens.

"We got a chance to give some of the younger players a chance to play."

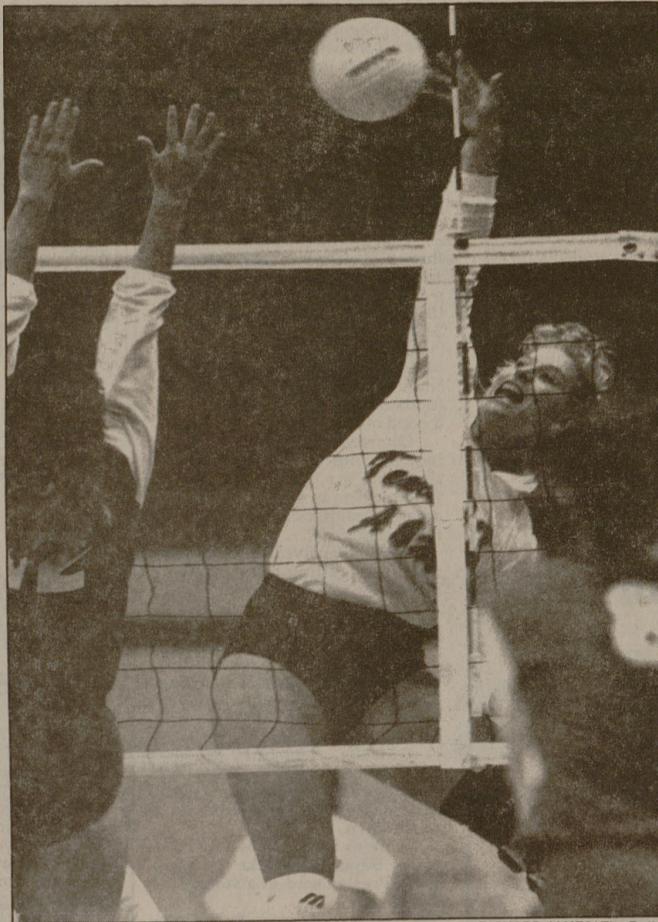
Led by 11 service points by senior outside attacker Alysia McMath, the Lady Aggies easily won game one.

For the match, McMath also converted 50 percent of her attacks.

A&M jumped to an early 8-0 lead with the help of North Texas errors and McMath's serving.

After North Texas cut the score to 9-3, the Lady Ags went on a spiking rampage led by sophomores Amy Kisling and Sheila Morgan. When the dust had cleared, the first game was over.

Game two was not so easy for the Lady Ags.



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Sophomore outside attacker Sheila Morgan slaps the volleyball back across the net during the Lady Aggies victory over the University of North Texas Wednesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies defeated the Eagles 15-3, 15-9, 15-4 before a crowd of 457 fans.

A&M improved its record to 3-2 with the win and will play in the Cal-State Fullerton Invitational next weekend.

After jumping to an early 8-2 lead, the Eagles ran off four consecutive points to cut the Lady Aggies lead to two.

From that point on, game two went back and forth with the Lady Aggies finally winning it 15-9.

"In the second game, we just let them come back a little bit," said Givens. "We need a killer instinct."

"It's a mental thing and not a physical thing."

One bright spot in game two was the play of freshman middle blocker Jodi Keister who, playing in just her second match. She had five points off her serve to go along with three kills.

"I was just real excited to be on the court," said Keister. "We're on a positive roll and just need to keep it going."

It appeared the Lady Aggies found the killer instinct for the final game.

The Lady Aggies jumped to an early 8-2 lead but, unlike game two, continued to pour it on the Eagles, winning easily 15-4.

Givens was pleased by some individual play.

"It was really nice to see Karen Richards come in and play the first game really well," said Givens. "Amy Kisling continues to solidify herself as a starting middle blocker."

Richards converted 12 of her 21 kills while Kisling added four kills.

Injuries hurt the Aggies as both Sheila Morgan and Kim Mitchell experienced knee problems during the match.

Last night's game was also a learning experience for some of the younger players.

At one point in the match, Givens was playing three freshmen and three sophomores.

The match was a good warm up for next week's Cal State-Fullerton Invitational.

"We seem to play better against better teams," said Givens. "We're definitely going to have to step it up in California."

McMath is also looking forward to next week's tournament.

"I feel real confident we're gonna take care of business out there," she said.

The Lady Aggies will travel to California next Friday to participate in the Cal State-Fullerton Invitational in Fullerton, California.

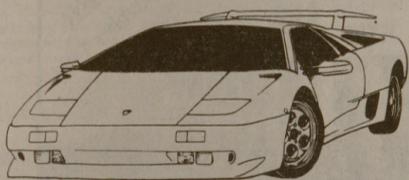
The Aggies next home match will be Sept. 18 against Stephen F. Austin at 7 p.m.

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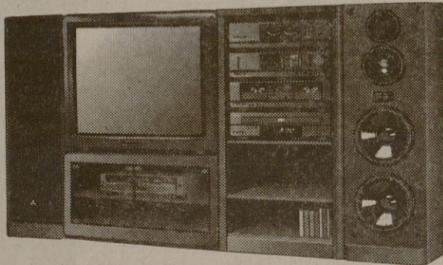
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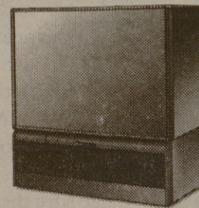
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