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Heads up!



Lance Nigliazzo, a sophomore pre-med major from Bryan, heads the ball in a soccer match Monday at Simpson Drill Field. The field may close to students in the future for renovations.

Quarterbacking a family tradition

MISSION (AP) — Throwing the football is part of everyday life in the Detmer family. Ty Detmer was the state's leading passer when his father, Sonny Detmer, was head football coach at San Antonio Southwest High School in the mid-1980s.

After Ty Detmer graduated, he was recruited by Brigham Young, where he is now the quarterback. Sonny Detmer, now head football coach at Mission High School, again has a son as quarterback.

Before Koy Detmer is finished, he and his brother could become to Texas passing records what Phil and Jim Niekro were to pitching victories in baseball.

"He's farther along now than I was at the same time in terms of picking up blitzes," said Ty Detmer. "And he had a good spring training to back it all up."

Last season, Koy threw for 600 yards in part-time action behind Willie Rodriguez, who threw for 1,650. Although the passing game remains a relative rarity in most of Texas, he has known nothing else.

"It's more exciting, more fun," said Koy Detmer. "It's fun playing for my dad because of the offense he runs."

During the three years Ty Detmer played for his father at San Antonio Southwest, he became the most prolific passer in Texas high school history, throwing for 8,005 career yards.

During the 1980s, he was the first in a series of record-breaking throwers. Kirk Saul of Turkey Valley, Lupe Rodriguez of Mission and Steve Clements of Huntsville were the others.

"Dad had it all in over the years. He just added a little more to it each year," said Ty Detmer. "The situation was just right at Southwest. It seems like we were the first ones to really start throwing, and although some of the records have been broken, there is still a lot of pride involved. We were the first to open it up."

His success at Brigham Young has been particularly satisfying for the Detmer family, since an anti-Ty backlash of sorts occurred his senior year in high school after he announced early he would sign with BYU's Cougars.

"I realize they (recruiting services) did what they did to get boosters off their backs," said Detmer. "It didn't bother me at all, because I knew I was going to a good place. People up here are happy with me."

For Sonny Detmer, the passing game has been a two-edged sword. He's won games with it — and lost jobs.

"I had always wanted to throw the ball more than anyone else," he said.

"Way back when, you were considered radical and to a certain degree had trouble getting jobs because of it. People wanted to run the wishbone, what UT ran. I didn't get a lot of breaks job-wise because of it."

During stints in the Continental Football League and at San Antonio Central Catholic and Laredo Martin high schools, Detmer pieced the elements of his twin-back passing attack together.

By the time he arrived at San Antonio Southwest in the mid-1980s, all the pieces were in place.

How does his garden grow? A&M tackle spends summer handling roses

By DOUGLAS PILS
Of The Battalion Staff

While much of the nation's Navy is busy transporting soliders and war supplies to the Middle East, Texas A&M's U.S.S. McCall delivered a different kind of cargo to ports-of-call in Bryan-College Station this summer.

Aggie offensive tackle Matt McCall, nicknamed "The U.S.S." because of his 6-8, 288-pound frame, normally delivers crushing blocks and outstanding pass blocking while playing in A&M's multi-talented offense.

But it seems McCall's delivery talents don't lie in football alone.

The senior spent this summer arranging and delivering flowers for the Petal Patch Flower Shop in College Station.

Since McCall was staying in College Station this summer to drop some unwanted pounds, he needed a job for spending money. A coach told him about the opening and A&M got its very own version of Merlin Olsen.

McCall said he delivered for most of the summer but started arranging flowers toward the end.

"We started running a special on a dozen roses arrangement," McCall said. "It was selling real good so they taught me how to arrange them."

For one of the Southwest Conference's premier linemen, working in a flower shop could create ridicule and name-calling, McCall said his teammates were quick to do just that when two-a-days started.

"I've been taking some heat from the guys already," he said. "It didn't take long for the news to spread around."

(A&M offensive guard Mike) Pappas has really been riding me about it and I'm getting compared to Merlin Olsen."

McCall said the joking around is all in good fun and lightens the mood at practice.

"It's been kind of neat getting all this attention," he said. "Besides, it helps break up the monotony of two-a-days."

Preparing for those two-a-days was the reason McCall stayed here all summer. After weighing in at 314



Texas A&M starting offensive tackle Matt McCall works on a bouquet arrangement of roses at the Petal Patch Flower Shop.

pounds last season, McCall and the rest of his comrades on the offensive line decided it was time to make a change.

McCall won consensus All-SWC awards as a sophomore in 1988 and was expected to challenge for All-American honors last year. However, after the extra weight and a

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of tradition called Aggie land, the could be considered a mortal sin.

So what exactly do you tell these people?

You explain to them that a conference comprising TCU, SMU, Baylor, Rice, Houston and A&M wouldn't generate enough funds to pay for the matches to light Bonfire (which in itself becomes useless since Texas is more than likely to have seen the light and left the SWC).

So has anything useful come from discussions of what has become "Merger Mania?"

But of course. Just gander at some of these quotes made by officials around the SWC:

• "Arkansas' move to the SWC means that (Rice) won't finish in the SWC anymore," said Fred Goldsmith, Rice head football coach. Probably one of the most candid and realistic assessments of the Razorbacks' move.

• "We will remain part of the SWC as long as it remains a viable conference," said Dr. William Moley, President of Texas A&M University. The key word here is viable. Has the SWC ever been a viable conference?

• "There is a strong possibility we will remain in the SWC," said Frank Broyles, Arkansas Athletic Director. Broyles made this now infamous statement a week before the Razorbacks defected. Frank gets another pig call for this faux pas.

So quit already with Bo, Ninja turtles, Iraq, gas prices and seedy stories of conference mergers and promises made and broken.

Astros down Pirates 2-1, ending streaks

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Danny Darwin won his eighth straight game and Eric Yelding singled to break an eighth-inning tie, as the Houston Astros ended Pittsburgh's six-game win streak Tuesday night with a 2-1 victory.

The five-hit complete game, the second by Darwin, also ended the Astros seven-game losing streak in Pittsburgh.

Darwin (9-1), 7-0 with a 1.54 ERA since becoming a starter on July 1, limited Pittsburgh to Jeff King's solo homer in the third. He struck out four and walked one while failing to allow more than two runs for the ninth time in his 10 starts.

Pirates rookie left-hander Randy Tomlin didn't allow a hit until Franklin Stubbs' two-out double in the fifth. Making his fourth major-league start, Tomlin came out after giving up three hits in seven innings.

Mayor's car stolen

ST. PETERSBURG — This city's mayor was in a convincing GOP convention when his 1992 convention car was stolen during their stay in St. Petersburg.

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Major league tour of Texas

The major league tour of Texas is under way. The tour includes stops in Houston, San Antonio, Austin, and Dallas. The tour is a joint effort by the Texas A&M and the major league teams.

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Gan asks

KARACHI, Pa. — Victims from a Sikh hijacked the plane at an asylum Monday. One of the weapons on board was a Soviet news agency. The 11 hijackers were arrested and nine were harmed, officials said. It was the latest in a series of hijackings involving at least 13 hijackers in the last few months.

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