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Tiger fans live too close to home

Geaux Tigers! Geaux Tigers! It's that time again when I am bombarded, and harassed by my unnumerable Tiger friends and relatives taunting me with this old, well-known LSU chant. Unlike many of you who come from a line of A&M graduates, I am the sole Aggie in my family. My parents are originally from Louisiana, and honestly after three years here at A&M, my father still cannot believe he has a daughter who is an Aggie.

Presently I live in Texas, but only a little over two hours from the LSU campus, so along with all my Cajun relatives I also have a slew of friends who attend LSU. This makes it a little bit difficult when we gather friends and relatives together, because they achieve great pleasure from giving me a hard time. They begin making game predictions for the following year no less than the very next day after we play each other.

All this I can throw to the wayside, because my numero uno challenge is my brother. It is war to see who wins the annual bragging rights in my household—me the die hard AGGIE, or he who bleeds purple and gold and is believed to have actually been the LSU Bengal Tiger in a previous life.

Although I am a true Aggie now, I have to admit I was a bit wishy-washy about where I wanted to go to college growing up. But I swear my brother came out of the womb singing the LSU fight song, and I can honestly not remember a time when he wasn't wearing purple and gold t-shirts. By the age of 12, he would get fully dressed in LSU at-

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A&M hopes history doesn't repeat itself

Aggies must fight off LSU opening day hex Saturday

By Anthony Andro
The Battalion

The good news is that the Texas A&M football team opens the season on Saturday. The bad news is that the opponent is the Louisiana State University.

The Texas A&M football team has an opening day record of 68-25-3, but the Aggies are 1-10 against LSU in season openers.

September 14 will also be the latest start for A&M since 1985, when the Aggies opened against the University of Alabama on the same day that year.

LSU leads the overall series 26-15-1. Since the series resumed in 1986, the Tigers have a 4-1 record against the Aggies.

Head coach R.C. Slocum knows his team will have a difficult opener against the Tigers.

"We have a great respect for them," he said. "They got 20 returning starters back off of a team that beat us last year."

Slocum said he is disappointed in the way the Aggies have played against LSU because one big play has turned each game around in the last five years.

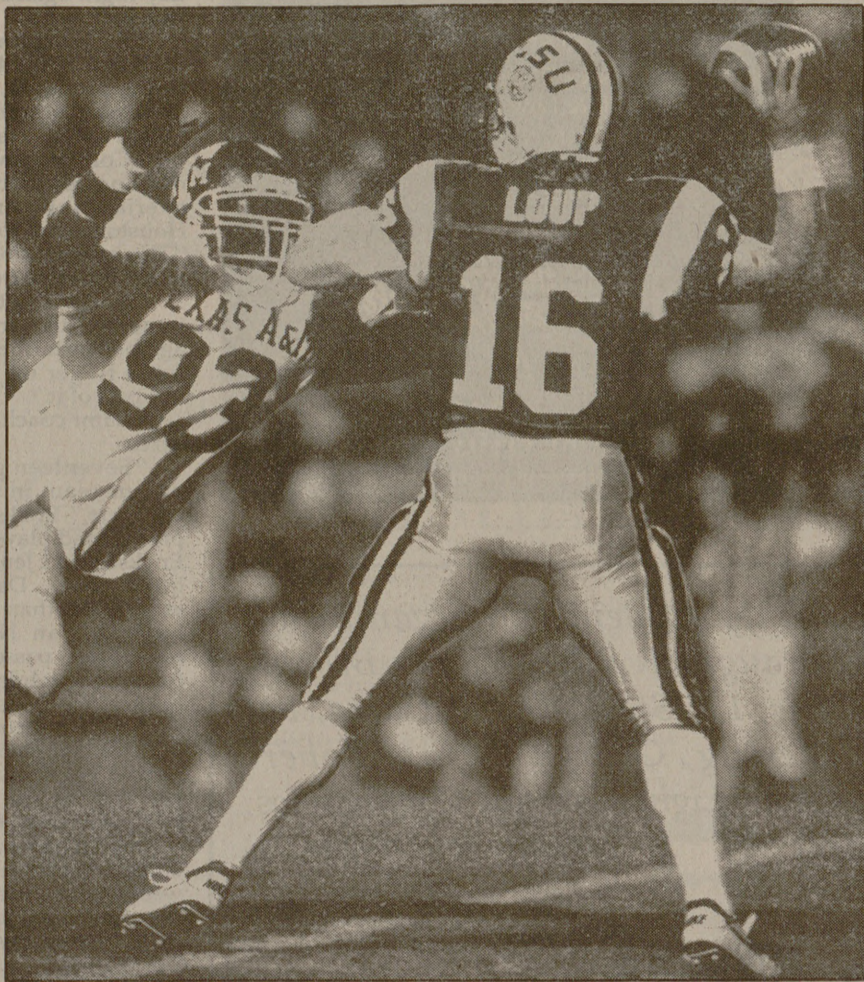
Last year the Aggies traveled to LSU with a 3-0 record and left with their first loss, 17-8.

"Last year's game played (in Baton Rouge) was pretty much an even ballgame," he said. "With 11 minutes to play it was 3-0 and we were playing without Darren."

Slocum said in the fourth quarter of the game, LSU split end Todd Kinchen broke the game open with two plays.

This year's team is young with only seven returning starters and the possibility of playing seven true freshmen Saturday.

Slocum is concerned about how simple mistakes could cost the Aggies the game.



