

Aggie Update



Battalion file photo by J. Janner

Starting outside linebacker James Webb will miss Saturday's season-opening game in Hawaii with injured knee ligaments.

Layne Talbot — The senior placekicker hit 38-of-38 extra points last season and needs just nine more to break the school record for consecutive extra points. He will play against Hawaii although he's been hampered by a pulled hamstring.

Darren Lewis — The senior tailback needs 383 yards to break Curtis Dickey's school record 3,703 yards and 1,130 to become the SWC's all-time leading rusher. Coach R.C. Slocum said Lewis weighs about 217 pounds, but that he'd like to see the running back play at 210 this season.

James Webb — The projected starting outside linebacker suffered knee ligament damage last week and will be out at least a month. Slocum said doctors advised reconstructive surgery on the knee, but to do so would knock Webb out for the entire season.

Tyrone Malone — Webb's backup, Malone will start against the Rainbows. The sophomore transferred from Louisiana State last year, and sat out 1989 under NCAA rules.

Craig Jeffries — The sophomore backup offensive lineman wears No. 50, giving the Aggies this weekend their own version of "Hawaii Five-0."

Mike Pappas — The starting left guard is out indefinitely after doctors warned him not to play because of nerve damage in his neck. Slocum said he didn't know when the senior would return.

Larry Horton — The senior safety will return kickoffs again in 1990. A converted running back, Horton got the Aggies off to a grand start last year. He took the opening kickoff 98 yards against LSU in A&M's 28-16 opening season win.

Trip

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do last year, he said. "We have a good attitude this year," Arthur said. "Last year we didn't when we went on that trip to Seattle. I don't think we'll make the same mistake twice. We're going to go and take care of business."

Slocum said his greatest worry is that the team will be disoriented from the long plane ride and adjustment to Hawaii time.

"The last time I flew out there (three years ago), I swore I'd never go back," he said. "The plane ride knocks you back for a day or two.

You feel kind of sluggish. "If Hawaii comes over here, they don't play very well either after they make that trip. But at home, over the last two years, it's amazing. They just don't lose over there in that stadium."

Horton said that as the Aggies were preparing for the game, full-back Robert Wilson reminded Slocum in a meeting how he felt after last year's loss to Washington. Horton said those memories might make the difference in Hawaii.

"We talked about the feeling we had as far as losing that (Washington) game," Horton said. "That's only an example, but we're going up there this weekend focused on the game. We'll have fun after the game."

Gretzky not glowing about Oilers in book

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Wayne Gretzky has written his autobiography and, not surprisingly, the hockey superstar doesn't have many kind words for his former boss, Edmonton Oilers owner Peter Pocklington.

In "Gretzky: An Autobiography," the captain of the Los Angeles Kings describes Pocklington as a cheap-skate and says "sometimes he could be a complete jerk."

Pocklington sold Gretzky to the Kings in August 1988 for a reported \$18 million, just months after Gretzky led the Oilers to their fourth Stanley Cup in five years.

In the book, co-written by Rick Reilly, Gretzky says Pocklington was miserly when it came to gifts to the players. Gretzky says the first time the Oilers won the Stanley Cup, Pocklington gave diamond rings to everyone on the team. But the size of the diamond varied on how Pocklington viewed their contribution to the club.

"That meant the trainers and the equipment guys got these tiny diamonds and the guys who sat on the bench got a little bigger diamond, but not much, and so on until you-know-who got a huge one," Gretzky says in the book.

"Here we'd spent the last five years trying to bang through everybody's skull that we were a team ... and Peter goes and ranks us all by carat."

Gretzky says he didn't know anything about the rings until then-assistant coach John Muckler told him that the hand on the diamond meter

went the wrong way when he got his ring appraised. Muckler, assistant coach Ted Green and all the training staff were given fake diamonds.

Gretzky says then-coach Glen Sather made Pocklington get the coaches genuine diamonds. "I was so embarrassed I took all the trainers' rings and had them done properly," he added.

The comments in Gretzky's book are not the first time Pocklington has come under fire for his financial dealings. Once highly accessible, Pocklington has become almost a recluse since the Gretzky trade, adding a new security system to his home and generally refusing interview requests.

This week, Pocklington sold the Edmonton Trappers, a Triple A baseball franchise with the Pacific Coast League, for about \$6 million. Pocklington refused to comment on the sale, which will see the team move to Memphis, Tenn.

In the book, Gretzky says salary concerns started any problems he had with Sather and Pocklington.

He says Sather couldn't accept that players wanted higher salaries, while Pocklington used the cash flow provided by the Oilers to support his other business ventures.

"He knew what he needed and it wasn't more Stanley Cups," Gretzky says in the book. "He didn't need to sell more tickets. His arena was already sold out. He needed cash."

Gretzky says the Ferrari that Pocklington "gave" him when he tied Marcel Dionne for the scoring race his first year in the NHL was actually a three-year lease.

Pils

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year's past, lost a first round match to the 129th-seeded player.

Derrick Rostagno knocked out McEnroe 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

Another later defeat to Rostagno and a string of losses to more relative unknowns followed the first round humiliation.

