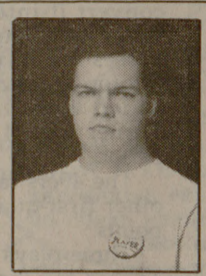


Run-and-shoot can cause grief for opponents

Before you start thinking Thursday's Texas A&M-University of Houston game will be the Aggies' second-straight big win, consider a few factors involved with the Cougars' run-and-shoot offense.



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The Cougs entered the month of November ranked first in the nation in total offense, averaging 484 yards per game. They averaged 6.4 yards per play in their first seven games. And as for scoring, they actually had more touchdowns than punts.

The velocity of Houston's passing game alone is evident in the fact that, despite the Cougars' ranking as the top offense in the country, the UH rushing offense was ranked 88th. I guess that an average of 362.7 yards passing per game would tend to make up for a less-than ideal ground game.

But why, you might ask, are the Cougars just 3-5 overall and 1-3 in Southwest Conference play?

It certainly is not that defenses are figuring out the run-and-shoot. Every Tom, Dick and Knute has predicted lately that they have designed a defensive scheme that will neutralize the run-and-shoot. But the only thing that can truly stop this type of offense is mistakes by the players who operate it.

Much like the wishbone, the run-and-shoot is an offense that, when everything is clicking, is as close to unstoppable as it gets. But both of-

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A&M faces short week to prepare for Houston

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Last Saturday, the Texas A&M football team posted its most impressive victory of the 1992 season in a 40-18 rout of Louisville. With the win, A&M moved up the fourth spot in the national rankings and established itself as a legitimate national championship contender.

But the celebration only lasted a day as A&M had to turn its preparation towards Thursday night's nationally televised showdown with the Houston Cougars and their high-flying run-and-shoot offense.

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum said the short practice week and Houston's potent offense will make for a tough adjustment by the Aggies.

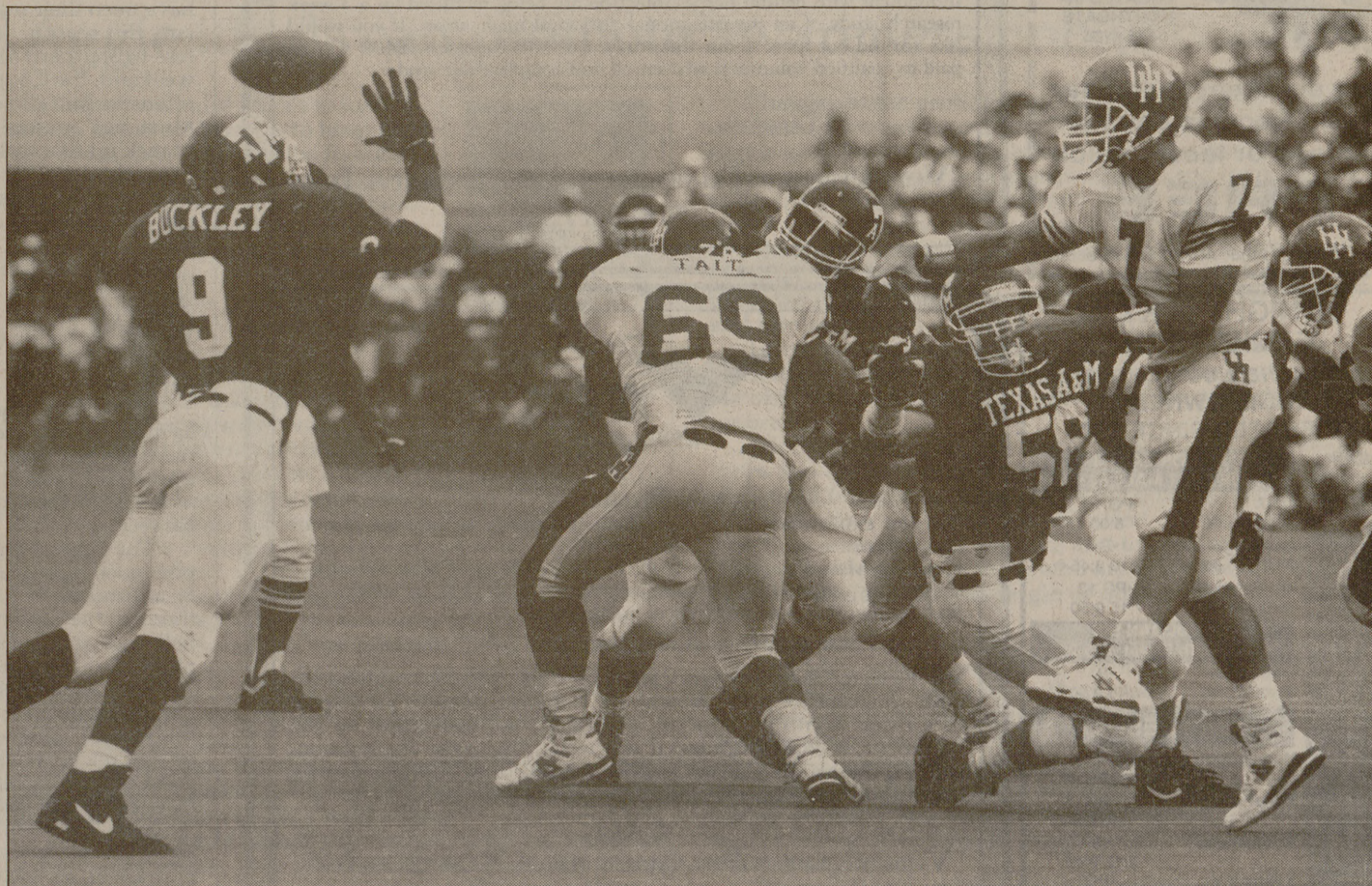
"This is about as tough as it gets playing a conventional offense last week and now we have to get ready for a run-and-shoot offense," Slocum said. "Preparation wise, Houston will have a tremendous advantage over us."

