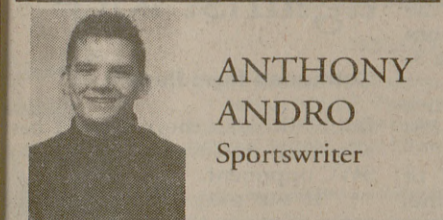


Sports



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No sure things in this season's NCAA tourney

Thank goodness it's February because college basketball's "March Madness" will really be crazy this year.

This season, unlike the last couple of years, there is no dominant team in college hoops. Sure, there are the Duke's and the Kansas's and the Indiana's, but no one team that really stands out. I guess the only thing anyone can be sure of is that the Texas A&M team will not figure in the post-season hoopla.

Two years ago, UNLV was the dominant team. They were the best team in the nation throughout the season and proved it in the tournament by mowing through the field and beating Duke in the championship game.

Last season, it looked like the Runnin' Rebels would be the team to beat once again. They cruised through the season and ran over their opponents in the first four games of the tournament. But in the Final Four, they were upset by the same Duke team they beat the year before. Duke went on to finish off Kansas to win the national title. That was back in the good old days when things made sense.

My how times have changed.

This season has gone anything but according to script. That is unless you play for A&M. The Aggies were supposed to struggle and they have. But other than that, it's anyone's ballgame.

A month ago things seemed to be normal. Duke, Oklahoma State and

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A&M, SHSU play at Olsen today

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Texas A&M's game against Sam Houston State University will be played today at 3:30 p.m. at Olsen Field, barring inclement weather.

The game was moved to College Station because of the wet weather and the better field conditions of A&M's field.

The Aggies, who are 9-4 on the season and 4-2 in Southwest Conference play, are ranked No. 24 in the nation by

Baseball America. Sam Houston State is 1-4 on the season, with their only win coming against the University of Illinois. The Bearkats scheduled starting pitcher is Peter Schandua, a left-hander with an 0-1 record.

Kelly Wunsch, (0-0, 2.70 ERA), a left-hander from Houston, is scheduled to start for the Aggies.

The matchup with the Bearkats will be the final game of a six-game homestand for the Aggies.

Aggies 'have to' take win from Rice

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The future is now for the Texas A&M women's basketball team.

If the Lady Aggies win their final two Southwest Conference games, they can finish in a tie for third place, making 1992 their most successful season ever.

A&M plays the Rice Owls tonight at G. Rollie White Coliseum at 7:30.

"We consider our next two games 'have to' games," A&M head coach Lynn Hickey said. "If we want a chance to tie Houston for third in the confer-

ence, we have to win these games. If we do, that's icing on the cake.

"We have an opportunity to move up in the standings and have great momentum going into the conference tournament."

The Aggies are currently in a fourth-place tie with SMU at 6-5, while the Owls are in sixth place at 3-7. A&M is 14-10 overall, and the Owls are 11-12.

The Aggies are coming off a 92-65 win over Baylor last week in Waco where they shot 52.1 percent from the

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Enthusiasm, improvement propel walk-on Henderson into starting role

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KARL STOLLEIS/The Battalion

Chuck Henderson is one of five walk-ons on the A&M basketball team this season.

A walk-on is a player who plays for a team and does not receive a scholarship. Usually, walk-ons in basketball do not see any action until the game has all but been decided on the scoreboard.

Texas A&M basketball player Chuck Henderson is a walk-on in title only. Henderson, a sophomore guard for the Aggies, has used a strong work ethic to make himself a starter for the young Aggie team.

A&M coach Tony Barone lauded Henderson's excitement for basketball. "Chuck is a young man, and I told the team this yesterday, if all of our guys came to practice with the same enthusiasm that he comes with each day, we'd be in good shape," Barone said. "Chuck really loves to play basketball."

"He has really spent an entire year listening to us and trying to develop as a major college basketball player."

Henderson's work has paid off with the starting role. He has started the last nine games for the Aggies and in that stretch has averaged eight points a game. This season he is averaging 5.8 points a contest.

The statistics show the improvement Henderson has made since last

season, his first as a walk-on.

Henderson averaged 1.1 points a game during the 1990-91 season and played in 18 games without drawing a starting assignment.

