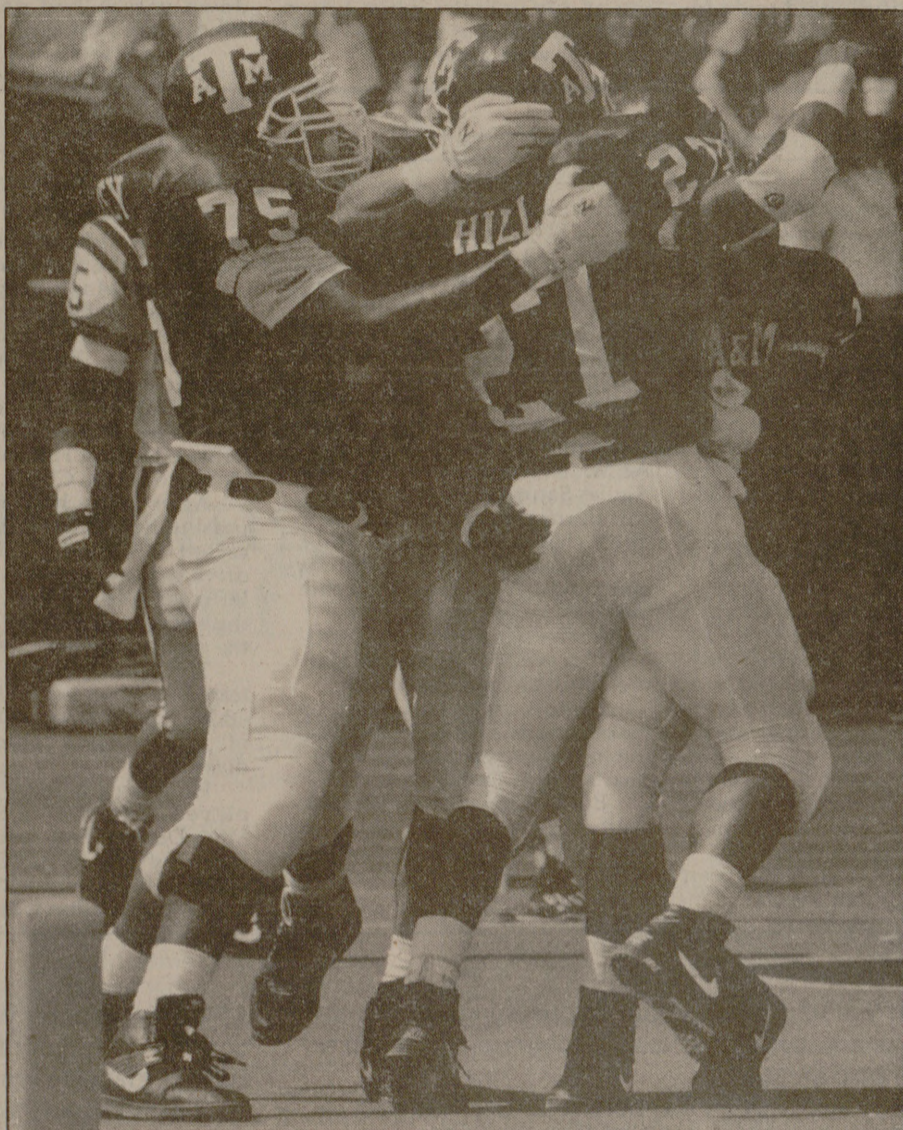




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Aggies move up in poll

15th-ranked A&M preparing for Tulsa



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A change of guard in the SWC?

Before Saturday's Texas A&M-Louisiana State matchup, there was some concern that the inexperience factor would cause problems for the Aggies.

Saturday, they put that to rest—fast.

The Aggies clearly dominated the Tigers from the first minute, en route to an impressive 45-7 win in front of 66,281 at Kyle Field.

The parade of freshmen, who had never had battle experience before, proved that they have what it takes to win in big-time college football.

Every element of LSU's strategy was effectively shut down by the young tykes in maroon. The Tigers could not run. They could not pass. They could not rush the quarterback.

And LSU has no excuse. They returned 20 starters from last year.

The Aggies had only two returning starters on offense and still racked up 45 points, 28 of them in the second quarter.

And one of those starters, senior quarterback Bucky Richardson, had only one complete drive before falling to injury. Four quarterbacks played in the game, and three of them led the offense to touchdowns.

Even Jeff Granger, tanned and rested from his trip to Cuba playing baseball at the Pan American Games, scored by rushing and throwing for two touchdowns in the second quarter.

But save your MVP awards for

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From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M moved up five spots in this week's Associated Press Top 25 collegiate football poll.

The Aggies, 1-0, defeated Louisiana State University last Saturday, 45-7, and are preparing for a road game in Tulsa, Okla., this weekend against the unranked Hurricanes.

Tulsa, 2-1, are coming off their first defeat of the season last weekend, losing to the University of Kansas 23-17. The Hurricanes two victories came against Southwest Missouri State and Oklahoma State.

Other teams from the Southwest Conference in the top 25 poll include 14th-ranked Baylor and 21st-ranked Houston.

SWC Standings

	SWC	Overall
Arkansas	1 0	1 0
Baylor	1 0	2 0
TCU	0 0	2 0
Rice	0 0	1 0
A&M	0 0	1 0
Houston	0 0	1 1
Texas Tech	0 0	1 1
Texas	0 0	0 1
SMU	0 0	0 2

The Bears had the largest jump in the national poll, nine spots. The Cougars, who were ranked No. 10 last week before their loss to Miami, had the biggest slide.

A&M's next home game will be against the University of Southwestern Louisiana Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.

Practices at Kyle Field are open to the public.

Injury report: Quarterback Bucky Richardson, strained arch, is doubtful; fullback Doug Carter, sprained ankle, is out; defensive lineman Kevin Tucker, dislocated shoulder, is out; running back Keith McAfee, hamstring, is probable; running back Randy Simmons, knee, will play.

A&M cross country teams successful at Baylor meet

From Staff and Wire Reports

A&M's men's and women's cross country teams shared sprinting success Monday night at the Baylor Invitational in Waco.

The Aggie men swept their competitors, winning not only the Invitational but also four of the top five positions.

A&M had an easy win, taking first with 22 points over second place Baylor, 61 points, and third place Abilene Christian University, 74 points.

In cross country, the winner is determined by the team with the least amount of points.

A&M was led by both Scott Garvin and Ross Stooksberry who crossed the line together at 20:48. Rickey Gallegos was close behind clocking in at 20:54 and taking fourth place honors. Matt Priest ran in a 21:02 for fifth position.

Coach Ed Marcinkiewicz was excited with the win and said it will help establish the Aggies as one of the top teams in the SWC and district.

"This was a big win for our program," he said. "Baylor was ranked ahead of us coming in, so we should move up in the rankings."

Marcinkiewicz was also pleased with the women who captured second place with 37 points.

Baylor, ranked 16th in the nation, won the ladies' Invitational with 22 points, TCU took third place honors with 85 points.

The Lady Aggies were led by Melissa Weaver, running an 11:26 time for third place honors. True Freshman Beth Ladd had an impressive fourth place showing clocking an 11:27.

Marcinkiewicz said the women ran well despite lacking speed work.

"Baylor has a lot more team speed than we do and that works to their advantage over a two mile course," he said. "We run better the longer the distance."

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