

Sports



Sanders vs. Sanders

Staff photo by Brian Tate

Texas A&M fullback Thomas Sanders finds his way into the Texas Tech secondary during the Aggies' 24-23 win over the Red Raiders in Lubbock. Aggie quarterback Gery Kubiak (9) looks on as Sanders meets face to face with Texas Tech cornerback

Ricky Sanders. Texas A&M's Sanders scored the Aggies' second touchdown of the game, rushing 10 times for 53 yards in addition to a potent Aggie rushing game. The Aggies host the Houston Cougars Saturday in Kyle Field at 2 p.m.

Wilson upset with inconsistencies

By RITCHIE PRIDDY

Sports Editor

Head coach Tom Wilson continued his praise for his team's efforts in Saturday's 24-23 win over Texas Tech but warned that mistakes and inconsistencies against the Houston Cougars this Saturday could cost them the game.

"My feelings haven't changed," Wilson said Monday in his weekly press conference. "I am very pleased to see the team come back and win a close game and pleased to know that we have that kind of a team, but we've got to be more consistent to win."

Wilson cited the lack of offensive punch near the goal-line and the missed field goals as inconsistencies that could have easily cost the Aggies the game.

Several times, particularly late in the game, the Aggies were driving near the Tech goal-line when their own mistakes cost them scoring opportunities. A problem that has plagued the team several times this season.

"Our problem has not been moving the ball between the 20s. It's getting the ball down there and not scoring," Wilson said.

He added that the goal-line offense lacked the firepower it takes to get the ball into the end-zone and the missed field goals could cost them the game if not improved.

Place kicker David Hardy has had his share of problems connecting on field goals that have usually meant sure points in the past. Hardy earlier said that his problems have stemmed from his inability to follow through on his kicks, a problems common to many kickers.

Wilson said that he anticipated working very hard work on those aspects of the game this week.

The Aggies are currently the number two team in the conference in total offense with an average 424 yards per game. SMU is number one with 436.7 yards per game. Rushing, the Aggies are third with just over 263 yards per

game average, and passing, they are second with 160.5 yards per game average.

"While I am happy I am determined to see this football team do better. They are capable," Wilson said.

Wilson said that his team has only played one complete football game (Louisiana Tech) but has the capabilities to be competitive with anybody.

"We have shown signs of brilliance at times. Our offense has not been slowed down that much in our first four games. If we get rid of the inconsistencies we can be competitive with anybody in the conference or the nation."

Player of the week awards were handed out to defensive tackle Keith Guthrie, running back Johnny Hector and cornerback Danny Davis for his specialty team performance.

Guthrie was constantly around the ball and his heads-up play help keep the Aggies alive. Hector was the leading ball-carrier with 143 yards on 16 carries, including an

80-yard touchdown run early in the game. Davis charged through the Tech line and partially tipped Maury Buford's punt causing a 22-yard punt that helped turn the tide in favor of the Aggies.

Wilson said that the Houston Cougars will provide, by far, the toughest competition the Aggies have faced this year when the come calling on the Aggies Saturday in Kyle Field.

"They are a very typical Houston team in that they are big and quick," Wilson said. "Their defense is playing more as a unit as opposed to relying on their big tackles."

"Offensively, they are the same they have always been. They can attack every weak area of your defense."

Wilson said the Aggies remember the last couple of times the Ags faced the Cougars, saying his team had outplayed the Cougars but failed to pull the game out. He said his team had better be ready because he doesn't plan to let this one slip away.

Golf team places sixth in tourney

Defying drizzly weather and a strong 24-train field, the Texas A&M women's golf team stroked its way to a sixth-place finish in the Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., last week.

The University of Tulsa won the tournament, which included 12 of the top 18 teams in the nation, followed by SMU and the University of New Mexico.

Patricia Gonzalez and Jackie Bertram, both with a 232 total for three days of play, led the Aggies' attack, tying for 14th place individually.

Finishing five strokes back at 237 were Shirley Furlong and Monica Welsh. Susan Yantis shot a 238.

"They played very consistently," Coach Kitty Holley said. "There was only six strokes difference between our best scores and our worst scores."

The Aggies hit the road for Gainesville, Fla., at the end of the month for the Lady Gator Invitational.

Varsity status awarded A&M soccer programs

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB
Battalion Staff

After several years of unrewarded efforts, two Texas A&M University athletic squads have found that persistence pays valuable dividends.

The Texas A&M men's and women's soccer clubs have spent about three years attempting to achieve varsity status. Opposition from officials in the Athletic Department, as well as questions over money and other matters, have prevented the squads from becoming varsity teams. As a result, they've had to live with the "club" title that many other universities have eliminated by elevating their soccer teams to varsity status.

The move, proposed Monday to the Texas A&M Athletic Council, was approved by the eight council members, ending the two teams' seemingly endless struggle to gain varsity recognition. The Council Monday decided to give the two teams their much-desired varsity status, which will initially be on a

one-year trial basis.

Wally Groff, who last week was appointed interim athletic director following the resignation of Marvin Tate, said Monday that the teams' varsity status will be administered by the Athletic Department.

"I'm going to treat them as I would any other athletic team," he said. "We hope they're excited — they've been pushing it for a while."

Groff said that normal NCAA requirements will apply to both teams, including eligibility checks on members of each team and weekly participation reports submitted by both teams. These reports will list the playing time of each athlete, as well as his contributions to the team's efforts. Groff said varsity letters will be awarded to the athletes through the Athletic Department as well.

Groff said he and Kay Don, assistant athletic director for women, must meet with the coaches of both teams to set up basic criteria for the teams and to set up their budgets.

Baseball Divisional Playoffs

American League

(Oakland vs. Kansas City)

- Oct. 6 — Oakland at Kan City, 3:10 p.m.
- Oct. 7 — Oakland vs. Kan City, TBA
- Oct. 9 — Kan City at Oakland, 8:10 p.m.
- x-Oct. 10 — Kan City at Oakland, 4:10 p.m.
- x-Oct. 11 — Kan City at Oakland, 7:10 p.m.

(New York vs. Milwaukee)

- Oct. 7 — NY at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
- Oct. 8 — NY at Milwaukee, 3:10 p.m.
- Oct. 9 — Milwaukee at NY, 8:10 p.m.
- x-Oct. 10 — Milwaukee at NY, 4:10 p.m.
- x-Oct. 11 — Milwaukee at NY, 7:10 p.m.

National League

(Los Angeles vs. Houston)

- Oct. 6 — Los Ang at Houston, 8:15 p.m.
- Oct. 7 — Los Ang at Houston, 1:05 p.m.
- Oct. 9 — Houston at Los Ang, 4:05 p.m.
- x-Oct. 10 — Houston at Los Ang, 8:15 p.m.
- x-Oct. 11 — Houston at Los Ang, 4:05 p.m.

(Philadelphia vs. Montreal)

- Oct. 7 — Phila at Montreal, 1:05 p.m.
- Oct. 8 — Phila at Montreal, 8:15 p.m.
- Oct. 9 — Montreal at Phila, 4:05 p.m.
- x-Oct. 10 — Montreal at Phila, 1:05 p.m.
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