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A&M is 1-10 against Louisiana State University in season openers. Last year, in A&M's fourth

game of the season, the Tigers defeated the Aggies 17-8 in Tiger Stadium.

LSU lost 31-10 last weekend and Georgia but Slocum said that game could give the Tigers an advantage.

"Georgia had a week's experience on their side having played a game prior to playing at LSU," he said. "We are at that same disadvantage this week."

"Now LSU has a week to go back and throw out some plays they don't like and maybe add something else."

The A&M-LSU game will begin at noon Saturday at Kyle Field.

"You would like to get out there and have things to get off to a good start," he said. "The thing that worries the coaches is that you get out there and get one missed assignment, and then you get a guy that jumps offside - those are the kind of things that are characteristic of inexperience."

"You'd like for them to come off and have things go well and get a little confidence going on the field."

Although this is the Aggies first game, it's not the Tigers.

Young players to see action in season opener

by Steve O'Brien
The Battalion

Despite a number of injuries up to eight freshmen may see action in the Aggies' season opener against Louisiana State on Saturday at Kyle Field.

Freshman Greg Hill gets the starting call at tailback. Senior tailback Randy Simmons, who strained knee ligaments during a scrimmage two weeks ago, will see playing time and runner back Keith McAfee, who pulled a hamstring in the same scrimmage, is not likely to see any action.

Freshman running back Rodney Thomas and defensive end Sam Adams have also recovered from recent injuries and will be ready for Saturday's game.

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum isn't worried about playing young players.

"We've spent some time talking to Greg and the younger guys about just going out and playing and not putting a big burden on yourself to try to make it all happen at one time," Slocum said. "We'll play a lot of young guys. I plan on playing (Wilbert) Biggins some and Rodney and Sam Adams. When you do that, you can't play a young guy and say 'I'm going to play you, but I don't want you to make any mistakes.'"

"We'll correct the mistakes next week."

The leadership of senior quarterback Bucky Richardson can help the younger players.

"Hopefully Bucky's experience will rub off on those younger guys," Slocum said.

Playing young players will help build a strong team for down the road, Slocum said.

"We're going to do some things for down the road," he said. "If they play they'll be better after this week and then better the next week."

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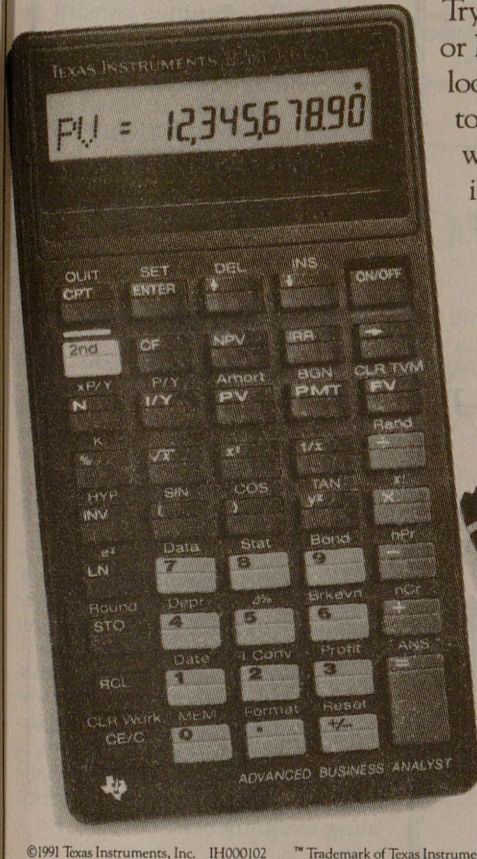
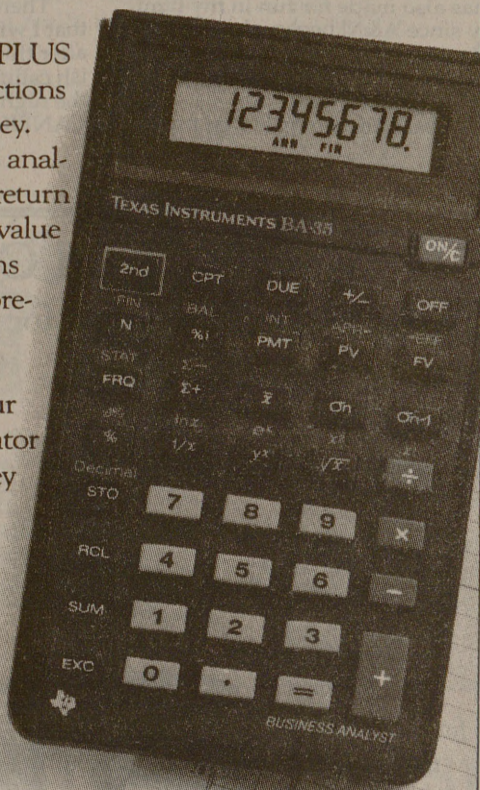
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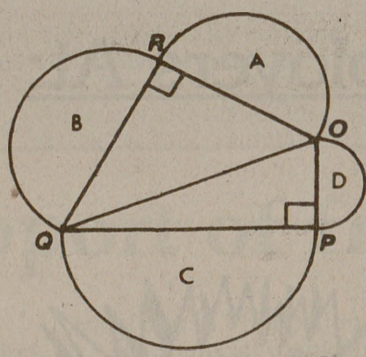
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