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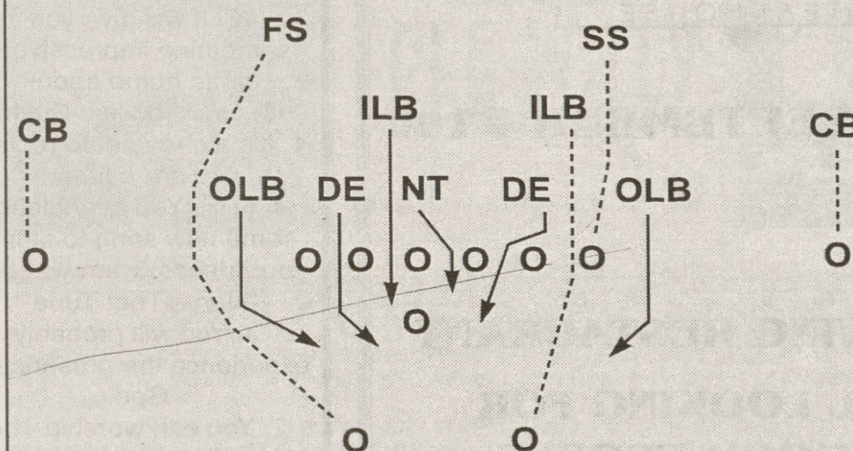


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# Defense greets new starters, new strategy

## Davie's Blitz sample



Texas A&M's defense operates off of a base 3-4 alignment which enables an outside linebacker (Steve Solari) to rush as a "stand-up defensive end." A&M has always employed a gambling defense that relies on its linebackers getting up the field by blitzing. However, a team that lives by the blitz dies by the blitz, so expect Coach Davie to mix up his base 3-4 alignment, coverages and stunts.

The Aggies slacked off its blitzing style last season because of the presence of Patrick Bates. Without Bates' intimidation of A&M's opposing receiving corps, the 1993 A&M defense will instead put the heat on the quarterbacks with the rush and blitz.

The diagramed blitz shows both outside linebackers pressuring from the outside with the weakside linebacker flying through the middle. The strongside linebacker and the secondary drop back into man-to-man coverage, an A&M strength.