

# Sports

## Lack of respect doesn't bother unsung Aggie offensive linemen

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If Rodney Dangerfield was a football player instead of a comedian, he probably would play on the offensive line. Offensive linemen get no respect.

It's the people behind that line who get the credit for Texas A&M's offense, which is ranked second in the Southwest Conference in total offense and first in scoring. Kevin Murray has received recognition as one of the nation's best quarterbacks, and fullback Roger Vick, with five 100-yard games this season, also is turning some heads.

Without the big guys on the line of scrimmage, however, nobody could gain any yards. These are the unsung heroes who smash people with their heads, but receive little recognition from the fans.

Marshall Land, a senior tackle, said the offensive line has never really been a main topic of conversation.

"The things that make us happy are when the backs get 100 yards and Kevin is having a good game," Land said. "But it's always nice for someone to mention the offensive line."

Offensive line coach Joe Avezzano said he doesn't think offensive linemen are too concerned about getting recognition.

"They would like it, but they don't worry about it," he said. "The satisfaction is winning and knowing you protected the quarterback. After the game, most of the players go out to the press conferences and the media. The offensive linemen go out to their girlfriends and parents, but that's just part of the job."

"They'll be very pleased with the recognition they receive if they win the next two games and go to Dallas (the Cotton Bowl)."

Avezzano said the line did get good recognition last year when tackle Doug Williams was voted an All-American and guard Randy Dausin received All-Southwest Conference honors.

This year, guard Jerry Fontenot, center Matt Wilson and tackle Louis Cheek deserve some postseason mention, Avezzano said.

But he said it's unrealistic to compare last year's line to this year's line.

"We emphasized the run more last year," he said. "We averaged 4.1 yards per carry last year and we're averaging 4.0 yards per carry this year, so our run is still effective."

"And as for our passing game, we're protecting Kevin extremely well; we have all season. He can do a lot for us if we just take care of him."

Murray has been sacked only 16 times all season, three times in the last three games and not at all last week against Arkansas.



Photo by Anthony S. Casper

Quarterback Kevin Murray has found life in the pocket fairly safe behind the protection of offensive linemen like Marshall Land (77) and Louis Cheek (79). The Aggies, who have

the nation's current longest home winning streak at 13 games, face TCU at 12:04 p.m. Saturday in Kyle Field. The game will be televised by the Raycom sports network.

The players said they think much of their success is due to Avezzano. "He's the best coach you could ask for," Avezzano said. "He gets on you when you need to be gotten on."

Teammates Wilson and Frank Case agreed.

"He makes us work hard on the little things," Wilson said. "He also stresses agility, the ability to move."

Case said he thinks Avezzano has the ability to motivate the players.

"More than anything, we all believe in each other's abilities," he said. "There's a good chemistry about it."

Coming into this season, the question mark for the offensive line was

Land. He played in only three quarters last year because of continuing injuries to his knee.

But Avezzano said the tackles have played as well as any other position and Land has done his part. "Marshall has played extremely well in passing situations," he said.

Land, who has cut back on the vittles and now weighs a mere 328 pounds, said he doesn't think he's played up to his potential.

"I've been bothered with these little injuries and I can't move the way I want to move, but I'm trying," he said. "I'm all bruised up. It's

mainly the foot though, but it's all going to work out."

**AGGIE NOTES . . .** Place-kicker Scott Slater is one field goal away from tying the A&M record for field goals in a season and two away from the SWC record.

Tight end Rod Bernstine needs three receptions and wide receiver Shea Walker needs four to pass Jeff Nelson's A&M record of 92 career receptions.

Murray's 180 yards passing against Arkansas put his career yardage total at 6,000. He is only the fifth SWC passer to surpass 6,000 yards.

### Lady Aggies play tonight

The Texas A&M Lady Aggie basketball team opens its season tonight when it hosts the Red Star Club of Yugoslavia in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Admission for tonight's game is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Students with either an all-sports pass or "Maroon Cards" get in free. "Maroon Cards" allow admittance to all A&M women's games.

## Longhorns rip Ags in three games in final match of regular season

The Texas A&M volleyball team lost to the University of Texas in three games in the two teams' Southwest Conference finale Thursday night at UT's Gregory Gym in Austin.

The fifth-ranked Longhorns won by scores of 15-1, 15-8, 15-5 to go 10-0 in SWC play and 24-4 overall. The loss drops SWC runner-up A&M to 7-3 in the conference and 23-13 for the year, the ninth defeat in its last 16 matches.

"We didn't pass well," A&M

Coach Al Givens said, "and when we don't pass well we don't win many games. When we pass well, then other aspects of our game open up."

It may have been the last match for seniors Stacey Gildner, Laura Hoppe, Stacey Smith, Margaret Spence and Chris Zogata if the team doesn't receive a bid to the NCAA tournament.

The seniors were sidelined in the third game against Texas in order to

give the younger players some experience, Givens said.

A&M hit only .118 for the match, although Kelli Kellen had seven kills for a .538 average. Zogata, Smith and Gildner each had four kills.

The Longhorns were led by Diane Watson's 10 kills for a .529 hitting percentage.

Anna de Ybarro and Jackie Campbell added eight kills and a .500 average for Texas, which won the SWC title for the fifth year in a row.

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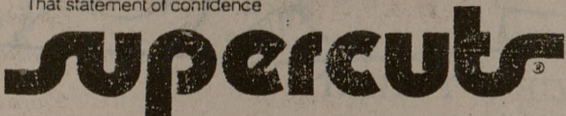
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