

Brothers

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The Aggies' lineman of the week after his performance in last week's Southern Mississippi game. Through four games in 1989 with limited playing time, James ranks 20th in team tackles, with one assisted tackle and one unassisted tackle.

Richmond is one of the keys to an offensive line that has been weakened this season by nagging injuries. Fellow starting linemen Mike Pappas, Darren Grudt and Mike Arthur all had injuries and didn't return to full health until last week.

That showed against USM, as the Aggies' running attack finally got off the ground. Junior running back Darren Lewis gained 126 yards—his first 100-yard effort of 1989—and Richmond's blocking opened up some key holes for him to run through.

Richmond hopes to continue to break open holes for Lewis and fullback Robert Wilson to run through this weekend, as the No. 19-ranked Aggies travel to Lubbock to play Texas Tech.

The last time A&M traveled to Lubbock, it was upset by the Red Raiders 27-21. Although Richmond did not play that day, he said that loss has motivated the team during this week's practices.

"We talked about it," he said. "I think it's something where we need to go up there and prove something not only to them but to ourselves. This is like the same thing we had to do against LSU. We knew we had something to do and we just went in and did it."

Richmond was recruited by A&M as a defensive tackle, the position where he played all but two games as a high school senior. But coaches moved him to offensive tackle and



Photo by Jay Janner

James (l) and Richmond (r) Webb share more than being A&M teammates — the pair from Dallas Roosevelt are brothers. James is a

backup sophomore linebacker. Richmond is a senior All-SWC offensive lineman who will lead A&M in Saturday's game at Texas Tech.

he became a starter quickly.

James always has played defense, and next year with Wallace's graduation, he is expected to step in and possibly start. But once Richmond graduates, the Aggies may not be through with a Brothers Webb tandem. Their younger brother, Joseph, is a star senior linebacker this year at Roosevelt.

The brothers said Joseph hasn't made any decisions yet on where to go to college.

But going to college was never an issue for Richmond or James. For the Brothers Webb, school and sports have always gone hand in hand.

Richmond lettered on both the football and basketball teams in high school, but still was Roosevelt's salutatorian and president of his senior

class. James was one of the top prep linebackers in the state as a senior and graduated from high school with a 3.9 grade point average. Both are industrial distribution majors.

"It wasn't that hard (balancing school and sports)," Richmond said. "I think it had a lot to do with our parents. They kept us in line pretty much. Our mom's really religious, so I guess she prayed a lot and it's helped us out."

So now with the season almost halfway over, the brothers realize this year probably will be the last time they play with each other. Richmond has a legitimate shot at being drafted in the NFL draft. James still has to play his dues at A&M.

Richmond sees good things happening to the team in 1989. With the return of a healthy offensive line,

the Aggies now are ready to become more of an offensive threat, he said.

The offense will have to be effective this weekend if they're going to win in Lubbock, where they've had problems in the past. Since 1979, the last five games in Jones Stadium have been decided by a total of 12 points. The Aggies have lost three of those five games.

But the Brothers Webb said the team is aware of what they must do, and that Coach R.C. Slocum hasn't let them look past this game to next week's big conference showdown at Kyle Field against Houston.

"I see A&M competing for a trip back to the Cotton Bowl," Richmond said. "We're focusing on one game at a time. The Cotton Bowl's the ultimate goal, but this week we just have to go up and beat Texas Tech."

volleyball

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and a Krista Hierholzer spike.

However, A&M wouldn't lead long. Houston scored five of the next six on four strong spikes. The Lady Ags took their last lead of the game when they went up 10-8 after Edmiston blocked a Susan Rice spike.

Houston took only three service breaks to score the final seven points, and A&M could only manage one point in the span as the Coogs took the first game.

A&M took a 2-0 lead in the second on a Kellen kill and Cumings ace. The Lady Ags then took leads of 6-2 and 7-4 before the Coogs tied the game 9-9.

With Houston leading 14-9, A&M used two Edmiston kills to narrow

the lead to 14-11. But Yvonne Van Brandt botched a set attempt, and the Coogs won the second game.

In the final game, Houston jumped out to a lead of 3-0, 5-2 and 7-3. At that point, Van Brandt dived for a save, and knocked the ball across the net for a point.

The crowd of about 950 went wild, and Cumings responded with a point off a block. A&M narrowed the score to 8-6, but could come no closer, as Houston scored five of the next six. Trailing 13-8, Van Brandt brought the crowd to life with an ace.

But, it was too late. Houston scored the last two points on a kill and a block.

