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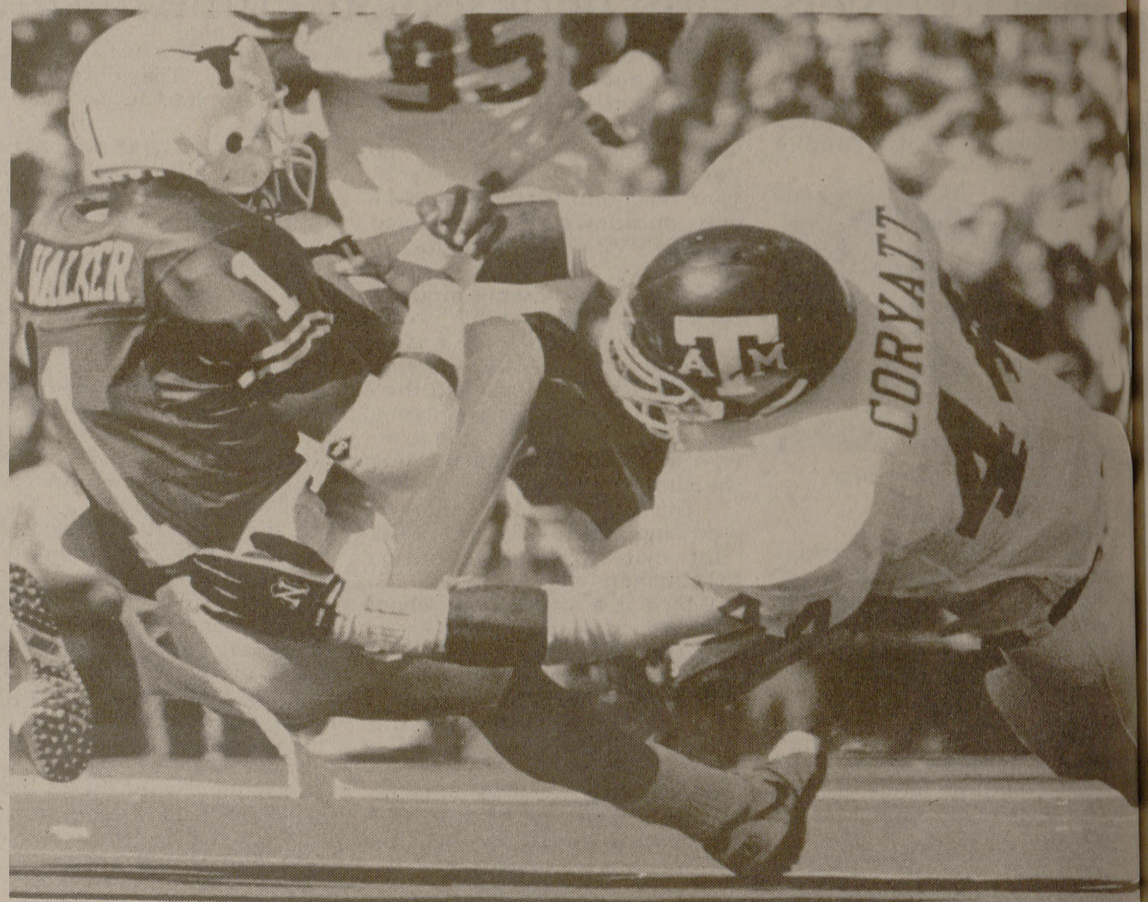
Lost Leaders...

The Texas A&M football team will try and provide another successful season in 1992. But, to do so, the Aggies will have to replace three of their leaders from the past few seasons who provided physical and emotional leadership on the field before signing contracts in the National Football League.

Former A&M cornerback **Kevin Smith** (26, top) celebrates a tackle last season against LSU. Smith was the 17th pick in the first round of the NFL draft, taken there by the Dallas Cowboys.

Linebacker **Quentin Coryatt** (44, right) brings down Texas receiver Johnny Walker in Austin in 1990. Coryatt, who became known as one of the hardest hitters in the nation, was the second pick overall in the NFL draft and was taken by the Indianapolis Colts.

Former A&M quarterback **Bucky Richardson** (below) rolls out for a pass against Texas in the Aggies 31-14 victory in 1991. Richardson was one of the all-time winningest quarterbacks in A&M history and was drafted by the Houston Oilers.



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In college football, legends come and legends go within four years. And once they are gone, legends must be replaced.

At Texas A&M, legends like quarterback Bucky Richardson, linebacker Quentin Coryatt and cornerback Kevin Smith have gone on to sign with National Football League teams and have left the Aggies with big holes to fill.

Enter Jeff Granger, Reggie Graham and Aaron Glenn.

Granger, a sophomore from Orangefield, has the unenviable task of replacing one of the winningest quarterbacks in A&M history. Richardson went undefeated as a starter last season until a loss to Florida State in the Cotton Bowl Classic.

Not only did Richardson win, but he also captured the respect of his fans, opponents and teammates with his confident attitude on the field.

Granger said he knew replacing Richardson would be a tough task, and that making the position his own would take a little time.

"Bucky Richardson was a proven leader and a proven winner," Granger said. "When the chips were down, he always found ways to win. Because of that, the pressure will really mount on me, and it's going to be a tough load to carry."

"But I feel like my accomplishments in the past will help me get through this, and hopefully I'll be successful early in the season which will help increase my confi-

dence even more."

Until last month, it was Florida State's Steve Watson who was the Aggies' starting quarterback. Granger took over in the spring not because of Watson's reputation as a U.S. Olympian, but because of his leadership on the team. Granger spoke to Watson about the job he would be taking over from R.C. Slone, who had decided to return to Aggie to meet away from out of the state.

After his return, Watson circulate about a possible championship since he had the experience and I back they once lacked.

Granger said that he did not, however, guarantee a championship of any kind at A&M.

"When people say we're missing a high school experienced quarterback, I was always tough on me when I've been Granger said. "I really play lineba that much experience. "When the burden on a young player like A&M back makes it tough. I have great li

"But I like being in these situations, and I like being one of the guys who will react and play when I was sure is on."

Graham, a sophomore from League City, has one of the best jobs on the team in making the number two pick in the draft, former A&M lineman, a junior Coryatt.

Coryatt developed a reputation as one of the biggest hitters in the nation last year, a little bit of a punctuation with a hit on Texas Christian receiver Kevin McPherson that broke the Southson's jaw. He also earned a reputation for his amazing speed around by

1992 Texas A&M Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
Aug. 26	Stanford	Anaheim
Sept. 5	LSU	Baton Rouge
Sept. 12	Tulsa	Kyle Field
Sept. 19	Missouri	Columbia
Oct. 3	Texas Tech	Kyle Field
Oct. 17	Rice	Kyle Field
Oct. 24	Baylor	Kyle Field
Oct. 31	SMU	Dallas (owl)
Nov. 7	Louisville	Kyle Field
Nov. 12	Houston	Houston (ome)
Nov. 21	TCU	Kyle Field
Nov. 26	Texas	Austin

Boldface indicates Southwest Conference game.