

Solari rising to newest challenge

By MICHAEL PLUMER

The Battalion

Texas A&M defensive coordinator and assistant head coach Bob Davie was looking for a replacement during spring football practice.

He was attempting to find a suitable substitute for a void left by the loss of an All-American, outside linebacker Marcus Buckley. Senior Steve Solari fit the bill but there has been a minor problem.

Solari suffered a deep shoulder bruise while making a tackle, which has limited his time on the field this spring.

Davie, though, said he does not think Solari's progress will be slowed too greatly as he attempts to become the "next great A&M linebacker."

"This has been a disappointing spring for Steve because he has not been 100 percent healthy," Davie said. "Next season, it will be time for him to be the guy."

"Steve Solari and the coaching staff felt like it was time for him to take it to another level which spring practice provides an opportunity for. But he should be able to pick it up in the fall without any problem."

Solari, who posted 61 tackles and three

and a half sacks last season, agrees with Davie that it is time for him to be the man.

"Everything was going fine this spring until I hurt my shoulder," Solari said. "I was making improvements in several areas like pass rushing. Now, I need to get healthy and come back in the summer-time and improve my strength."

"I plan on honing my skills during the summer, and plus, I think my legs will be fresh next fall because of the missed time."

He added that the injury has made him feel almost like an outcast.

"Right now, I feel like a cheerleader," Solari said with a smile. "People look at you differently because you are injured. Not being out there is tough because I can't contribute."

"Vocally, I can, but that is not enough right now. I want to make a difference on the field."

Solari's absence has allowed Davie an opportunity to evaluate other prospects at the outside linebacker position, like Reggie Graham or Antonio Shorter. But Solari's injury has created a two-fold problem.

"I have been able to look at some other guys but Steve's being out has left us really short at that position," Davie said.

"We have a pack of young, talented players who need to step it up. Outside linebacker is a position that has given us a little bit of concern."

"We miss him out there because he makes plays and players learn from other players performing at a high level. It hurts as a team because he is not able to lead by example."

Solari's ability to be a leader next fall will be very important for A&M to experience success like it has in the past, Davie said. With leadership comes extra pressures and responsibilities.

But Solari has no qualms about stepping up into a position of authority.

"Last year, I think I ended the season on my way up," Solari said. "Now, I have to do whatever it takes to win and I don't feel any pressure about doing that. I can step up and be a leader."

"This is my last year, and I want to be

Aggies facing important series against Raiders

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The Texas A&M baseball team will attempt to take control of the Southwest Conference race this weekend and in the process hand head coach Mark Johnson his 400th win.

A&M, ranked second in the nation, will battle the 11th-ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders in a three game series at Olsen Field. The first game will be at 7 p.m. Friday with a doubleheader scheduled for Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m.

The Aggies will enter the series with a 33-4 overall record, the second best start in school history while the Raiders sport a 31-8 record. A&M is currently 5-1 in conference action with the Texas Tech sporting a 4-2 mark.

Prospective pitching matchups are junior lefthander Jeff Granger (8-1) going on Friday night, with sophomore righthander Trey Moore (8-0) and junior lefthander Kelly Wunsch (4-0) pitching Saturday.

Texas Tech will counter with Travis Driskill (7-2) on Friday and J.J. Varney (4-2) and John Macatee (5-2) on Saturday.

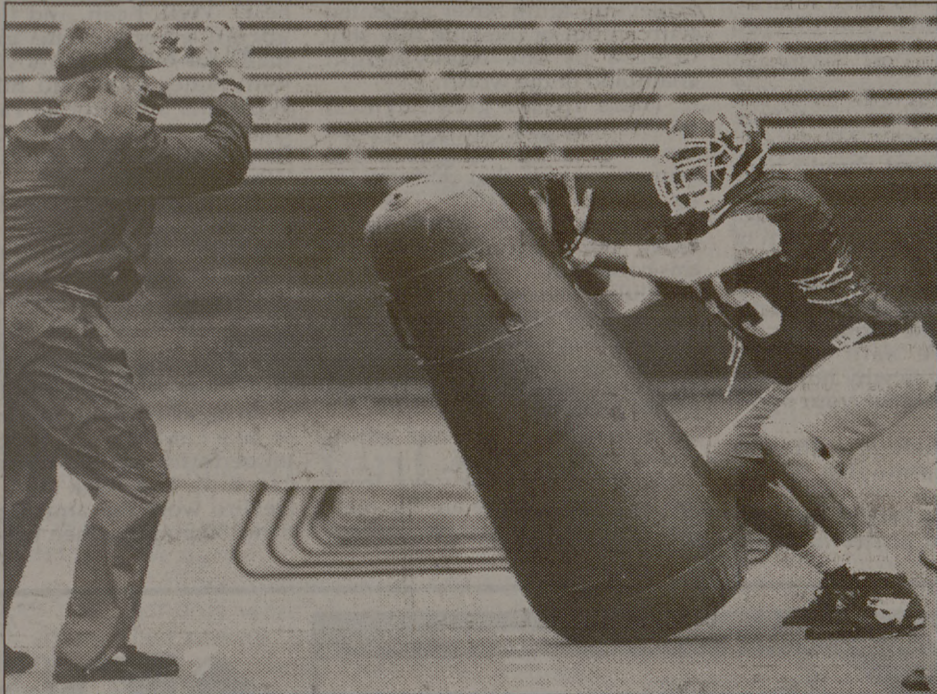
Johnson will have his third opportunity to register his 400th win. His first attempt, which would have come at Olsen Field last Saturday against Lubbock Christian, was rained out. Tuesday, the University of Texas-Arlington rained on his parade again, beating the Aggies 8-6.

