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TEXAS A&M VS. TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Seniors play home finale on Saturday

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Memories will be flooding across Kyle Field Saturday as Texas A&M plays Texas Christian in what will be the last home game for nine seniors.

Starters Marcus Buckley, John Ellisor, Doug Carter, Derrick Frazier and David Davis will be joined by reserves Greg Cook, Craig Jeffries, Otis Nealy and Kent Petty as they button up their chinstraps for the final time on Kyle Field.

Ellisor, A&M's right guard, says the feeling of playing his final home game has taken a while to surface.

"A few days ago, I started thinking this will be my final game on Kyle Field which is a strange thought," Ellisor said. "It is kind of sad and yet in a way I'm kind of happy. I don't know how to describe it yet, so I will have to talk about it more after the game is over."

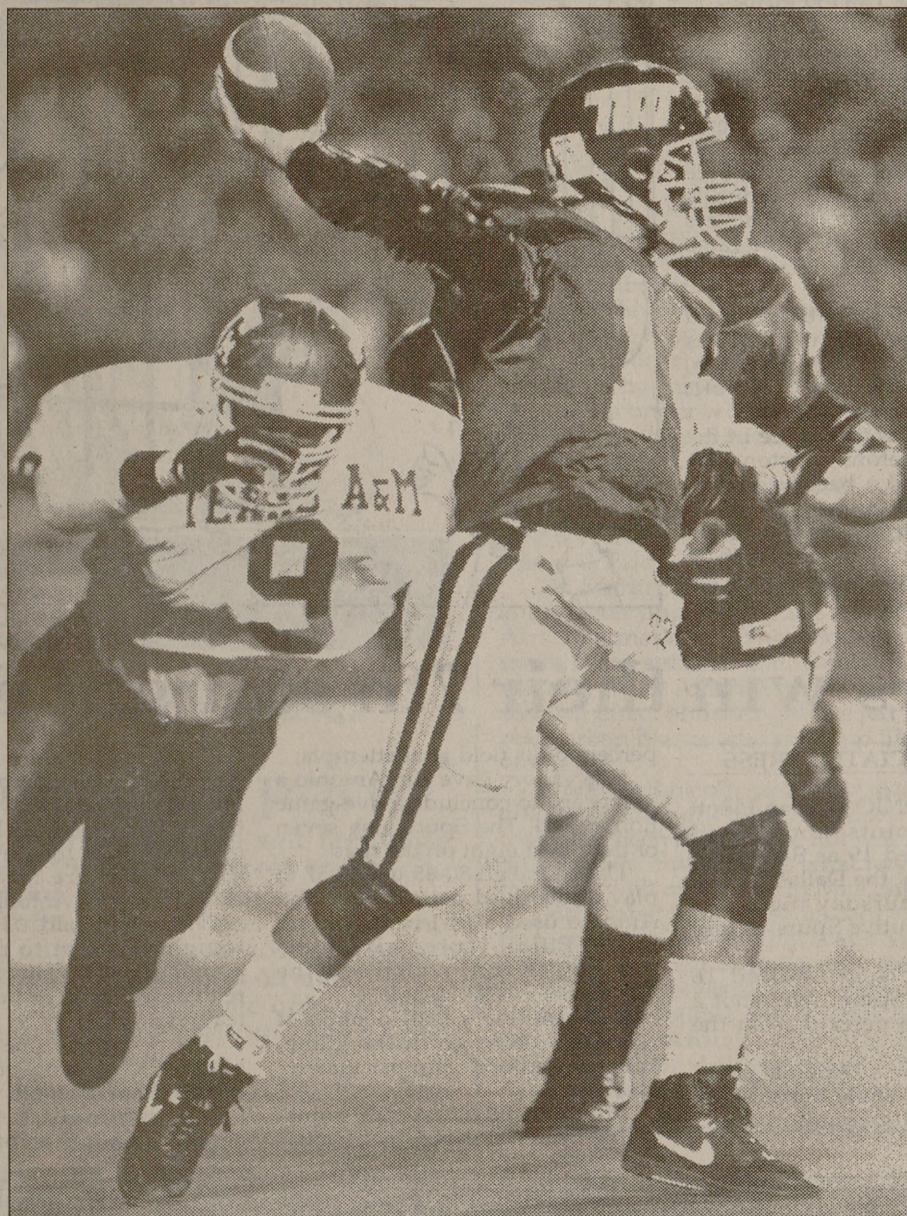
Emotions will also be running high Saturday because Texas A&M has a chance to clinch the Southwest Conference championship with a victory over TCU and a Texas loss to Baylor.

