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use the same wide-open blitz tactics that A&M used a year ago to quell Houston's pass-happy offense. "The Rainbows' scheme dictates to you a little more," Slocum said. "They're going to pound the football at you to the point where you can't get away with doing that.

"We'll use a more conventional defense to deal with Hawaii." Wagner said he wished he had a

conventional method to deal with the Aggies' offense.

"They have one of the best run-ning back tandems in (Darren) Lewis and (Robert) Wilson in the nation," Wagner said. "We don't expect to stop them, but we'd like to just slow them down enough to hang in the ballgame.'

As if worrying about being out-manned, smaller and less experi-enced than A&M weren't enough, Wagner said the return of A&M junior quarterback Bucky Richardson has given his defensive coordinator

Rich Ellerson headaches. "Getting Richardson back gives A&M another dimension," Wagner said. "They can run the option really well with him or have a power-type

"It's scary that on one team they have two really outstanding quarterbacks that can take a major college team to a bowl game."

However, Wagner said that nei-ther he nor Ellerson believe the Aggies will return to the offensive scheme it ran two years ago when Richardson was at the helm. "I'd be shocked if they came out

and set up in it," Wagner said. "They might run the option, but they won't be real sophisticated running it like Air Force would. "The Aggies just have an array of

weapons.

Both coaches also agree on a strategy to walk away from Aloha Sta-dium with their first victory of the season.

'Control the ball," they said.

"Our approach is very aggressive on both sides of the ball," Wagner "When we get into a game where we're outmanned like we will be this weekend against A&M, we revert to the basics.

'We'll take care of the ball on offense, avoiding turnovers and not give up the big plays to their offen-

Slocum echoed Wagner's game plan.

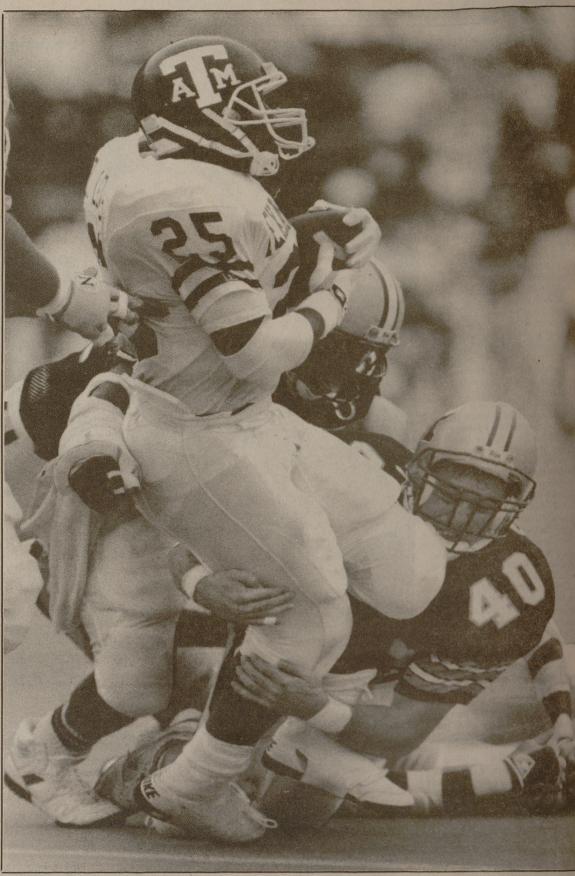
"A lot of pressure is going to be put on our defensive front," Slocum 'We're going to have to try and said. shut down their running game, force turnovers and get some pro-duction from Lewis and Wilson."

The Aggies must also contend with the distractions of the state of Hawaii itself. Slocum said first A&M must get acclimated to the five-hour time differential and then focus on the game.

He pointed out A&M's failure to concentrate during a road trip to Washington a year ago. The Huskies trounced the Aggies 19-6 on na-

tional television. Wagner said he doesn't believe the 10-hour trip to Hawaii will affect **The Battalion** 

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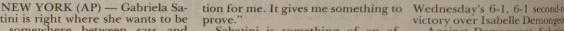
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Texas A&M senior running back Darren Lewis will lead the Aggie offense Saturday.

## Sabatini a quiet, dangerous Open threat Jan HR

batini is right where she wants to be somewhere between sass and steadiness.

"It seems everybody is thinking about Graf, Seles, Martina," she said. 'I feel better that way. It is motiva-



She quietly goes about business, like

Sabatini is something of an af-

future teammates prepare for Hous-

sign," said a source in the Florida athletic department. "He doesn't re-alize it, but he's hurting himself by

For a team that's one player or

two away from the Super Bowl, you'd expect an owner to be willing

to pay the extra price for someone of Smith's ability. But that's not the

Jones has to be thinking about the

salary cap. And he's doing the right

not playing. He'll sign pretty soon.

"Emmitt would be a fool not to

ton tomorrow night?

Dallas Cowboys.

victory over Isabelle Demongeo Against Demongeot, Sabatin terthought these days, overlooked and lurking in the middle of the U.S. Open draw, sitting back and waiting. model of consistency and ciency. She was more than satisf

with her performance. "I feel very good, very confident she said. "I think I am playing " best right now. This was a got match and I made it easy. I feelwr Hanshi with her performance.

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A&M's performance Saturday.

'BYU comes over here year after year and plays well," Wagner said. "Certainly you'd rather play at home, but they've had ample time to rest and practice.

However, the Rainbows do well within the friendly confines of Aloha Stadium. They haven't lost a regular season game there since November 1988

The meeting between Slocum and Wagner three years ago is reflected in the coaching philosophies of both. A quick glance at each coaches' defensive schemes will show parallels.

Those parallels will be shattered Saturday when one walks out of Aloha Stadium the victor, and the agent. other just walks away.

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Though Smith is threatening to stay in school if the Cowboys don't pay him, don't count on it. He can't return to Florida to play football be-cause he's no longer eligible after hiring an agent to represent him.

And he can't even think about pe titioning the NCAA for any kind of reinstatement. Notre Dame's Brax-ton Banks has already tried it, and failed. He left college a year early for the NFL, but wasn't drafted and wanted college football to give him another chance. But he didn't get one, and he didn't even have an

thing dealing with it nowthan worry-ing about it later. So what is Smith to do while his

comfortable out there.

Sabatini has reached the quart nals, finals and semis in the last th years here but has never been able win a Grand Slam event.

That may be why the spotlight switched to others. Now, though, thinks her own switch to new co Carlos Kirkmayer could make ad ference.

'I can see the difference in game," Sabatini said. "It's technic I'm moving better. Maybe it's fm working a lot.

She came into the Open seed No. 5, with just one victory this the Virginia Slims of Florida Boca Raton in March.

Her victim in the finals? Capriati, whose pro debut hogge the headlines in that tournament.