McEnroe hasn't made it to a tournament final all year and he's currently ranked 20th in the world. The man who won four U.S. Opens and three Wimbledon seemed to be losing his touch.

The John McEnroe that won Tuesday looked to be a somewhat changed man.

After the line judge called a foul on McEnroe, he calmly stood in the middle of the court and just glared at his accuser. The Mac of old would have certainly sent a verbal barrage his way if not a ball or a racket.

Oh sure, there was still some of that fire that lit up the tennis world some 13 years ago. After a questionable sideline call, McEnroe asked the chair umpire if he was calling a game on another court and added a few other choice comments.

McEnroe has made a concerted effort in recent months to bring back the spark that put him atop the tennis world four years in a row.

He moved back to New York, and

after the Wimbledon debacle asked Tony Palafox, the coach who began teaching Mac the finer points of tennis at age 12, to help him revive his game.

Marriage to actress Tatum O'Neal and the birth of their two sons also calmed the former bad-boy of tennis.

The new Mac may be a step slower with his age, but he's more patient and looks like he's in shape to go a full five sets.

He played with the same intensity at the end of Tuesday's match as he did at the start. Even though he took the match in straight sets, McEnroe needed two tie-breakers to put away the pesky Sanchez.

While it might not mean much now, McEnroe was given a helping hand yesterday.


Before he took to the court, Stefan Edberg of Sweden, the tournament's No. 1 seed, was ousted by unseeded Alexander Volkov of the Soviet Union in straight sets 6-3, 7-6, 6-2.

This could open the door for McEnroe because Edberg was in his bracket of the tournament. The man who dethroned Bjorn Borg as tennis' kingpin just might be in a position to make some noise.

McEnroe will never dominate tennis like he did in the early '80s, but a strong performance in the U.S. Open and possibly even an eighth Grand Slam victory are not out of the question.

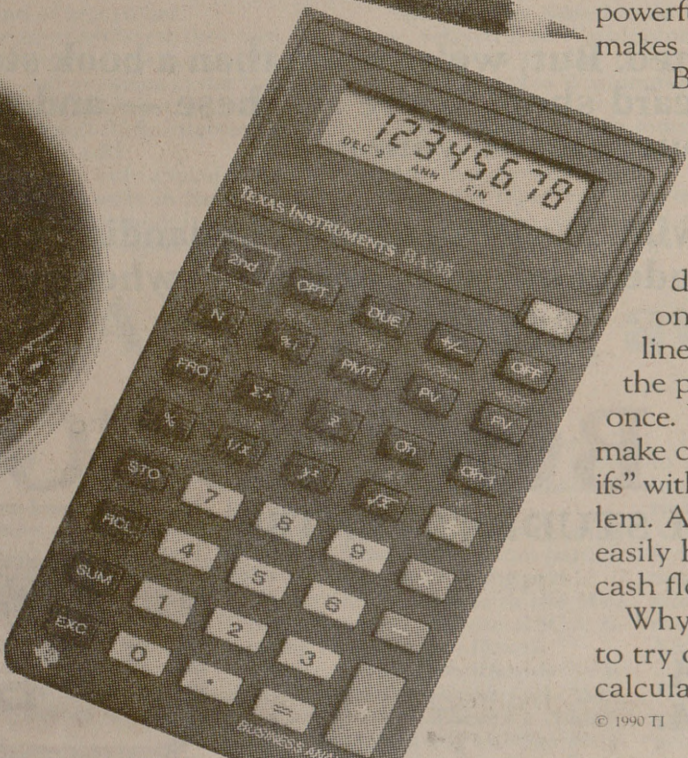
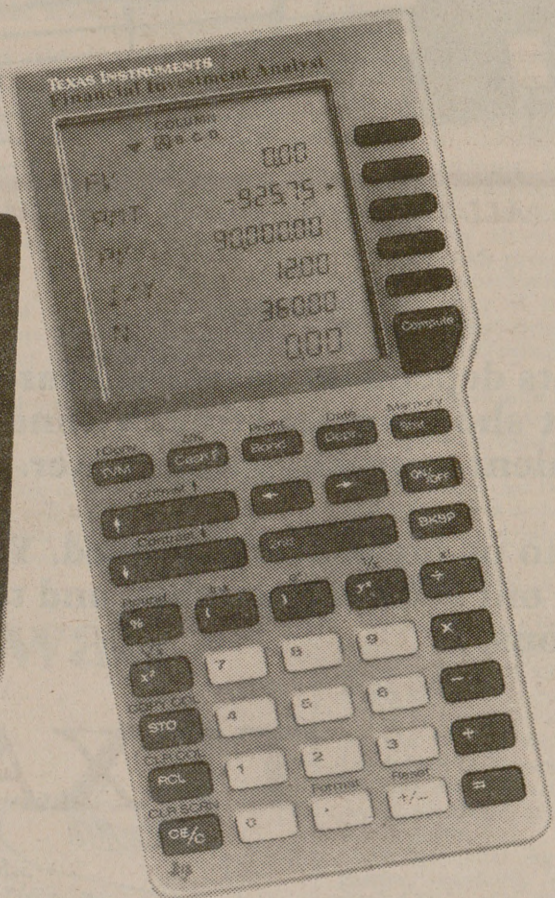
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