With the win, Houston climbs to 12-2 on the season and 1-0 in Southwest Conference play. A&M is now 7-5 and 0-1.

Edmiston said she found positive notes in the match.

"We were within two points late in two of the games," she said. "We're improving."

Jones baffled over Cowboys' 0-4 start

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones admits he's a bit baffled.

"I didn't expect to be 0-4 at all," said the new owner of the Dallas Cowboys, who are off to their worst start in 26 years.

Jones said he feels "like somebody who has the flu. It doesn't feel good when you are sitting, standing or laying down."

"Food doesn't even taste good. You know something's wrong," Jones paid about \$140 million for the Cowboys last February and swept house, bringing in close friend Jimmy Johnson as coach.

During the off-season, Jones boldly predicted the Cowboys would win as many games in the first one-third of the season as they did all of last year.

The Cowboys were an NFL-worst 3-13 last season.

"I knew if we didn't have success early on then we wouldn't get the normal honeymoon period," he said.

"We're being judged against the previous 29 years. But I don't get uptight with those judgments. I did think we would win a game by now."

Strong-armed Andre Ware puts own name on Dome with offensive onslaught

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers call the Astrodome the House of Pain, but when the 12th-ranked Houston Cougars take up residence on Saturdays it becomes the Ware-house.

Quarterback Andre Ware has expanded the limits of the run-and-shoot offense this season, triggering the Cougars to a 3-0 record while leading the nation in total offense with 423 yards per game.

Ware is storing up more yards per game than No. 1 ranked Notre Dame as a team. The Fighting Irish have gained 393 yards per game.

The heavy firing has propelled Ware into the national spotlight and he's not blinded by the glare. He is ready to play Notre Dame.

"There's not a player in this room who wouldn't want a shot at Notre Dame," Ware said. "I would love it. See if you could schedule a scrimmage with them."

"There's no telling what kind of numbers this team could put up. There's nobody in the country who can stop us if we don't stop ourselves."

Houston leads the nation in total offense (658.6 yards per game), passing offense (550.0) and scoring (56.7).

Coach Jack Pardee, who has

played and coached at the college and pro level with some outstanding quarterbacks, says Ware has the strongest arm he's ever seen.

"We throw more balls than the pros do," Pardee said. "In a pro training camp, the quarterback will throw 100 to 120 balls a day. Andre throws 200 every day and we've never had to take him out of a passing drill."

"Roman Gabriel was like Andre when he first came up with the (Los Angeles) Rams. But even Roman, after 8-10 days of that, would take a day off from throwing."

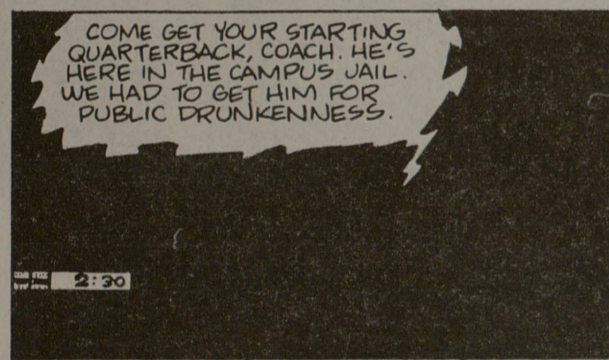
Houston has outscored three opponents 170-14 going into Saturday's game against Baylor, which owns the nation's top-ranked pass defense.

Ball control may be the Bears' only hope, Coach Grant Teaff said.

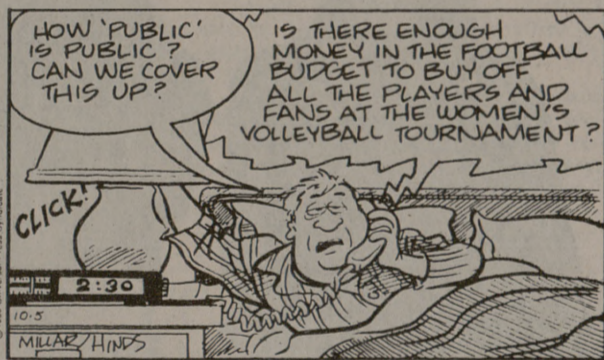
"It doesn't take a Sherlock Holmes to know if you've got the ball and they don't, it's the best way to slow them down," Teaff said. "But their defense is as good as their offense."

Houston ranks No. 5 in the nation in total defense, allowing 213 yards per game and is No. 1 in scoring defense, allowing 4.7 points per game.

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