

# Sleeping giant soon to act

Amid the grumbling and rumbling of a campus in turmoil, there stirs a sleeping giant.

While all the peasants and serfs are complaining about whose rights belong to whom, who started whatever saber duel and where the people with the funny animals on the shirt can go, a slight rumbling in the campus foundation has been missed.

After a long winter (spring/summer/fall/and winter again)'s nap, the giant has finally begun to stir.

Oh, he's not stirring much. One reason is that he's been asleep a long time. And the last time the giant jumped up quickly, he was put to sleep twice in the same season, the last time with an unbelievable 38-foot jump shot at the buzzer.

Magical (Call Me Merlin) Metcalf has been working the better part of the summer and fall on potions and spells, trying to get ready for the new jousting season that is scheduled to open this week with an exhibition game.

Magical had been put to sleep himself for a long time, but he has always been able to recover easier than his giant.

Many of the old spells that he has to work with are not obsolete yet. He's got one that calls for the fleet feet of a Reggie bird that is a sure thing for a few points this season.

Another spell calls for a block of Woods, jam of Claude and 'bound of Bluntson. The last ingredient is a new one adapted especially for this season, to help the brews for the jousting season.

There are a number of both new and old spells and potions on the bench that will help a lot in the coming bouts.

But the giant's Wall, which used to be so formidable, has been torn down and must be rebuilt. Magical (Call Me Merlin) Metcalf can do it, but it will take all the help of the serfs and followers to shore up the Wall. It can be the terrible weapon it was before it fell upon hard times — all it needs is a little help.

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The followers of the giant let him down just before he was put to sleep. When he fell and needed support, the few who were at the final jousting match could not hold him up. In that match, the Killer's Frogs became the Killer Frogs.

And the old nemesis, the evil Duke Sutton of Mutton is still in the woodwork, like a nasty little bug, trying to upset all the well-laid plans of the good magician Magical Metcalf.

He is sitting there patiently waiting to turn the lights out on our hero. Has the evil Duke no decency? Will he play the game like it is supposed to be played? Can he joust without resorting to tricks? *I doubt it.*

Others also are out for the giant's blood. These evil creatures abound in the jousting world.

One of the earliest opponents for the giant, in what is really a warm-up for the Kingdom's jousting season, will be the Bayou Badcats from Louisiana. They used to be called swamp kittens, but after beating up on a black and blue (and partially sleepy) giant late in the season last year, they earned the name Badcats.

These Badcats beat up on all the other cats in their kingdom last year and made it far along the golden path (or yellow brick road) to the crown of the mythical kingdom of NCAA. The Badcats were ambushed close to the goal, however, by the minions of the wicked witch of the east coast and Midwest.

But there are other foes equally as evil within the giant's own Kingdom. The Evil Duke Sutton of Mutton is always plotting against the giant. And Gambling "Lucky" Lewis will bring some new hit men with him to try to bring the giant down.

"Lucky" still has his old weapons: Rob "The Sting" Williams and "In-your-eye-Clyde" Drexler among others, but he has added some muscle in Akeem the dream. "Lucky" promises that anyone who crosses Akeem will soon be dreaming.

And who can forget the rest of the fighters in the kingdom. Sour Lemons is still with his new wave group BEVO, while Killer Killingsworth and his Killer Frogs will once again try to trip the giant. The Bumbling Bears and Ignorance-is (call me anything but) Bliss and his little horsies are out for the respect nobody showed them last season. And the bird-brained buzzards of Rice, as well as the pirates of the badlands with their leader Mouthy Myers, will be out to kick the giant while they think he is down and out.

The battle for supremacy of the kingdom and the right to continue along the yellow brick road to the championship will be an interesting one, with almost any team capable of winning it.

But with the new potions of Magical (Call Me Merlin) Metcalf and the new Wall being formed, the giant should be able to stomp on his opponents this jousting season. That is, as long as he doesn't drink another sleeping potion and go from a fire-breathing, romping-stomping giant to a sleeping babe.

With a little help from all the serfs, servants, peasants and royalty (and any other followers), the giant can be on the NCAA's golden path (a mythical land that no one has ever seen but many have heard) heading for a crown.

That is, with a little support both at the giant's castle (the Hollerin' House), and away from those strange creatures, the fair-headed, fair-weather whooping alumni.

# Sports

## Men's soccer team can clinch second with win

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The Texas A&M University men's soccer team defeated the Baylor Bears 3-2 Saturday in Waco, lifting its season record to 6-4-3, while the Aggies' Southwest Conference Soccer League mark is 3-0-3.

To clinch second place, Texas A&M needs a victory in Saturday's season-ending home match with Rice University. The Aggies have nine points in the league standings, and a win over the Owls will push the team ahead of the University of Texas, which finished its season with 10 points.

The Southern Methodist University Mustangs, whom the Aggies tied 1-1 Nov. 1, has clinched the SWCSL title with a 4-0-1 record.

The Aggies and Owls play on the main drill field at noon, following the completion of the match between the Aggie women's soccer team and Sam Houston State University.

In Saturday's match, the Bears scored the first goal 32 minutes into the first half. Texas A&M's Carlos Gutierrez tied the score at the 41-minute mark, while Aggie forward Scott Gamble scored three minutes later on a penalty shot, giving Texas A&M a 2-1 lead at halftime.

The Bears scored 15 minutes into the second half, while the

Aggies' Gamble scored the winning goal minutes later.

Texas A&M coach Telmo Franco said his team didn't play well against the Bears, but he's pleased with the fact that the Aggies haven't lost a conference match.

"The team really didn't play that well," Franco said. "I imagine there was some concern about winning the game ... it may have been tension about having to win the match, but we just didn't play very well."

The Aggies have played their last few matches without four key players, declared ineligible under

NCAA rules by which the team must now abide. Franco recently received news that goalie Xavier Holquien, fullback David Harmon and forwards Ramon Marin and Brian Torres couldn't play the rest of the season due to NCAA infractions involving eligibility.

Assistant coach David Flentge said: "We're extremely pleased with the outcome of the games considering the number of players we've lost because of the eligibility requirements. We've maintained an aggressive level on our team even though we've lost all these players."



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## Pistol team shoots way to first place in match

The Texas A&M pistol team captured first place in its first home match of the year Saturday.

The Aggies held off the University of Texas-Arlington and Sam Houston State University for the championship, finishing with a team score of 1,994.

UTA shot a 1,994 and Sam Houston finished third with 1,976.

Chip Miles and Ben Jones

finished second and fifth individually for the Aggies. Buck Sullivan shot a 518 in the ROTC division and Margie Arbon captured the women's division with a 461.

The Aggies had 18 people competing of the 52 entered in the six team match.

The team's next competition is Dec. 5 when it will host a duel match with Sam Houston.



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