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1. Nebraska (39) (3-0) 599
2. Texas (1-0) 499
3. Ohio State (3-0) 458
4. Oklahoma (3-0) 416
5. Washington (3-0) 405
6. Penn State (3-0) 394
7. Boston College (1) (3-0) 388
8. Brigham Young (4-0) 386
9. Florida State (3-0) 287
10. Georgia (3-0) 218
11. Oklahoma State (3-0) 192
12. Southern Methodist (2-0)
13. Michigan (2-1) 143
14. Southern Cal (2-0) 61
15. UCLA (2-1) 33
16. Miami (3-2) 26
17. Notre Dame (2-1) 24
18. Louisiana State (2-0-1) 21
19. Auburn (1-2) 19
20. Iowa (1-2) 17

Note: By agreement with the American Football Coaches Association, teams on NCAA or conference probation are ineligible for the Top 20 and national championship consideration by the UPI Board of Coaches. The teams currently on probation are Arizona, Clemson, Illinois and Kansas.



Aggie Sandwich

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Texas A&M freshman noseguard Sammy O'Brient lunges forward to trip up Iowa State running back Tommy Davis at the line of scrimmage during action Saturday.

Walk-on fulfills lifelong dream

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS
Reporter

Stewart Krisch dreamed of playing football for Texas A&M. In the spring of 1982, that dream became reality — he made the team as a walk-on.

Krisch, standing 5-foot-10 inches tall and weighing 165 pounds, played guard and defensive end during his freshman and sophomore years at John Marshall High School in San Antonio.

"My school got split-up and I had to go to a different school my junior year," Krisch said. "Since I transferred back to Marshall my senior year, I didn't get to play my last two years of high school."

When Jackie Sherrill came to Texas A&M, Krisch, then a sophomore, saw his chance to make the team.

"The system was new and everyone was learning so I thought that it would be an ideal time to try out," he said.

My dad went to A&M, so I have been an Aggie fan all of my life. I haven't missed a game since 1974. If I couldn't go in person, I listened on the radio and I keep stats on all the games. I've just wanted to play all my life."

The 1984 season begins Krisch's third year as a split end for the Aggies. In those three years, he has been in an actual game for one play.

"I got to play one play against Arkansas State last year," he said. "It was an unreal feeling. It was something I had thought about for a long time."

I couldn't believe it when he put us in. I was so excited I just wanted to hit somebody. In fact, I almost clipped the cornerback."

Although walk-on players aren't allowed to travel with the team to road games, they usually get to dress in uniform for the home games.

Krisch wore the maroon and white for five out of seven home games his sophomore season, four last season and expects to suit up for all seven this season.

The walk-on players do get to eat

the pregame meal with the scholarship players and they also get to run through the spirit line.

"Running through the spirit line is great," Krisch said. "It really gets you fired up."

The walk-on players practice about half the time with the scholarship players. The rest of the time they run the plays of the upcoming opponent.

"We do the same things scholarship players do except we don't get paid (tuition) for it," Krisch said. "It's a lot of work but I just love being out there."

Krisch said that the walk-ons are treated the same as the scholarship players.

"(A&M Wide Receivers) Coach (Jerry) Pettibone is a good coach," he said. "He has given us all a chance."

Krisch said that he is also included in the wide receivers special group, the "Sky Lords."

"There is a certain pride within our group," he said. "We're real close."

Krisch's only opportunities to play occur when the Aggies are way ahead.

"Before the year started, I thought I might get to play against UTEP, Arkansas State and Rice," he said. "I'm just waiting for one more opportunity."

If the Aggies go to a bowl game this year, Krisch will get to travel with the team.

"If we don't have any injuries, I can see us playing Texas for the Cotton Bowl," he said.

Krisch said the experience of being on the team will help him in his career as a coach.

"I've learned so much as a walk-on," he said. "Just having the experience of being out there will help me get a job."

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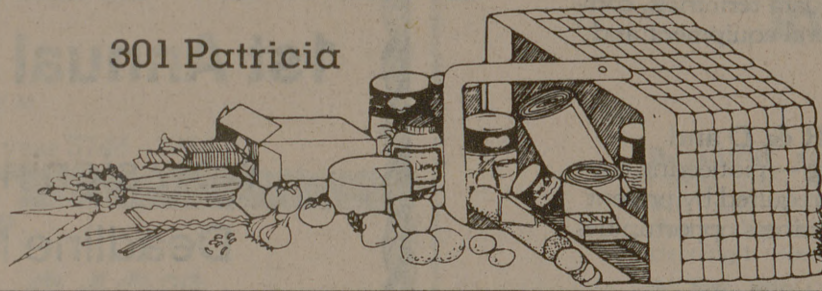
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