Despite his recent success, Barone still sees room for growth in Henderson's play.

"I'd call Chuck a park league player because he has all the park league moves," Barone said. "Sometimes he has a tendency to get out of control, but he has really played well for us."

"He's working real hard offensively and worked real hard defensively. He's going to have to work on the weights and get stronger, but I think he's a very good player for us."

Henderson said he tries to put forth more effort than other players because of his walk-on status.

"In a sense I do," Henderson said. "But that's just normal because I am an enthusiastic person and an emotional person. It's just natural for me to cheer and get the guys going."

Early in the season, Henderson got down because of his lack of playing time. But that has since changed.

"I think I've played pretty good so far," he said. "In the beginning, I think I was down because I wasn't playing as much or as well as I wanted to."

"I just started trying to work harder in practice and everything just seemed to work out O.K."

Unfortunately for Henderson, A&M's NCAA probation cut the amount of scholarships to two that the Aggies could give out for next season. Henderson did not receive one but still plans to play for the Aggies.

"I just feel like whatever I can do to help the team is to keep playing," he said. "The scholarship doesn't really matter."

"I'm playing now and that was my main goal, to come to this University and get an education and play basketball."

Tonight, Henderson and the rest of the Aggies will travel to Houston to take on the Rice Owls.

A&M enters tonight's game 5-17 record, 1-8 in Southwest Conference action. The Owls are 17-8, 5-5 in SWC play. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. at Autry Court on the campus of Rice.

The game will be a homecoming for Henderson and his younger brother Corey, a freshman guard for A&M.

The Henderson's went to Houston Lee High School and the elder Henderson is looking forward to playing in front of a home crowd.

"I have a lot of friends coming to the game and I will be especially ready to play against Rice," he said.

Like most walk-ons, Henderson had to prove himself in practice. Henderson has done so, now he is proving things on the court.

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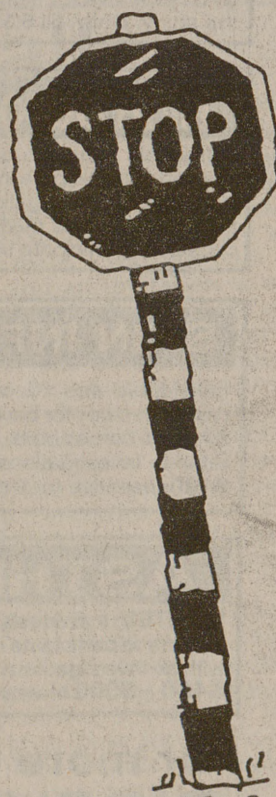


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What You Are Doing and Answer These questions for the: 1992 AGGIELAND

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible. If the Aggieland staff chooses to use your answer, you will be quoted in the yearbook. After you have answered the questions, please return your answers to the Aggieland Office in 011 Reed McDonald ASAP. Include your name, classification, major, and phone number with your answers. Thanks for your cooperation Ags.

1. What was your most outrageous party stunt while attending A&M?
2. What is the strangest place you have ever gone to the bathroom while at A&M?
3. Where do you go out to have fun and why do you go there?
4. Have you had a homesick experience while attending A&M? Please describe.
5. What will you do after graduation?
6. Where would be the ideal place for you to live after graduation?
7. What is your favorite building on campus and why?
8. What is the most exciting thing you have done while you have been at A&M?
9. What is the most spontaneous thing you have done while at A&M?
10. Have you had any long distance relationships while attending A&M? How did it turn out?
11. What will you remember most about A&M after graduation?
12. What does Aggie Bonfire mean to you?
13. (Seniors) How did it feel to walk through the H2O fountain during Elephant Walk? (Juniors) Describe what you did to the seniors during Elephant Walk.
14. Describe what Aggie spirit means to you.
15. How did you feel when the Aggies beat SMU and confirmed going to the Cotton Bowl?
16. Describe the emotion at the 1991 tu. game.
17. How did you christen your Aggie ring? How long did it take, etc.
18. What are your feelings about the sexual harrasment issue in the Corps?
19. Was senior bootline worth the wait? Why or why not?
20. Have you ever participated in roll call at Aggie Muster? What was it like?