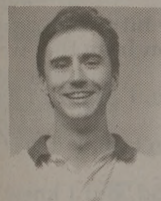


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Aggie defense part of Detmer's draft day slide

One number. One simple, yet very large number is sure to change former Brigham Young University quarterback Ty Detmer's outlook on life.

That number - 230. A number that is larger than Detmer's weight, higher than some of his single game passing yards, and bigger than his hat size after winning the 1990 Heisman Trophy.

The number, 230, happens to be the number the Green Bay Packers used to pick him up on Sunday.

That's right, everybody's All-American, the Davey O'Brien Award winner who won all of our hearts when he questioned the ability of his team's opponent in the 1990 Sea World Holiday Bowl, was the 230th pick in the draft.

Doesn't it seem fitting that the opponent to which he was referring, the Texas A&M Aggies, would be one of the major players in the story of Detmer's demise?

Of course, his late draft wasn't directly related to his performance in that game, but it's a safe bet that when scouts saw that game, they immediately shied away from the "golden boy of BYU."

The major reason for his being passed by, according to most scouts, was concern over his size and his durability. Now what in the world would make them question of Ty's durability?

Could it be the fact that when he

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JUMP START

Holt sparks Aggies with clutch hitting

By Anthony Andro
The Battalion

The Texas A&M baseball team's offense needed a spark. But instead of getting the spark from one of their regular starters, Aggie coach Mark Johnson looked to the bench and senior outfielder Tim Holt.

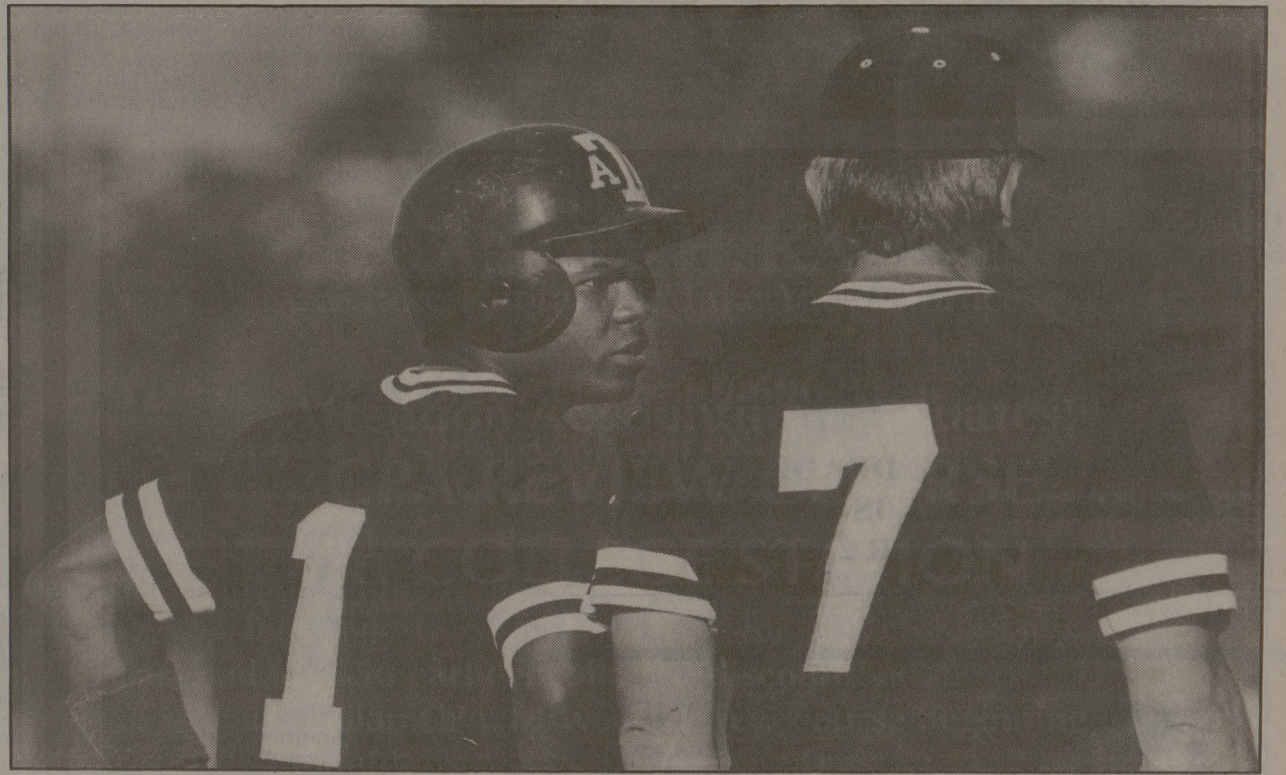
He looked in the right direction. In last weekend's Houston series, Holt had the game-winning RBIs in both of the A&M wins and gave the struggling A&M offense some much needed help.

In the third and deciding game of the series, Holt came off the bench and broke up a 1-1 tie in the ninth inning with a single to centerfield, bringing home Scott Smith and igniting the Aggies to a 4-1 win.

In the first game of the series, Holt answered the call and drove in two game-winning RBIs to give A&M a 4-2 victory.

"This past weekend, things fell into place for me," Holt said. "I got a couple of pitches I could put into play and make some things happen."

Holt got his chance to play after a slumping Brian



HUY NGUYEN/The Battalion

Senior Tim Holt and A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson discuss strategy during a game earlier this season. Holt came off the bench twice during the A&M-Houston series to punch in game-winning RBIs.

Thomas was benched by Johnson.

"Brian Thomas is having trouble with the stroke a little bit right now," Johnson said. "We asked Tim to step in and give B.T. a little time to catch up on his stroke, and he's done a good job. He's produced at the

plate with some clutch hits."

Holt knew what it was like to be in Thomas's situation.

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NCAA approves S.A.'s Alamo Bowl

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - An NCAA panel conditionally approved Tuesday a new, postseason college football bowl in San Antonio.

The game, to be known as the Alamo Bowl, will be played in the Alamodome, a covered arena under construction in the city known as the birthplace of the Texas Revolution.

The Southwest Conference runner-up has been mentioned as the host team in the new bowl game.

The dome, which will be shared

by the San Antonio Spurs of the NBA, will seat 65,000 for football.

Members of the bowl committee could not be reached for comment, but David Cawood, an NCAA spokesman, said he did not believe the organizers were planning on a New Year's Day contest initially.

The postseason football subcommittee of the NCAA Special Events Committee approved the game for the 1993-94 bowl season, Cawood said.

"The approval is conditional based upon the sponsoring agencies securing all of the financial support that the committee feels is necessary to operate the bowl when it considers its final application next April," Cawood said in a statement.

Bob Coleman, chairman of the San Antonio Sports Foundation, said in the same statement that organizers would have to sell 47,000 tickets to the first game to meet their financial goals.

NFL checks possible violations of quick signings by Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) - The National Football League is investigating complaints about the Dallas Cowboys' quick signings of first-round draft picks, according to a report published Tuesday.

At least two teams complained to the NFL following weekend signings, The Dallas Morning News said Tuesday. But Cowboys officials insist they have not violated league rules.

"We're not saying the Cowboys have done anything wrong," Greg Aiello, NFL director of communications, told the newspaper. "We'll be checking to see if there is a

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