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## A&M freshmen begin workouts

### Aggies prepare for season opener against Stanford

From Staff and Wire Reports

Incoming freshman of the Texas A&M football team reported to College Station yesterday and will begin practice tomorrow.

After meeting with academic advisers yesterday, the freshman will meet with head coach R.C. Slocum today at 6 p.m. and will start workouts tomorrow at Kyle Field.

All practices are closed to the general public.

This year's freshman class, which is considered to be one of Slocum's best in his years at A&M, consists of three Parade All-Americans, and 13 of the 22 freshmen were high school All-Americans. Also, every member of the class was listed on at least one top 100 list in the state of Texas.

The class was listed as the number three recruiting class in the nation, behind only Louisiana State and Florida, by recruiting analyst Max Emfinger.

All 22 members of the freshman class which signed on Feb. 5 hail from high schools within the state of Texas. Slocum and his assistants will work with a class that consists of six linebackers and defensive backs, three running backs, two wide receivers, two offensive and defensive linemen, and one quarterback.

The biggest names among the freshman class include Deer Park's Corey Pullig and Chris Colon, Beaumont Central's Lee-land McElroy, San Antonio Clark's Robert Danklefs, Killeen Ellison's Danny McCray, Garland Lakeview's Keith Mitchell, Arlington Lamar's Jim Brady and Dallas Carter's Sherrod Wyatt.

Wyatt, a 6-foot-2-inch, 180 pound defensive back with 4.4 speed in the 40, was the number two ranked safety in the nation by Emfinger and was an All-American in four different publications. During his senior year at Carter, he had 65 solo tackles and six interceptions.

Colon is also expected to make an impact in the defensive backfield after making more than 100 tackles during his senior season at Deer Park. At 6-foot-3, 205 pounds, Slocum said he thinks Colon will be the kind of big hitter the Aggie secondary likes to use.

Mitchell and Brady were part of a group of six linebackers who will be trying to carry on the tradition of excellence at that position for the Aggies.

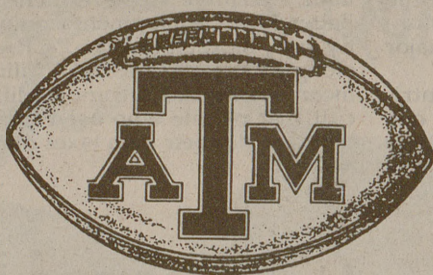
Mitchell, who was rated the number six outside linebacker in the nation by Emfinger, was the Defensive Player of the Year on the Dallas Morning News' All-State team. He achieved success at Lakeview

McCray, a 6-foot, 185 pound receiver, possesses the kind of speed that Slocum is looking for and gives the Aggies a deep threat that they don't have. McCray runs the 40 in 4.3 seconds, and once ran wind-aided 10.05 100-meter dash. He also won the 5A state title in the 400-meter dash with a time of 46.0.

McElroy is expected to add to an already-talented running back squad for the Aggies with his 4.4 speed. He ran for 1,532 yards and 21 touchdowns during his senior year at Beaumont Central, and was named the the Southwest Offensive Player of the Year by SuperPrep Magazine.

Pullig has been one of A&M's higher-profile freshman before even stepping on the field thanks to the return to the squad by former quarterback Jeff Granger, who had left the team earlier this year after saying he was going to concentrate on baseball. Pullig threw for 1,890 yards and 21 touchdowns at Deer Park, and was named to four different All-American teams. In a 47-43 win over Beaumont Central, Pullig threw for 398 yards and six touchdowns.

The veterans of the A&M squad will join the freshmen next week to prepare for the Aggie season opener against Stanford University in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic on August 26 in Anaheim, Calif.



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by imitating the style of former A&M linebacker Aaron Wallace. He even wore Wallace's number 23 during high school.

Brady was considered by most scouts as one of the hardest hitters in the state, and has been clocked at 10.8 in the 100-meter dash.

### Olympics offer many memories

Across the big pond, extreme tests of mental and physical endurance are under way. Human beings, disguised in their distinctive native garb, are sacrificing all their intestinal fortitude they have for their country. Nobody wants to give an inch and let their opponent gain an upper hand. Strategies are mapped out, plans are made.

Welcome to the games of the XXV Olympiad, Barcelona, Spain style.

The games have just begun and already some of the sports have a haze around them that smokes like a battlefield.

In volleyball, the Japanese won a match on Monday that had been completed Sunday against the United States. The Japs protested an official's decision and were awarded the victory.

Angola's basketball coach, in his infinite wisdom, said the National Basketball Association could not play defense. Mistake. His team tried to prove him right against the USA's "Dream Team," but they turned the ball over 30 times and were the victims of a 46-1 first half point run by the United States.

By the way, he also kept up his no defense theme after the game. Scottie Pippen overheard him and obviously took exception. This caused an argument between the two.

Some Olympic spirit. In the middle of the fray, though, as he is prone to be, is Charles Barkley. "Sir Charles" elbowed an Angolan player, got called for a technical, and then described the misunderstanding as a "ghetto thing."

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### Gonzalez lifts Texas over Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez sure likes hitting in Fenway Park.

Almost a year to the day after having his first multiple-homer game in Boston, Gonzalez hit two more home runs, the second in the 10th inning, to lift the Texas Rangers past the Red Sox 2-1.

"I was looking for one pitch for hitting out of the park, in that situation, in a tie game," said Gonzalez, who connected off Paul Quantrill (1-1) on a 3-1 count for his 24th homer.

His 23rd homer came with two outs in the sixth inning on a high fastball from starter John Dopper. Gonzalez now has four multiple-homer games in a career of less than two seasons, three of them this season, including two against Baltimore on Sunday.

He first hit two home runs in a game at Fenway Park on July 29, 1991, as the Rangers beat the Red Sox, 7-2.

"I see the ball real good here," said Gonzalez, who struck out his first two times before connecting in the sixth.

The Red Sox staged a rally in the bottom of the 10th when pinch-hitter Scott Cooper led off with a double to right.

But right fielder Ruben Sierra preserved the lead by throwing out pinch runner Luis Rivera when he tried to score from second base on Billy Hatcher's one-out single. Catcher Ivan Rodriguez grabbed Sierra's throw on one hop and blocked Rivera from reaching the plate.

"He got there before the ball, but I wasn't going to let him touch the plate," Rodriguez said.

### Astros down Braves again, 7-5

ATLANTA (AP) — Pete Harnisch won his first game since June 3 as Houston held off the Atlanta Braves 7-5 Tuesday night, the Astros' second consecutive win at the start of their 26-game road trip.

The Braves, who entered the night one game ahead of Cincinnati in the NL West, dropped their third in a row.

Harnisch (4-8) was 0-5 with a 6.27 ERA on the road this season, but shut down the Braves on four hits over seven innings. He struck out six and walked two.

Doug Jones got the last five outs for his 21st save despite allowing Ron Gant's RBI double, Lonnie Smith's run-scoring groundout and Jeff Blauser's

bloop RBI single in the ninth.

Houston snapped a 1-1 tie in the sixth with three runs off reliever Marvin Freeman (3-4) on RBI singles by Pete Incaviglia and Eddie Taubensee and Casey Candaele's run-scoring grounder.

The Astros added a run in the seventh when reliever Mike Stanton walked the bases full and Jeff Bagwell hit a sacrifice fly. Bagwell and Ken Caminiti hit solo homers off Mark Davis in the ninth.

Houston's first run came in the second on singles by Taubensee, the first of his four hits, and Candaele and Harnisch's forceout grounder off starter Mike Bielecki, who left after four innings, complaining of soreness in his right elbow.

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