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Stop cryin' about football and go watch basketball

Enough about the Aggies and their hopes of beating the Longhorns. Enough with all the spiel about why A&M didn't win, and whose television monitors were on in the UT coaches' boxes.

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And how much we hate CBS for the hideous crime that it committed against 41,000-plus Aggies and their families and friends.

And enough about how a truly great running back like Darren Lewis didn't get the respect he deserved for being the nation's leading rusher and carrying the weight of an 8-3-1 team.

Enough. It is time to move on. We've all heard too many times before that we can't change what has happened in the past. So we must live with the decisions made, and look at what lies ahead.

With a change of climate and uniform we take ourselves to G. Rollie White Coliseum, and give some much needed support to the A&M basketball program.

Kermit Davis is just starting to get the ball bouncing on what most Aggies hope will be the program of the future in the Southwest Conference.

But the key word here is support. And having enough of it to fill a 14,500 seat arena the school is investing in.

Only a few years ago Shelby Metcalf's teams could all but fill up the coliseum on a good night.

Just a week ago the nationally-ranked Oklahoma Sooners and their outspoken coach Billy Tubbs showed up for a game against the Aggies.

The bigwigs in the A&M athletic department, the Aggie coaching staff and players, and the local media, felt pretty good about the attention such a high-caliber team playing the Aggies would bring to the school's basketball program.

Most of them thought this would be one of the few nights this season that G. Rollie White would be filled to the top with its loyal student body and fans from the community. And, since 1954, 7,500 seats were available.

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Lewis, Detmer top AP list

From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M's Darren Lewis, the Southwest Conference's all-time leading rusher, was named to the Associated Press' first-team All-American team. Lewis, who last week against Texas became the fifth player in NCAA Division I history to rush for 5,000 yards and rushed for 1,691 yards this year to lead the NCAA, was joined by Texas defensive back Stanley Richard on the first team.

This is Lewis' second time to be named to the AP All-American team. In 1988, his sophomore year, Lewis was named, along with Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders, after rushing for 1,692 yards.

Six other SWC players were named to the second and third-teams including one of Lewis' main blockers in the last four years, center Mike Arthur was named to the second-team.

Elsewhere, juniors are giants on the 1990 Associated Press All-America college football team.

Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer of Brigham Young, runner-up Raghib "Rocket" Ismail of Notre Dame and three other underclassmen were named to the team on Wednesday.

Detmer set or tied 34 NCAA records this year, including most passing yards in a season (5,188) and touchdown passes in a career (86). He already is second on the career passing yardage list with 11,000, just 425 behind San Diego State's Todd Santos.

While Detmer drew raves for his passing, Ismail amazed fans and foes with his speed and versatility. The Rocket gained 157 all-purpose yards per game and scored six touchdowns as a runner, receiver and kick returner.

Other juniors on the team are Virginia wide receiver Herman Moore, Auburn offensive guard Ed King and Georgia Tech defensive back Ken Swilling. Everyone else is a senior.

Only four players are repeaters from last year's first unit — Ismail, Colorado offensive guard Joe Garten, Notre Dame defensive linemen Chris Zorich and Michigan defensive back Tripp Welborne. Notre Dame linebacker Michael Stonebreaker, who made the first team in 1988, is back after missing last season because of disciplinary problems.

Rounding out the offense is running back Eric Bieniemy of Colorado, wide receiver Lawrence Dawsey of Florida State, tight end Chris Smith of BYU, center John Flannery of Syracuse, offensive tackles Antone Davis of Tennessee and Stacy Long of Clemson, and placekicker Philip Doyle of Alabama.



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Darren Lewis, shown here rambling for yardage against Baylor, was chosen for the Associated Press All-American first team.

The defense includes Colorado linebacker Alfred Williams, winner of the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker, and Miami's Russell Maryland, a finalist for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award as the best lineman in the country.

Joining Maryland on the defensive line are Florida's Huey Richardson and Nebraska's Kenny Walker, the first deaf player to make the AP team. The defense also features Miami linebacker Maurice Crum and

backs Darryl Lewis of Arizona.

Cris Shale of Bowling Green is the punter.

Top-ranked Colorado and No. 5 Notre Dame each have three players on the team. Fourth-ranked Miami and No. 13 BYU are next with two players apiece.

Bieniemy and Lewis finished 2-3 in the nation in rushing average. Bieniemy gained

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Outland goes to Maryland

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Miami's Russell Maryland, who delayed a chance to become an instant millionaire in the NFL to stay for his senior season, won the Outland Trophy on Wednesday as the nation's top interior lineman.

The Hurricanes' defensive tackle topped a pair of offensive linemen, guard Joe Garten of Colorado and tackle Stacy Long of Clemson, in the final balloting by members of the Football Writers Association of America. The group does not reveal the voting totals.

The 6-foot-2, 275-pound Maryland had 96 tackles and 10½ quarterback sacks for Miami (9-2) this year. He will close out his career with the fourth-ranked Hurricanes in the Cotton Bowl against No. 3 Texas on New Year's Day.

Maryland has 270 tackles and 20½ sacks during his four years at Miami.

Although pro scouts projected Maryland as a first-round choice if he decided to enter the draft last spring, he chose to remain at Miami, saying he wanted to help the Hurricanes win the national title and try to win the Outland Trophy for himself.

"It's all worth it," Maryland said of the decision to play his final season at Miami. "I have no regrets that I stayed."

"This is what college football is all about," he added, cradling the heavy trophy.

Maryland, a fifth-year senior who has received his degree and now is taking graduate courses in psychology, probably will benefit financially from remaining in school. He's been projected by a number of NFL scouts and general managers as a top-five pick next spring. Winning the Outland certainly provides him another bargaining chip.

When he was given the trophy, Maryland, slightly choked with emotion, thanked his parents, coaches and a long list of others and said, "My freshman year, I never would have imagined I could come this far."

A pudgy 317-pounder when he came out of Young High School in Chicago, Maryland initially made just one recruiting visit and got just one scholarship offer.

But Miami stepped in late after a couple of recruits couldn't meet admission standards and offered a scholarship.

"When I first got to Miami, I just wanted to make an impact on the program. They (the Miami coaches) wanted me to lose weight and build up muscle," Maryland recalled, smiling.

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