

Sports

Toney 'makes rounds' to endzone for Ags

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Neither rain, nor sleet, nor dark of night, keeps Texas A&M running back Anthony Toney from making his appointed rounds.

Toney, along with teammate Steve Bullit, learned all about being able to deliver in important situations when they carried mail around the A&M campus over the summer.

"We picked up mail and dropped it off around the different buildings on campus," Toney said. "Boy, it was hot, too."

Was carrying around those important letters was kind of like holding on to a football?

"I don't know if it was or not, but I know we had to carry around some pretty big bags," Toney laughed. "I know we sure sweated a lot walking up and down stairs and in and out of buildings. It sure had to help us get in shape."

The Aggies' "mailman" has also delivered on the football field this season.

In the Aggies' first two games, Toney has gained 164 yards and "made his rounds" to the endzone four times. In fact, he has accounted for all of A&M's TD's thus far.

Last Saturday against Northeast Louisiana, the 6-foot senior sure looked like a mailman — one being chased by a pack of dogs.

Toney had his best day ever at A&M against NLU, rushing for 107 yards on 22 carries and scoring three TD's against an out-manned Indian defense.

So in short yardage situations, especially around the goaline, it's no surprise who the Aggies will be getting the ball to — Toney.

In all of his carries at A&M, Toney has lost yardage on only two plays, both one-yard losses.

"I'm just trying to take the ball where it's supposed to go," Toney said. "When somebody flies to the hole, I just put my head down and at least try to get back to the line of scrimmage. I just get what I can on every play."

Toney's biggest disappointment this season has been his receiving. Since he has caught only one pass thus far, Toney said he would like to become more involved in the Aggies' passing attack.

"I think I can still do better," he said. "There are a couple of things I still need to work on. I haven't caught as many passes as I thought I would and I need to block better. I also think I could have stayed up on a couple of runs and maybe gotten some more yards."

Running from the tailback position last season, Toney was A&M's second leading ground gainer. However, during spring practice A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill decided to switch Toney to fullback and move Roger Vick into the I-back slot.

"I played fullback some last year," Toney said. "It doesn't bother me at all to change positions. I just had to learn to read the holes a little differently. The fullback gets to the line a lot quicker than the tailback."

During the NLU game, Vick



Texas A&M running back Anthony Toney (far right), who leads the Aggies' in rushing — "I'm just trying to take the ball where it's sup-

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was moved back to fullback to allow Keith Woodside and Harry Johnson to log some playing time.

This coaching move forced a shuttle situation for Vick and Toney.

"It's fine with me," said Toney, a Salinas, Calif. native. "Last week, I carried the ball 22 times and Vick carried it 17 or 18. I

couldn't have run that much myself. I don't think I'm any better than Vick. It's an advantage to have two equal backs. It sure keeps you fresh."

This season, Toney is talking about touchdowns and championships.

After his first year at A&M, however, he was thinking about

quitting and going back to California.

Toney transferred to A&M from Hartnell Community College (Calif.) in '83. He strained ligaments in his knee that year, forcing him to sit out a year for rehabilitation.

"I thought things were going good until I banged up my knee,"

Toney said. "I went to the hospital for a couple of days and got depressed. They gave me a choice to redshirt or not. I decided to sit out a year. After I got used to going out on the practice field, knowing I wasn't going to play, it was kind of fun. There was no pressure to do good, you just practiced."

Ag sailing team places third in regatta

The Texas A&M sailing team hosted its annual Fall Dinghy Regatta this past weekend at the Bryan Utilities Lake Park.

Seven universities, competing with 420-class dinghies, participated in Saturday's 14 race event.

Aggie sailing team captain Billy Worsham said the competition this year was close, with the top three finishers decided in the competition's final race.

Worsham said, after all tiebreak-

ers were exhausted, A&M placed third overall behind A&M-Galveston and Baylor, which were named the regatta's co-champions.

A&M placed first in Division A and third in Division B en route to its third place overall standing.

Southern Methodist, Texas Christian, Rice and Lamar were the other teams which competed.

A&M's next collegiate regatta will be hosted by the University of Texas next Saturday at Lake Travis in Austin.

SWC football ticket policy changes

Due to a change in Southwest Conference ticket policy, away football game tickets for Texas A&M students will go on sale on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tickets are now available at any time, not just the week before the scheduled road game. Whether or not a student holds a senior ticket book or a freshman book, an away game ticket may be purchased for each book. Ticket prices for the away football games are:

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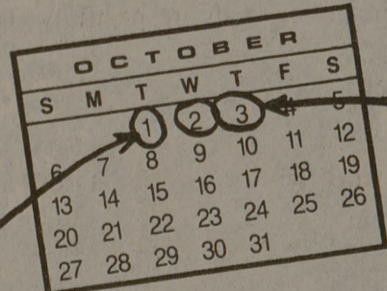
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