

Aggies fall in AP Poll to 25th position

From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M, ranked in the Associated Press' Top 25 College Football Poll all season long, stayed in the rankings after last Saturday's 36-31 loss to Houston.

But just barely. The Aggies dropped to No. 25 in Monday's poll, and A&M head football coach said the Aggies have to put the emotional loss to the Cougars behind them as they prepare for Saturday's Southwest Conference game against Baylor.

"These kinds of losses are the hardest kinds to deal with," Slocum said. "We put a lot of preparation into last week and we played hard throughout the game, but it was like we kept getting a rug pulled out from under us. That takes a lot out of you. It's as hard a loss as I've had in a long time. I didn't sleep last night. Coaches are that way."

Slocum said even though the Aggies dropped their first conference game, they're still in the same position they were in at this time last year when they still were in the hunt for the SWC crown.

"We've got to come back and shake those feelings off," Slocum said. "In reality, we're exactly where we were last year at this time. Last year we lost to Tech and beat Houston. We came back and played ourselves into the position to play Arkansas for the Cotton Bowl. We're no worse now than we were then."

If a year hasn't made much of a difference to the Aggies, it's done wonders for Coach George Welsh, who rescued Virginia's program from college football's skid row and nursed it back to health. On Monday, the Cavaliers moved into the high-rent district.

"Maybe it's like Andy Warhol. Maybe this is our 15 minutes of fame," Welsh said after Virginia was elevated to No. 1 in the poll.

It's the first time in the top spot for Virginia, which prior to Welsh's arrival in 1982 had only two winning seasons in the previous 29 years.

Under Welsh's command, the Cavaliers' vocabulary has expanded to include such previously foreign terms as bowl games, 10-victory seasons and the Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

Before this season, Virginia had not been ranked higher than ninth, but the Cavaliers, whose 6-0 start is their best since 1949, now have spent five consecutive weeks in the Top 10.

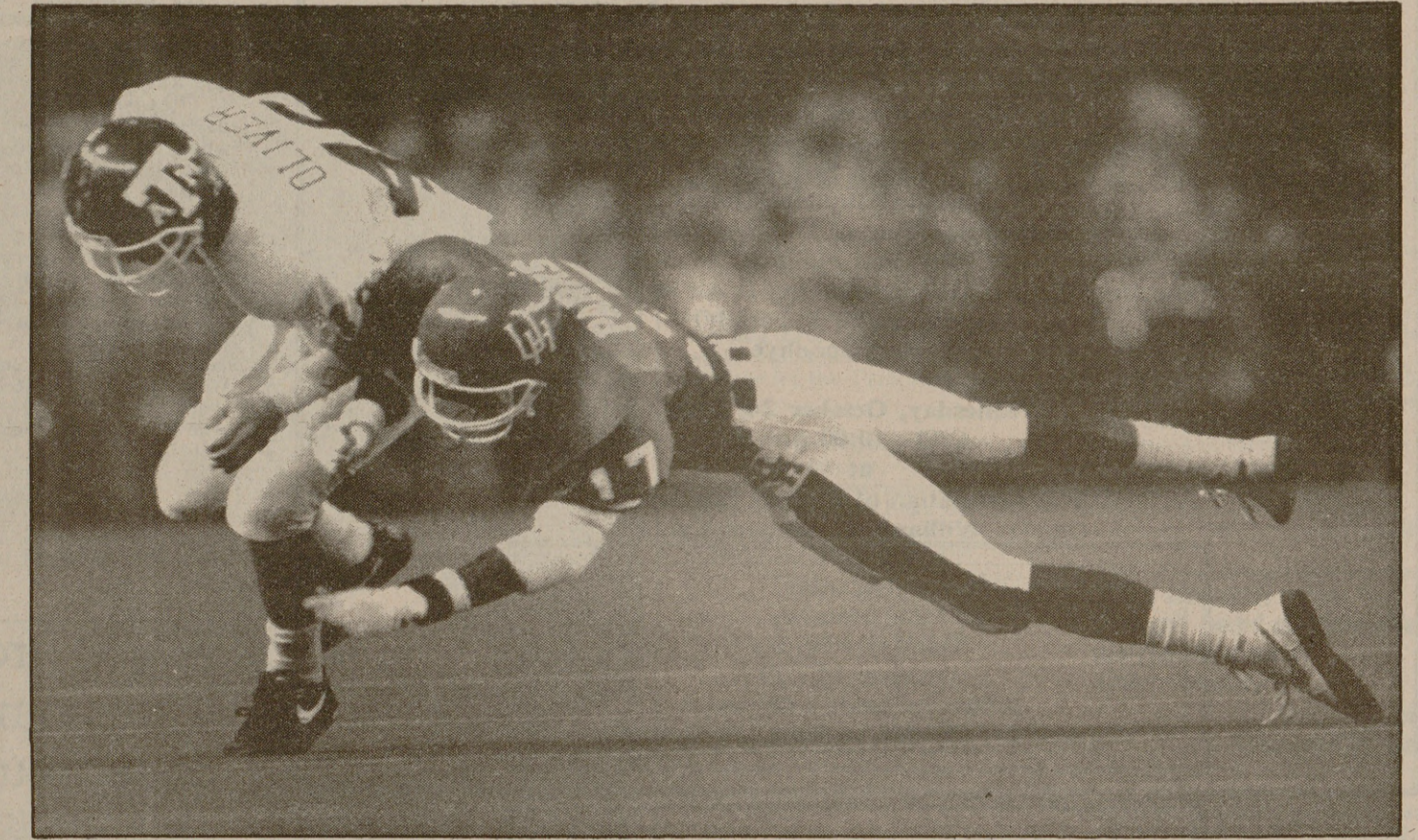


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Texas A&M stayed in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll at the 25th position.

