

Aggies' season can be flawless in lame SWC

Humor me, if you will, and follow me on a trip around the Southwestern Conference as we try to gain some knowledge of what should happen in the next six weeks.



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Our Aggies are unbeaten, untied and unrespected nationwide because sports writers didn't like the way we got to 6-0 and because being the best in a bad conference doesn't mean much.

But this is not the fault of R.C. Slocum or his team. It is the fault of our conference brethren who couldn't beat some high schools at anything resembling a football game.

I hate to say this, but if we are going to get any respect the University of Texas has to return to a level approaching their gridiron glory days of the '60s and '70s.

I know there are many of us whose two favorite teams are the Aggies and whoever plays Texas, but the SWC's decline began at the same time as Texas'. Until the Longhorns improve, the conference can't.

It would be best for the Aggies to face nothing but undefeated teams all season because then they would be hard to ignore.

The University of Miami is ranked number one because they defeated Florida State, Penn State and Iowa. The Aggies are ranked number five

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COMING BACK TO FORM

After accident, Wesley remains force on offense

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When offensive lineman Dexter Wesley injured his elbow and received a concussion in a car accident early this year, he was forced to miss spring workouts.

It didn't take offensive coordinator Bob Toledo long during spring drills to figure out how much he would miss his left tackle.

With All-Southwest Conference line-backer Marcus Buckley blitzing around the outside and pressuring A&M quarterbacks, Toledo knew he better get Wesley back in the lineup soon.

"The one good thing about him missing spring drills is that we got the opportunity to let some younger players get some time," Toledo said. "But it was good to get him back in fall practice. Buckley's pretty hard to block coming off the ball."

Wesley said he was glad to be back, but he felt he missed some vital practice time during the spring.

"There were some things I needed to work on technique-wise that I didn't get to work on during the spring," Wesley said. "I had to use the entire fall practice to catch up for what I had missed."

One of the things he missed was making the transition to an offense that throws the ball more, which he said puts more pressure on him at the tackle position.

"Even in high school we ran the ball a lot, so I didn't work on pass blocking, but it's worked out all right since fall practice," he said.

Wesley, a junior from Rockdale, started all 11 games of the Aggies' 1991 SWC

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Dexter Wesley holds off a tackler against Houston last season. Wesley suffered injuries in an automobile accident last spring that kept him out of spring drills.

A&M volleyball welcomes Tech, cable television

By DON NORWOOD

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The television cameras return to G. Rollie White Coliseum tonight. So will bleachers on the floor, after a lengthy renovation period.

Oh, by the way, the Texas A&M volleyball team is back, too. And they are looking for revenge.

The Lady Aggies will meet for the second time this season with Texas Tech at 7 p.m. in a match that will be taped by Home Sports Entertainment for broadcast Oct. 28. A&M head coach Al Givens is looking forward to having a large home crowd fill the new bleachers in front of the camera's eye.

"We're excited that it will be on TV," Givens said Tuesday. "We hope that the student body and the fans will come out and support the Lady Aggies because they've been working hard."

"We've been blessed with some good crowds, and we appreciate every one of them."

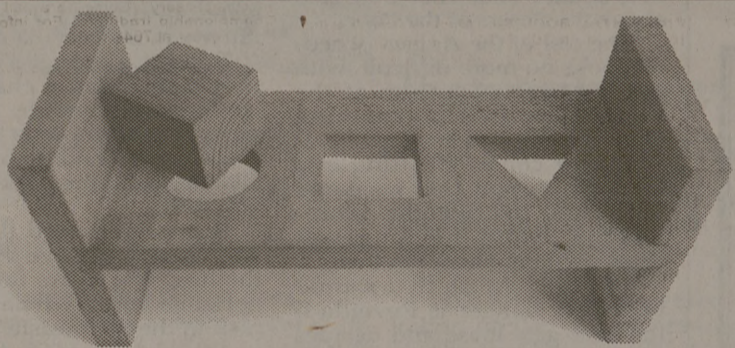
The crowd that shows up tonight will get to see the Lady Aggies attempt to make up for lost opportunities from the last A&M-Tech hookup on Sept. 23 in Lubbock. Tech won that match 13-15, 15-7, 15-10, 15-10 after the Lady Ags dropped their first guards following their win in their game.

As middle blocker Amy Kisling said, avoiding mistakes against Tech will be the key to victory.

"We just need to execute a little bit better," Kisling said. "We've been watching a lot of films (on Tech)."

"I think they've got a new setter playing, but other than that they're pretty much the same team."

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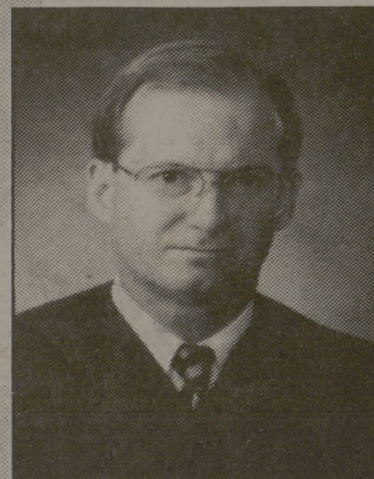
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