

## Wide receiver/outfielder Patterson knows he's no Bo

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Cornelius Patterson knows he's no Bo Jackson. Patterson, a speedy wide receiver for the Texas A&M football team, came out for baseball this spring and won a spot on the Aggie roster. Although he has played sparingly usually as a pinch runner so far this season, Patterson said he's often compared to Jackson, America's favorite two-sport athlete. "People call me 'Bo Jackson,'" Patterson said. "But I'm not trying to follow in his shoes or anything."

Patterson has little in common with Jackson and doesn't see himself as another Bo.

That's evident if you've ever seen Patterson play baseball. He breaks bats as he walks off the field. Patterson breaks a smile.

Patterson said he's glad to be a part of the 1990 Aggie baseball team, even if his part is small. So far, he's played in four games and was hitless in his only plate appearance. Although Patterson has been regulated to the role of pinch runner, he said he's not bothered by it.

"I respect the guys in front of me," Patterson said. "They've been there a while, they're experienced and I'm just coming in. I'll just have to wait my turn."

"I'm just trying to help the team out. Anything I can do, I'll do."

Still, Patterson is reluctant to say he's satisfied with being a designated runner.

"Being a complete ballplayer is what everyone dreams of," he said. "But I've accepted my role, and I respect the guys in front of me because they have more experience than I do."

Patterson's football mentor, receivers coach Robert Ford, said that Patterson is a positive influence off the field.

"Cornelius is a very pleasant young man," Ford said. "He's a real good student, and sings in the church choir."

Patterson proved that nice guys don't finish last when he became a hero in his first collegiate baseball game. In the Aggies' Feb. 9 season opener against the University of Texas-Arlington, Patterson came into the game in the bottom of the 10th inning to pinch run.

He stole second base, and took third on a wild pitch that bounced only a few feet away from the catcher; a feat most runners couldn't



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Junior Cornelius Patterson is living a two-sport lifestyle at A&M as a wide receiver (l) and outfielder (r) for the Aggies.



## No. 8 Aggies defend 7-0 mark against Lamar

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The No. 8 Texas A&M baseball team will defend its 7-0 record Tuesday when they host Lamar in a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Olsen Field.

The Aggies shook their offensive woes Saturday as they thrashed Pan American 7-2 and 8-1.

They managed a season-high 12 hits in the nightcap, and got a grand slam in the first game from right fielder Dan Robinson.

Junior pitcher Rich Robertson won the Coppertone National Player of the Week award. Robertson, a transfer from San Jacinto Junior College, struck out 12 Pan American batters and allowed only one run in seven innings to improve his record to 2-0.

Robertson isn't the only hot Aggie pitcher.

The A&M staff has combined for a 0.90 earned run average.

Robertson and senior Pat Sweet share the team lead with 2-0 records. Jason Bullard, another San Jacinto transfer, leads the team with two saves.

The Aggies moved up to No. 8 in the latest ESPN/Collegiate Baseball polls. It is the highest ranking A&M has had this season, after spending 11 weeks ranked No. 1 last year.

Coach Mark Johnson said that he's happy with the pitching staff.

"I can't say enough about our pitchers and the job Coach (Jim) Lawler has done with that group," Johnson said.

"They are throwing the breaking ball for a strike and staying ahead of the hitters."

Robinson, a junior San Jacinto transfer, has emerged as the Aggies' offensive leader.

He leads the team in hits (7), average (.333), runs (8), runs batted in (9), homeruns (2) and stolen bases (4).

The probable starters for Tuesday's games are Brent Gilbert and Sean Lawrence.

Gilbert has pitched in one game and has a 0.00 ERA in his 2.2 innings of work. Lawrence, a sophomore from Oak Park, Illinois, hasn't pitched this season, but was 2-0 last season.

Lamar will counter with Shad Smith (1-0, 4.76 ERA) and Michael Stewart (1-0, 3.86).

The Cardinals are 3-3-1 for the season after losing to Sam Houston 2-1 in the opener of a doubleheader and tying 4-4 because of darkness in the nightcap.

After the doubleheader, the Aggies take to the road for six games Friday through Monday.

They will play three games against both Louisiana Tech and Northeast Louisiana.

have pulled off. Patterson's speed convinced UTA to intentionally walk Dan Robinson and Blake Pyle to set up a possible force play. Then Patterson scored the winning run when left fielder

Chad Broussard smashed a single past the third baseman.

"It was sort of like a dream," Patterson said. "I mean, my first collegiate game as a baseball player, and I score the winning run."

It may have felt like a dream, but it wasn't Patterson's first big moment on a baseball field. He starred for his high school baseball team in Moss Point, Ms., and lettered three years in the sport.

Patterson hit .325 in the leadoff spot and played centerfield in high school.

"I had a little pop in my bat," he

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## Davis considering possible A&M coaching offer

### FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M Athletic Director John David Crow is scouring the nation in search of a head coach for his basketball program.

And while interim coach John

Thornton is among the possible replacements for Shelby Metcalf, who resigned Jan. 22 after 27 years with A&M, Crow already has contacted University of Idaho Athletic Director Gary Hunter and asked permission to set up a formal postseason inter-

view with Idaho basketball coach Kermit Davis.

Davis said he is interested in a vacancy at Texas A&M, but is "very happy in Moscow."

Hunter has given A&M permission to set up the postseason inter-

view with Davis, 30, the second-youngest NCAA Division I coach in the nation.

"I think that's a basketball job that not just Kermit Davis, but everybody else in the country feels has tons of potential because of the recruiting

base in Texas and the dollars you have," Davis said. "I'm very flattered to be considered by a great university like Texas A&M."

Crow said he asked Hunter for

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