A limited number of reserve seats are available and can be purchased for five dollars at the athletic ticket office in G. Rollie White. General admission tickets can be purchased two hours before game time, three dollars for adults and two dollars for high school and under.



Granger

Bouncing back



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A&M's Heyward Clay, a tight end from Snyder, practices his blocking technique Wednesday as assistant coach Shawn Slocum helps out.

'Hoosiers' rhorn: a criticism



WILLIAM HARRISON Sports Writer

Greg can be out-classed by the casting a temporary pall on the nation's upcoming World Championship season.

I heard our nationally-ranked Texas Aggie baseball team made a decision to the University of Texas at Arlington Mavericks. I guess they can win in awhile with a 33-4 record. They absolutely have to. Can you go once the mediocrity prevails? I'm not getting what you're not getting what in real life, I'd recommend your enthusiasm for checking out reel life. Webber's foible, I sought flipping "Hoosiers" into

all about the game as I Jimmy Chickwood, a reel player, nail the open with his stoic, pure shoot-his Hickory High cornetball buddies to state ship - without a smile ever

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MSC Programs April 1993

Committee	Program Description
Aggie Cinema	<i>Unforgiven</i> - Rudder Theater - 7, 9:30 p.m. & midnight
CAMAC	Former Students Banquet and Awards Ceremony - 201 MSC - 7:00 p.m.
MSC Council	Council Meeting - 201 MSC - 6:00 p.m. - Students, staff and faculty meet to decide MSC business and approve programs
Aggie Cinema	<i>Lawrence of Arabia</i> - Rudder Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
Aggie Cinema	<i>Reservoir Dogs</i> - Rudder Auditorium - 8 & 10 p.m.
Hospitality	"Easter Hunt" - Party for children of students, faculty and staff
MSC Council	Council Meeting - 216T MSC - 6:00 p.m.
OPAS	"Academy of St. Martin in-the Fields and Christopher Parkening" - Rudder Auditorium - 8:00 p.m. - Orchestra and famed guitarist
Aggie Cinema	<i>Enchanted April</i> - Rudder Theater - 7 & 9:00 p.m.
CAMAC	"Spring Fajita Cookout" - Hensel Park - 5:30 p.m. - Students invite faculty, staff, and family for a barbecue
Variety Show	"Variety Show" - Rudder Auditorium - 7:30 p.m. - Students compete in a talent show
MSC	"MSC Awards Ceremony" - Rudder Theater - 2:00 p.m. - individual recognition of the MSC's Student volunteers
MSC	Council Meeting - 216T MSC - 6:00 p.m.
Senior Class Council	"Senior Bash" - Texas Hall of Fame - 8:00 p.m.
Aggie Cinema	<i>Walt Disney's Aladdin</i> - Rudder Auditorium - 7, 8:45, 10:30 & midnight
Senior Class Council	"Senior Banquet" - College Station Hilton - 6:30 p.m.
Senior Class Council	"Ring Dance" - MSC & Rudder - 9:00 p.m.
MSC Council	Council Meeting - 216T MSC - 6:00 p.m.
Aggie Cinema	<i>A Few Good Men</i> - Rudder Auditorium - 7, 9:30 & midnight
Town Hall	"Coffee House" - Rumors - 8:00 p.m.

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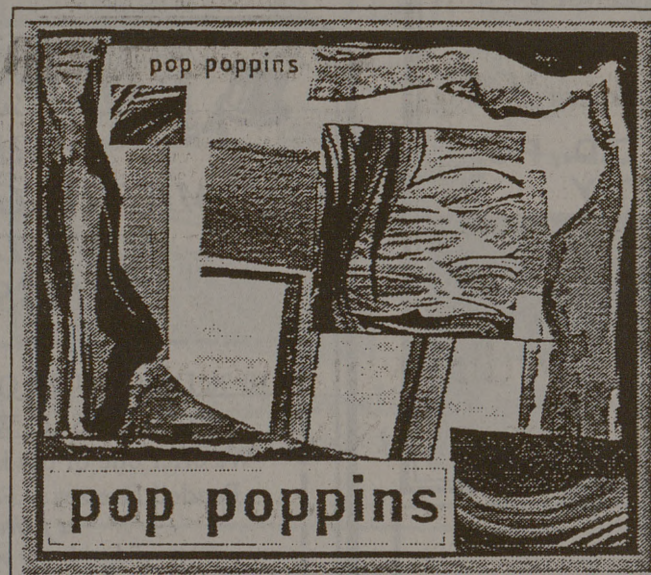
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