Fullback Doug Carter wants to parlay a possible Cotton Bowl berth and his final home game into performing well on the field.

"When I first came into Texas A&M, I didn't want to ever think about my last game at Kyle Field," Carter said. "Right now, I don't feel it. But guys have told me when I walk onto the field, it will hit me, and I will know what they are talking about."

"It will be very emotional, and I'm waiting for that day to come. I have been here for the long haul, and I want to have the best game I have ever had at Kyle Field."

Cornerback Derrick Frazier also said he wanted to have his best performance ever at Kyle Field. He also wanted to thank the Texas A&M student body for making his Aggie career an enjoyable one.



Marcus Buckley prepares to knock down TCU quarterback Matt Vogler in A&M's 44-7 win in 1991. Buckley and eight others play their last home game Saturday.

"Of course, I want to play well, but more than anything, I want to say how much I am going to miss all those white towels in the stands," Frazier said. "Sometimes, those things made all the difference in the world. There was no

better feeling in the world to look up in the stands and see that sea of white.

"As a team, we appreciated that. I am going to miss that more than I realize at

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TCU's spoiler role keeps Aggies wary

Win gives A&M share of SWC title

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Texas A&M's quest for a national championship has reached the latter part of November. Now, Texas Christian has a chance to spoil it.

The Horned Frogs (2-7-1, 1-5 in Southwest Conference play), who will matchup with the Aggies (10-0, 5-0 in SWC) at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Kyle Field, are good at spoiling.

They played the spoiler against Texas two weeks ago, when the Frogs beat the Longhorns for the first time in 25 years, 23-14, in Fort Worth. In that game, the TCU defense registered seven sacks and caused four turnovers.

On Saturday, the Frogs will come in looking for their first win over the Aggies since 1972. They will also have vengeance on their mind after losing soundly at home to A&M last year on national television, 44-7.

However, the Aggies will have plenty of their own incentive coming into the game. Excluding the fact that a win will prolong their undefeated season and hopes for the No. 1 spot at year's end, the Aggies can win a share of the SWC title with a victory Saturday. If that is coupled with a Texas defeat against Baylor in Waco, then A&M clinches their second straight trip to the Cotton Bowl.

Also, sports writers from around the country have provided A&M with incentive. Despite beating Houston last week on national television, 38-30, the Aggies were passed over for the No. 3 spot in the Associated Press college football poll. Florida State jumped two spots ahead of the Aggies to assume that position.

It is a dilemma that hurts A&M in the new-fangled bowl coalition, but it is something that at least one football analyst said should be the last thing on the

Aggies' minds.

"I think they're going to have a hard time beating TCU, let alone leapfrogging Florida State," ESPN football analyst Lee Corso said in a recent visit to A&M.

The Frogs fell last week to Texas Tech, 31-28, in a bizarre ending which featured four touchdowns in the last two and a half minutes of the game. First-year head



Time: 2:36 p.m., Saturday
Place: Kyle Field
TV/Radio: Ch. 3, 13 (cable), KTAM 1240-AM
Records: A&M (10-0, 5-0), TCU (2-7-1, 1-5)

coach Pat Sullivan said playing the Raiders after they lost, 34-3, to Rice the week before was bad timing for TCU.

"We caught Texas Tech — and Spike (Dykes, Tech head coach) will be the first one to tell you — we caught them after a down time, but they did what they needed to do to win," Sullivan said. "We've gotten better every week. That's the mark of a good team."

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum is wary of the threat that TCU poses. He disbelieves that there is any chance that his team would look past Saturday's game toward next Thursday's clash in Austin with archrival Texas.

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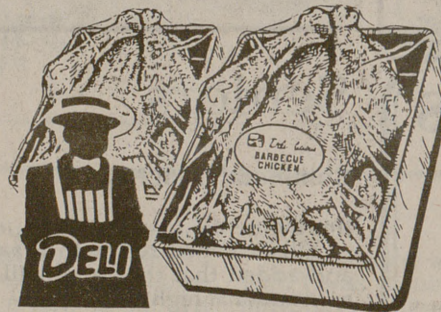
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