

# Sports

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## A&M shouldn't underestimate the Hurricane

The Aggies did more than just beat LSU this past weekend, they set the mood for the rest of the season.

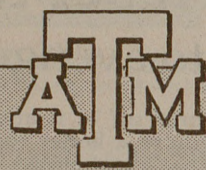
Winning the opening game is a big enough feat, but even more so for the Aggies who have experienced some difficulty with non-conference teams prior to conference play in previous years. The Aggies have fallen to big teams such as Nebraska, Oklahoma State and LSU in the past, but have a chance to turn the cards this season.

They have already taken the bull by the horns with a crushing win over LSU which did nothing less than ignite the entire team. Beating this old rival was an incredible confidence builder, especially for the nine freshman that played in their first collegiate game.

The Aggie's still have two non-conference games before the Oct. 5th matchup with Texas Tech and a grand opportunity to enter Southwest Conference play undefeated. Depending on how the other teams fair, a 3-0 record could also give us a definite boost in the national rankings.

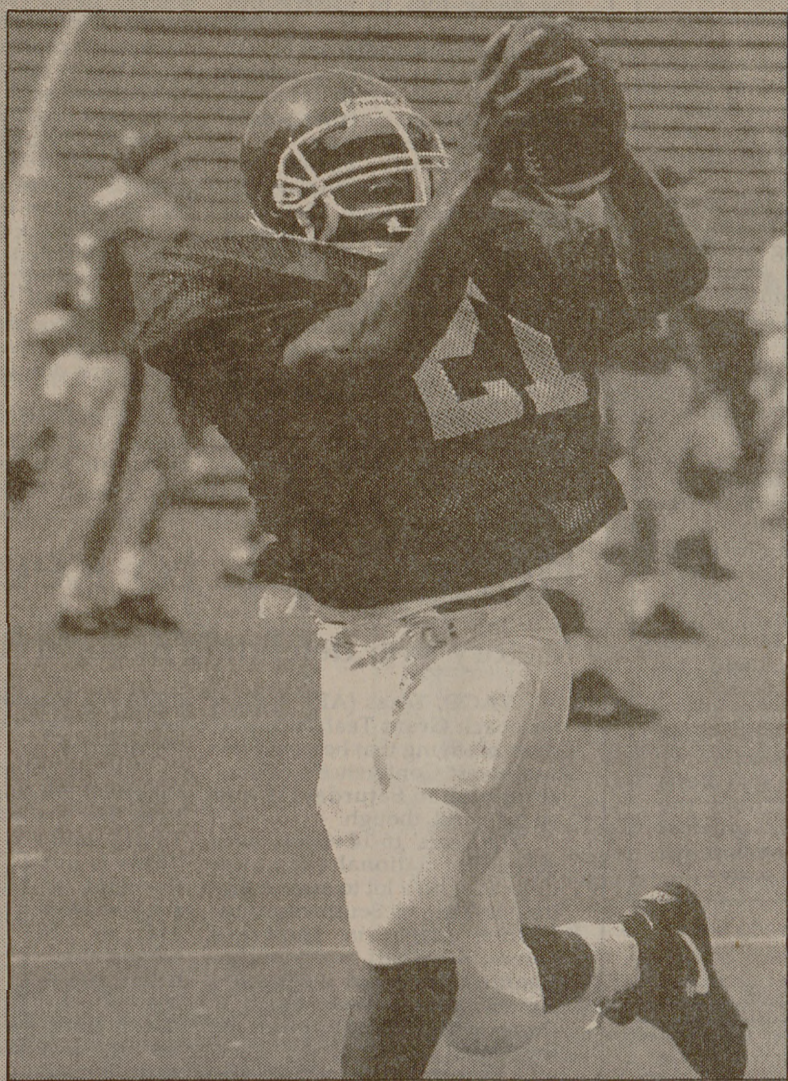
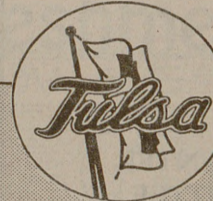
The main thing to be concerned with right now is that the Aggies are not overconfident and the younger players do not think they have it

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Texas A&M vs. Tulsa

## Biggens catches confidence after Kyle Field debut



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Last Saturday, Wilbert Biggens made a big impression of Texas A&M football fans with his kickoff and punt returns.

Biggens, a freshman playing in his first game, returned two kickoffs for 53 yards and five punts for 52 yards.

But the way the returns occurred was what caught the attention of Aggie fans.

Three of the returns were fumbled, but the Aggies held on to two of them.

Biggens admitted he was unsettled playing in his first collegiate game.

"I was real nervous at first," Biggens said. "Then I thought I was getting over it, but I didn't after I lost that fumble in the third quarter."

"Then I got kind of cautious, but I was all right."

Biggens knows next Saturday, when A&M faces the Tulsa Golden Hurricane, he must focus on holding on to the ball.

"Now I have to concentrate on catching the ball, then running," he said. "I was trying to run first."

Biggens said he only had one thing on his mind last Saturday when the ball was coming to him.

"To hurry up and run," he said.

"That wasn't right because I should have been trying to catch the ball and then run."

After the fumbles, the 5-foot-8 freshman was worried about what to expect from A&M head coach R.C. Slocum.

"I kept coming off the field talking to him," Biggens said. "I thought he was going to snatch me out, but he didn't. He stayed with me."

Biggens has never played in front of a crowd of people as large as the one at Kyle Field Saturday. He was over-

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## Hill named SWC Offensive Player of the Week

From Staff and Wire Reports

Practice made perfect for A&M red-shirt freshman running back Greg Hill.

After spending a whole season on the Aggie's scout team, the 5-11 running back has quickly made his presence felt in college football in just one game.

Hill made his debut against Louisiana State on Saturday, and has earned the AP's SWC Offensive Player of the Week award by rushing for 212 yards, an NCAA major college record for a newcomer in his first game.

Baylor's Santana Dotson, who blocked a Colorado field goal attempt which led to the game-winning points for the Bears, is the AP's Defensive Player of the Week.

"The toughest running back we faced all year last season was on our scout team," said A&M coach R.C. Slocum. "Greg showed against LSU what kind of player he can be."

Hill has been timed at 4.38 in the 40. He scored two touchdowns Saturday in the 45-7 victory over LSU.

Although a freshman, Hill was smart enough to credit his offensive line.

"They were allowing a running back to do everything he needed to do. I thought starting my college career I might get 50 yards."

Offensive tackle Keith Alex said blocking for Hill is fun.

"If there's a crease, he'll find the hole," Alex said. "He's going to be a great back."

Dotson blocked a field goal with 3:14 to play. The ball rolled 43 yards toward the Colorado goal and Jeff Ireland eventually kicked a 35-yard field goal that defeated the Buffaloes 16-14.



Greg Hill

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