

Some Kyle Field signs worth seeing

Every time the Aggies play on Kyle Field, two things are sure to happen. They extend their current home winning streak of 19 games, and someone proposes marriage via a banner pulled by an airplane overhead.



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It never fails. Some guy always has to pop the big question in front of 67,000 of his closest friends. Even though it sounds romantic, and you are pretty much guaranteed a yes, it is still not a fail-safe effort.

Linda: "Bob, I'm thirsty, let's go down and get something to drink. It must be at least 110 degrees out here."
Bob: "Let's wait just a little longer, honey. (Where in the world is that airplane?) I've always wanted to see this guy punt."
Linda: "Bob, I'm getting really dizzy. Can't we go down and get a drink of water?"
Bob: "Sit down and rest for a second, honey. (Come on you stupid airplane) I just want to see this play."
Linda: "I don't feel good at all, I think I'm fixing to pass out..."
Bob: "You'll be okay, honey. Just close your eyes and I promise we'll be down for a drink in just a second."
Linda: "I'm definitely getting my money back."

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Mickens out to show that his talents are big-time

By Matthew J. Rush
The Battalion

The Texas A&M defense usually conjures up images of big men with wide bodies flying to the ball, but 5'7" Ray Mickens is quickly emerging as the little-big man.

When the 1993 season opened, a big void at cornerback was asked to be filled by the sophomore from El Paso because of Derrick Frazier's departure to the National Football League.

Mickens did just that. In Saturday's contest against Louisiana State, Mickens notched 6 tackles, got a fumble recovery, caused a fumble and had an interception. Mickens knows, however, that other games and tougher tests lie ahead for him and the rest of the defense.

"I think I held my own," Mickens said. "But there are better teams, better receivers and better quarterbacks, so I've got to stay focused."

Mickens is also aware that even though his stats may have looked good, he still has things to learn.

"I did all right," he said. "I made a lot of mistakes, but I know that if I work harder I can do a lot better."

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum took notice of Mickens' efforts against the Tigers.

"He is a good player who had a good game," Slocum said. "He went after it several times and I think he played almost a perfect game."

"He will be a very good player in the future."

As the season unfolds Mickens will have to mature rapidly because teams such as Texas Tech and Texas will feature receivers that range in height from the Raiders' 6'3" Lloyd Hill to the Longhorns' 6'5" Lovell Pinckney, respectively.

But to Mickens, size is relative when the game begins.

"It all comes down to athletic ability," Mickens said. "All I can do is give my best. I think I can play with any guy in the conference and because we play a lot of man to man, I think that helps me more than it would in zone coverage."

Mickens also said that he will not be bullied around



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Cornerback Aaron Glenn (31) and free safety Junior White (5) celebrate with cornerback Ray Mickens (24) after he recovered an LSU fumble in the second quarter of the September 4 game. Mickens, who made his debut as a starter, also had one interception and broke up a pass. A&M shut-out LSU 24-0 in both teams' season opener.

on the field because of his size.

"When they come at me, they better hold onto the ball because I am going to strip it if I can," Mickens said. "I'm going to play the heck out of them and I'll be playing them with a lot of confidence."

Going into last Saturday's opener, Mickens felt a little nervous and admitted that he had problems sleeping the

night before, but an old teammate eased his mind before kickoff.

"I talked to Derrick (Frazier) before the game and he wished me the best," Mickens said. "After I talked to him, it got me going again."

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Women's soccer team kicks off inaugural season on shaky footing

From Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M women's soccer team dropped its inaugural two matches, although the Aggies came close to winning its first match ever.

A&M lost Tuesday night in Plano by a score of 2-0 to Washington State as Jenni Druffel and All-American Kim Lyness

scored goals for the Cougars.

A&M dropped to 0-2 on the season while Washington State improved to 2-0.

A&M head coach G. Guierri said he was pleased with his team's play although the Aggies lost their inaugural two games.

"Even though the results were not what we wished for, we had a good

weekend and impressed a lot of people," he said.

Monday night in Plano the Aggies were defeated 2-1 in overtime by the Arkansas Razorbacks. Arkansas had opened a 1-0 lead before A&M tied it up 1-1 on freshman forward Tina Robinson's goal.

Robinson headed in a Sandy Edwards

shot. In overtime, the Razorbacks' Denise Brown scored on a corner kick at the 17:01 mark in overtime to give Arkansas the win.

A&M travels to Austin on Thursday to take on the Texas Longhorns at 5:30 p.m. in a match that will take place at St. Edward's University. The Aggies will be seeking their first win.

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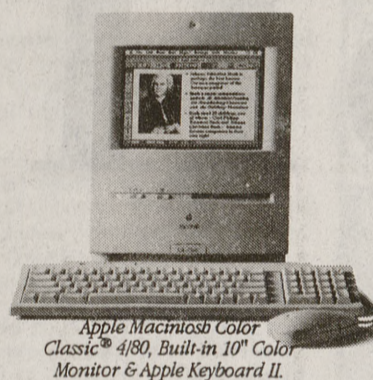
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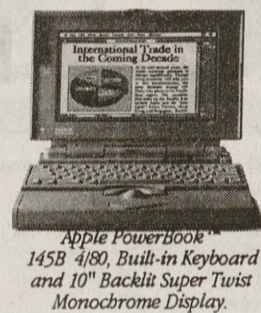
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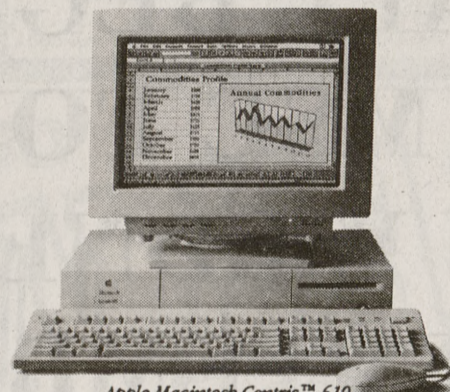
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