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Dykes, the best traveling man

The Aggies travel to Lubbock this weekend to play Texas Tech, which marks their first Southwest Conference game - a lot of pressure derives from this fact alone.

The Aggie's are playing on the Red Raider's home turf, and hopefully they will leave their mark there this year. The Aggies lead the series against Tech 27-21-1, which isn't that great of a margin.

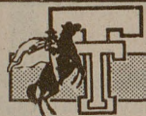
A&M hasn't succeeded in defeating Tech in Lubbock since Spike Dykes became head coach four years ago.

Entering his fifth season with Tech, Dykes has a personality as colorful as his name. He turned the Raider football system around four years ago, and has become a bona fide West Texas celebrity in a short matter of time.

Besides making a name for himself in his head coaching position, he is a man who is infamous for his travels. That is - travels by car. He has gained his notoriety by means of driving all over the Panhandle and West Texas promoting his Texas Tech football program.

He has been on the road his entire life, from promoting and scout-

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Emerging from the crowd

Teichelman part of young, talented defensive line

By Steve O'Brien
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Running with a tough crowd makes it hard to find your place, but Lance Teichelman may have found a position.

A sophomore from Westwood High School in Austin, Teichelman is A&M's starting defensive end, but it's not something he takes for granted.

"Coming in the season I was really worried if I was going to get to play very much," Teichelman said. "Everybody can play here on our defensive line. Everybody is as good as the next person."

In the Aggies' 34-7 victory over Southwestern Louisiana, Teichelman had a sack and six tackles, three of which were unassisted.

"I felt good (in the game)," he said. "I think we needed to come together as a whole defensive unit, and that's what we did. It really wasn't my performance. It was the whole team's performance."

And when the Aggies travel to Lubbock this weekend to play Texas Tech, the defensive unit gets its first true test of the season. A&M hasn't won in Lubbock since 1985.

"We haven't had much luck (against Tech), but we're looking to come in and really stick it to them," Teichelman said. "We're not going to put our fists down for anything."

Teichelman is part of defensive line that head coach R.C. Slocum says is the best A&M has had in long time.

"Lance has been playing well," Slocum said. "He's the type of guy who will give fanatical effort during the

game. He's the one flying over the pile and is in on every play. Those guys can usually play."

The list of talented A&M defensive linemen is a long one.

Freshman Sam Adams, one of the top rated high school players in the country last year, has seen playing time in A&M's first three games. Sophomores Pat Henry, Kefa Chatham and Eric England round out the talented group of young defensive linemen for A&M. Mark Wheeler is the lone senior.

But from the crowd, the 6-4 240 pound Teichelman has emerged a starter, keying a defense that has held A&M's three opponents to a total of 49 points. But with injuries to Wheeler and Henry, Teichelman has been called on by coaches to play the noseguard position.

Teichelman doesn't mind playing two positions but he only practices at defensive end. The change makes learning the defense more difficult.

"There's a lot of difference (playing the two positions)," he said. "It's tough moving from end to noseguard in the middle of the game. It would be easier if you practiced all week and then played noseguard."

Teichelman knows that hard work is necessary for him to keep his starting position.

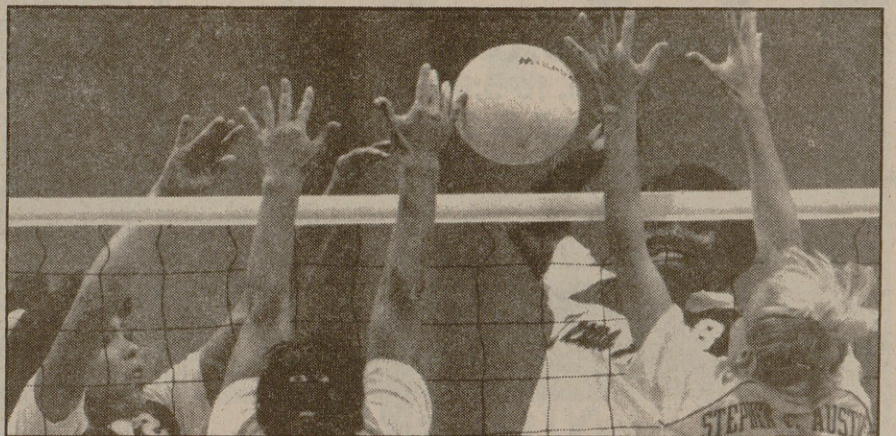
"I worked hard this summer," he said. "But everybody's good. It's just that I got the opportunity to start."

Henry, the Aggies' starting noseguard, praised Teichelman for his hard work.

"Lance is a great guy," Henry said. "He's one of those Howie Long, Lyle Alzado, Mark Gastineau types. He's

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Spikers set for conference play



The Lady Aggie volleyball team opens conference play tonight at home at 7 p.m. against Rice.

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The Lady Aggie volleyball team opens Southwest Conference play tonight against the Rice Owls at 7 p. m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Rice (6-10) will also open its conference season tonight against an A&M (10-7) team that's won six of its last seven matches.

The Aggies finished second in the Southwest Texas State Bobcat Classic last weekend in San Marcos.

Outside attacker Elizabeth Edmiston and teammate Genny Wood were named to the All-Tournament team last weekend.

A&M head volleyball coach Al Givens said the Aggies are looking forward to hosting their first conference game on their homecourt.

"This is like a new season for us," Givens said. "We are excited to be opening our conference season at home."

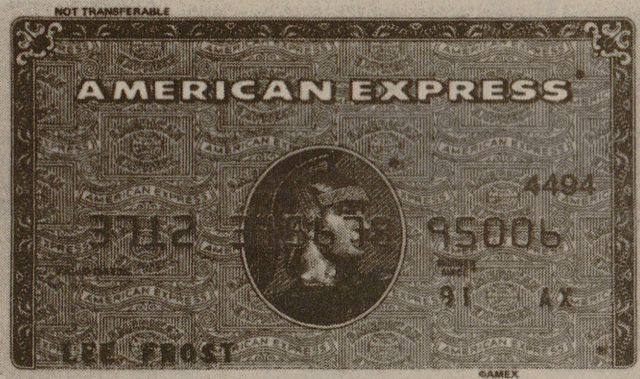
"We expect Rice to be very competitive because they always play tough." It should be a good matchup."

The Owls will be playing without their leading hitter Tammy Trowsell due to a nagging back injury. She was hitting .234 and averaging 1.3 blocks per game.

Rice and A&M have tied the last two seasons for the fourth place in the SWC standings. A&M holds a 22-4 margin over the Owls, but the Owls have defeated the Aggies the last two times the teams met.

Rice and A&M have faced three of the same opponents so far this season. Both teams downed the University of Texas-San Antonio in three games and also fell to Southwest Texas State.

Sheila Morgan has been cleared to play for the Aggies after being having knee surgery following an injury incurred in A&M's match against North Texas on Sept. 5. Morgan is a 6-2 middle blocker and outside attacker.



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