

## Ruel, Slocum say Ags ready for '84 season

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Texas A&M Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill and his staff have made some key positional switches during fall workouts to help strengthen the linebacking corps and offensive line — two serious question marks that raised their ugly heads after spring practice.

Why were changes necessary along the Aggies' offensive front?

Texas A&M Offensive Coordinator Pat Ruel said the Ags were looking for the right combination of players.

"We're trying to maneuver our personnel around to put the best five up there," Ruel said. "We're looking for some cohesiveness. We think we've got a pretty good front line now, but we're still trying to develop some depth."

The Aggies lost All-Southwest Conference tackle Tommy Robison who graduated, but the Ags didn't take long to find a replacement. Junior transfer Doug Williams (6-6, 278, Cincinnati, Ohio) appears to be ready to fill the right tackle position vacated by Robison.

Just because Williams will start for Aggies for the first time, doesn't mean he's inexperienced. Williams, who along with Pittsburgh's All-American tackle Bill Fralic were two of the most sought after linemen out of high school, started as a freshman at Kentucky before transferring to A&M last season.

Although ineligible to play for the Ags in '83, Williams still practiced with the team and, according to some Aggie assistant coaches, helped make A&M's All-America defensive end candidate Ray Childress a better player.

Williams is by no means a shoo-in to become an All-American or even All-SWC, but Coach Ruel believes Williams is well on the way to achieving those goals.

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### Aggie Defensive Coordinator

Texas A&M Defensive Coordinator R.C. Slocum, shown here during workouts Friday night in a wet Kyle Field, says he's pleased with the position changes the Aggies made in an effort to strengthen the linebacking corps for the 1984 season.

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