

Aggies versus Sooners

A&M renews rivalry with #17 Oklahoma Saturday

By Matthew J. Rush

THE BATTALION

After dominating Louisiana State last Saturday, the 5th-ranked Texas A&M Aggies will battle the 17th-ranked Oklahoma Sooners in Norman this weekend.

The history of these two teams is well-established, but

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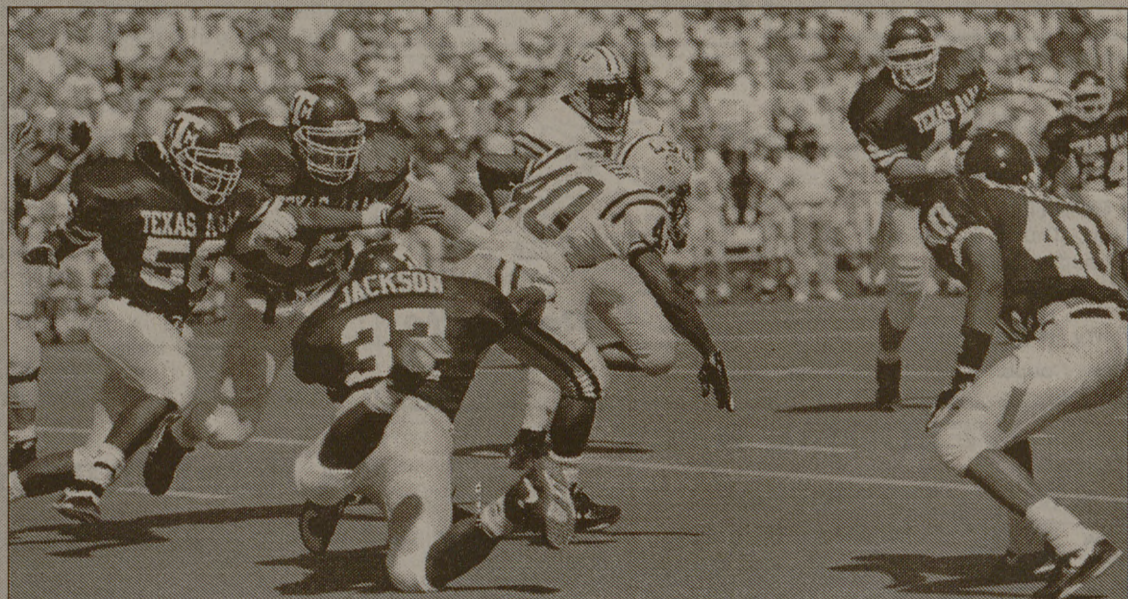
not between each other. With a mutual nemesis in the University of Texas, the two teams have only met a total of 12 times in nearly 100 years of collegiate

play. The Aggies have posted a career 5-7 record against the Sooners and are trying to break a dismal 1-6 record at Memorial Stadium in Norman. However, in the last meeting in 1951 the Aggies did post a 14-7 victory at College Station.

A&M's 1993 schedule features a tough opponent in Oklahoma at the expense of weaker traditional contests against smaller schools. Head coach R.C. Slocum said that when the opportunity to play Oklahoma presented itself, he felt the matchup would be a better challenge for his team.

"I thought it would be good for us," Slocum said. "If we go

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A&M defenders Antonio Shorter (56), Lance Teichelman (58), Larry Jackson (37), Jason Atkinson (43), Michael Hendricks (40) and Ray Mickens (24) converge on Louisiana State running back David Butler (40) in A&M's 24-0 win. A&M plays at Oklahoma in Norman at 2:30 this Saturday.

Oklahoma will make or break A&M's season

The answer to A&M's national championship prayers has been provided. This Saturday, the Aggies will finally have a chance to sink their teeth into a respected opponent.

A big win would justify the number five ranking, would shut up ESPN's Lee Corso, and would prove once and for all that A&M is a team to be reckoned with on a national basis.

Just one problem.

The Aggies will be facing the 17th ranked Oklahoma Sooners at their place with a television audience provided by ABC. The Sooners will be led by a hot quarterback, senior Cale Gundy, who thrashed TCU last weekend with 246 yards and a hotter head coach.

Gary Gibbs has said recently that A&M has been guilty of negative recruiting and cheating. I guess when he said that he forgot about those small incidents concerning guns and drugs in Soonerland a few years ago.

Maybe they have cleaned up Oklahoma but not to the point they can beat the University of Texas.

A&M's biggest concern on Saturday will not be Gibbs and his attempts to save his job through the press. It will be the Oklahoma offense. When Gundy gets rolling, he is very hard to stop. That task will fall

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#5 Texas A&M @ #17 Oklahoma	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	vacationing	A&M	A&M	A&M - OK needs more Beavers to stop Ag
#24 Baylor @ #10 Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Baylor	—	Colorado	Colorado	Col. - No magic for Baylor this week
Wisconsin @ SMU	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	SMU	Wisconsin	—	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wis. - It'd be cool if the Badgers had Beavers
New Mexico @ TCU	TCU	New Mexico	New Mexico	TCU	New Mexico	New Mexico	TCU	TCU	—	TCU	TCU	TCU - And if the Horned Frogs had Beavers?
Tulane @ Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Tulane	Rice	Rice	Rice	—	Rice	Rice	Rice - Bert Emmanuel rides Green Wave
Tulsa @ Houston	Houston	Tulsa	Houston	Houston	Tulsa	Houston	Tulsa	Tulsa	—	Tulsa	Houston	Pick 'em - The Official Who Cares Game
Texas Tech @ #9 Nebraska	Tech	Nebraska	Nebraska	Tech	Tech	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	—	Nebraska	Nebraska	Neb. - A good game if Tech had defense
#11 Notre Dame @ #3 Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	—	Michigan	Notre Dame	Mich. - Holts has no quarterback
#12 Washington @ #16 Ohio State	Washington	Washington	Washington	Ohio State	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	—	Washington	Washington	Wash. - Overwhelms Ohio State
#22 Georgia @ #8 Tennessee	Georgia	Tennessee	Tennessee	Georgia	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	—	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tenn. - Too much talent for 'Dogs
Kansas City Chiefs @ Houston Oilers	Chiefs	Oilers	Oilers	Chiefs	Oilers	Chiefs	Chiefs	Oilers	—	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs - Will anyone bet on the Oilers?
Buffalo Bills @ Dallas Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Bills	Bills	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Bills	—	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys - Bills buffaloed again
RECORD FOR PREVIOUS WEEK	6-6 (.500)	10-2 (.833)	9-3 (.750)	8-4 (.666)	6-6 (.500)	9-3 (.750)	6-6 (.500)	9-3 (.750)	8-4 (.666)	10-2 (.833)	—	81-39 (.675)
CUMULATIVE RECORD	6-6 (.500)	10-2 (.833)	9-3 (.750)	8-4 (.666)	6-6 (.500)	9-3 (.750)	6-6 (.500)	9-3 (.750)	8-4 (.666)	10-2 (.833)	—	81-39 (.675)

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