

Ags adapt new style of offense

Run-and-shoot attack introduced by Amedee

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When the subject of Texas A&M football comes up, the most popular conversation centers on the quarterback situation. However, settling a "quarterback controversy" is not what the Aggie offense is worried about in 1985's spring training camp.

New A&M offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee has got other worries — mainly adapting his wide-open offensive style to his available personnel.

Amedee came to A&M from Vanderbilt where the Commodores have been filling the air with footballs for the last couple of years and he plans on implementing a more pass-oriented attack for the Ags.

Since the Aggies do not have lightning fast speed in the backfield, Amedee's new offensive philosophy should take some of the pressure off A&M's shaky running back situation.

"We're not an option oriented offense," Amedee said. "We're more power oriented. We like to go off-tackle or run a power sweep. Our backfield speed is adequate for this kind of ground game."

"Our passing will be based on sight adjustment. (College) defensive secondaries have become too sophisticated for a wide receiver to just be able to run a pre-determined pattern. They have to read the defense just like the quarterback."

"We'll be using a one-back backfield quite a bit and more roll-out style passing plays."

Although A&M's new offense should create some added excitement at Kyle Field, the complexities of the new "run-and-shoot" style of offense do present a few problems for the Aggies.

A&M's wide receivers are young, and, except for Jeff Nelson, basically inexperienced. Reading defensive coverages may be easier said than done, but Amedee believes the receivers can handle the added pressure.

"(The receivers) have got good speed and their hands are good," Amedee said. "It's a better group than I had at Vanderbilt and we put almost 3,300 yards in the air alone last year."

But A&M's biggest problem right now may not be who will throw the ball.

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The Horse Laugh?

A&M's Rita Shea is turned head over heels by Baylor catcher Kay Murphy. Shea was called out as Karen Athanacio seems to be

giving the umpires the horse laugh. The Bears will get a second shot at the Ags when the teams meet in Waco Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Texas A&M Sportscope

A&M baseball team hosts North Texas in three-game series

Mark Johnson's Texas A&M baseball team (22-10) hosts North Texas State in non-conference games at Olsen Field Tuesday in a double-header, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The teams will complete the three-game series Wednesday with a single game at 3 p.m.

Aggie spikers take second in Texas Open

Texas Majic defeated Terry Condon's Texas A&M volleyball team 8-15, 16-14 and 15-13 Sunday in the finals of the Texas Open USVBA Tournament in Austin. Aggie All-American middle blocker Sherri Brinkman was the tournament's top player in blocks, service aces and kills.

A&M pistol team competes in National Championships

The Texas A&M pistol team was among 10 teams invited to the championships held in Arlington. In the standard pistol, Terry Edelman came in sixth place with 546 points and the team also finished sixth. In the air pistol competition, Roger Davis took 20th with 540 points and the team was eighth. Peter Schaller finished eighth in the free pistol and the team finished fifth. Overall, this was the best performance by an A&M pistol team to despite gun malfunctions.

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