"Plus, we are a little banged up right now so even if we had a full week of practice it would still be tough. We have a bunch of guys that are banged up and limping around right now so we are kind of limited right now."

"Getting those guys ready to play Thursday just compounds the problem."

Houston's nationally-ranked offense presents problems for teams when they have a full week of practice time. Junior outside linebacker Steve Solari said the short week will be difficult but the Aggies must overcome the obstacles that are presented by a shortened practice schedule.

"It will be tough physically because we have had no off-days recently," Solari said. "We have played it (the run-and-shoot) before this season against Southern Methodist so it will not be that difficult preparing."



A&M outside linebacker Marcus Buckley reaches out to try and knock down a pass from Houston quarterback David Klingler during the Aggies' 27-18 win over the Cougars in

1991. The Aggies will face the Cougars Thursday night, which gives the A&M coaches only five days after the 40-18 win over Louisville Saturday in which to prepare.

"It is not that hard getting ready for the game defense wise, but there is different personnel than SMU so that could cause problems."

Solari also said that the key to the shorter week will be mental readiness. He stressed that there should be no hurt feelings in the A&M locker room due to a lack of practice time.

"You can't come in feeling sorry for yourself because of the short week of practice," Solari said. "It's all mental and we just need some mental massages, and what I mean is having recognition in

drills and following technique.

"The short time can be difficult because of the offense, they run but the massages will help and our mental preparation will have to be there or else something bad could happen."

While the defense will be affected by the short week of preparation for the run-and-shoot, A&M's offense could also suffer some repercussions. A&M center Chris Dausin said that the Houston game comes at a perfect time for the offense.

"I don't think turning right around and playing will be any problem for us

because we are starting to hit our stride on offense," Dausin said. "I think if we can just come out, even though it is a short week, and play and concentrate, things will be okay."

"Last weekend, they got beat by SMU so right now they are a beaten dog. They are going to come out and give us everything because their backs are against the wall."

Dausin said the coaches have stressed the fact that Houston will be looking to

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4	BAC	"From Symbols to Substance: Reclaiming Our African Identity" - 212 MSC - 7:00 p.m. - The Rev. Clarence E. Glover, Jr.
5	Jordan	Famine in East Africa - 401 Rudder - 7:00 p.m.
7	Aggie Cinema	A League of Their Own - Rudder - 7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m. & midnight
10, 11	NOVA	College Bowl - 228 MSC - 7:00 p.m.
10	Jordan	Fellows Presentation - 302 Rudder - 8:30 p.m.
11	CAMAC	"La Mano" & "El Jardin" - Rudder Theatre - 8:00 p.m.
13	Aggie Cinema	Prelude to a Kiss - Rudder - 7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m., & midnight
13	Town Hall	Arc Angels - Rudder Auditorium - 8:00 p.m.
14	Aggie Cinema	Boomerang - Rudder - 7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m. & midnight
14	Student Development	John Ben Shepperd Leadership Forum - 201 MSC - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
16	OPAS	"Once on This Island" - Rudder Auditorium - 8:00 p.m.
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18	Political Forum	E.L. Miller Lecture Series - Rudder Forum - 7:30 p.m. "Mission Unmanned? The Future Role of Humans in Space Exploration."
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