Virginia, No. 2 last week, was a 31-0 winner over North Carolina State while top-ranked Michigan fell 28-27 to Michigan State.

The Cavaliers received 38 first-place votes and 1,454 points from the AP's nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Once-beaten Miami, a 34-0 winner over Kansas on Saturday, was second with 15 first-place votes and 1,414 points.

"Maybe this will help us," said Welsh, who added that he was nonetheless concerned about how his team would respond to breathing rarified air. "I don't think it's anything they should dwell on. I plan on talking to them about it. If they have anything to say, they better talk about it today and then forget about it."

If the Cavaliers don't, Welsh said, they could suffer the same fate as Miami, Notre Dame and Michigan — all previous occupants of the No. 1 spot this season.

"This may last only a week," said the straight-faced Welsh, whose team will be a heavy favorite Saturday when it visits Wake Forest (2-4).

Virginia, leading the nation with averages of 48 points and 540 yards per game, has outscored its opponents 288-66.

"I think we had respect nationally before this year," Welsh said. "But the polls don't mean that much to me. They don't mean anything, really. They don't mean anything until the bowls are over."

Omar Smith Tennis Center christening new lighting system

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"Guest" players are matched with a member of A&M men's or women's tennis team and then the pairs face each other in a 30-minute match.

A&M's basketball team loses Griffin

Being a first-year head basketball coach at an institution that loves football might be considered a tough job, and for Texas A&M head coach Kermit Davis, that job just got a little tougher.

The Aggies lost the services of its only freshman recruit, Artie Griffin because of his failure to meet NCAA entrance requirements, Davis said.

Griffin, a 6-4, 170-pound guard from San Antonio Lee, is the fourth player A&M hands to lose for the season.

Last year's starting center David Harris was declared academically ineligible this summer, Maurice Sanders, a transfer from Marshall University, was denied admission because of past problems and the status of returning starter Freddie Ricks is still up in the air after his arrest last week for burglary of a motor vehicle.

Griffin made the 5A all-state team and was an honorable mention prep All-American last season as he averaged 29.5 points and 8.4 rebounds a game.

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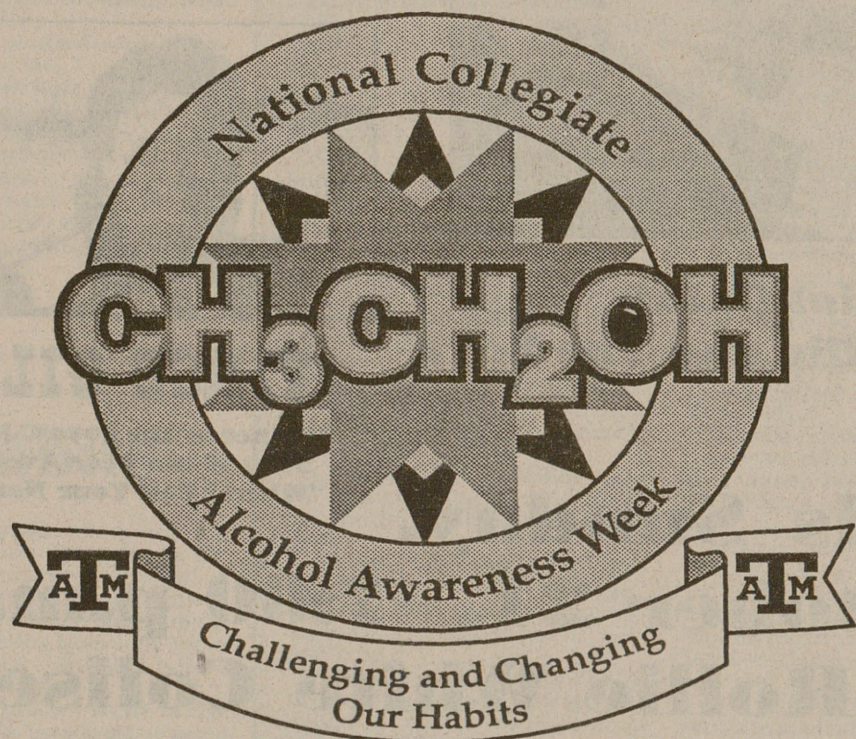
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10/20	Mocktail Mix-Off	12:00 noon	G. Rollie White Collisium
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10/23	Mocktails	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Campus Dining Centers
10/24	"Clean and Sober"	8:00 p.m.	Rudder Theater
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10/25	Mocktail Madness	6:00-7:30 p.m.	212, 224 MSC

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