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Braves, Phillies come full circle after 100 years

Over the past 100 years, there have been 18 different presidents, two World Wars, the advancement of technology and numerous other dramatic changes. Through it all, however, one constant has remained.



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Baseball. Because of the importance of the year 1893 to the Battalion, I've shuffled through the annals of baseball history to come up with some very interesting comparisons.

At the end of the 1893 season, the Boston Braves were tops in the National League. The 1993 version of the Braves, based in Atlanta, have a legitimate shot of being the champions of baseball again.

There was no American League at the time, but if one scrutinizes the top four teams in 1893, the Philadelphia Phillies were among the league's elite.

Coincidence that the Braves and Phillies might meet in the 1993 National League Championship Series next week?

An even closer look at the 1893 Braves shows that they had a 34-game winner, a 20-game winner and an 18-game winner. In 1993, Atlanta's starting hurlers have amassed 71 victories for the team, while back in 1893 the starters finished with 72 total victories.

As for the 1893 Phillies, they had a

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A&M's Cliff Groce (33) powers through two Texas Tech defenders in last year's 19-17 victory over the Red Raiders at Kyle Field. A&M rushed 66 times for 381 yards against Tech.

'This is just what we need.'

Tech's Dykes looking to up stakes against A&M

By Nick Georgandis

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Throughout his 25 years as a football coach, Texas Tech head football coach Spike Dykes has been known for his bluntness and wit.

Both were in evidence as Dykes explained why he was eager to pit his Red Raiders against 14th-ranked Texas A&M Saturday in Lubbock.

"(Coming off the 28-26 loss last week to Baylor) this is just what we need," Dykes said. "Those type of losses linger. But playing A&M next, we knew we couldn't linger long."

"If you write a scenario for us, this would be much better than playing Middle Tennessee, but I don't want to make the people in Tennessee mad."

Dykes, now in his seventh year as head coach at Tech, said he is displeased with Tech's 1-3 start but that he is still optimistic for the remainder of the season.

"The obvious question is where do you go from here, what do you do?" Dykes said.

"The bottom line is that a football team has a lot to play for. A lot of

great football teams get off to bad starts for whatever reason. We still have a chance to go to the bowl in Dallas. There are a lot of things out there still to play for."

After watching the game film of the Aggies' 73-0 victory over Missouri, Dykes said he thinks the biggest question mark for Tech will be the ability of the Red Raider defense to slowdown A&M's offense.

"I don't think I've ever seen a performance as impressive as they were against Missouri," Dykes said. "They are sound in every phase of their game. They have a good passing attack with (quarterback Corey) Pullig."

"Rodney Thomas and Leeland McElroy are flat-out unbelievable. They are the two finest backs I've seen on one team since Eric Dickerson and Craig James (at Southern Methodist in 1981-82)."

"Plus, (Greg) Schorp is the best tight end in the conference, maybe in the whole Southwest."

The Tech defense has given up an average of 43 points per game in the Red Raiders' three losses.

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Lady Aggie volleyball stifles Bears

From Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M women's volleyball team took three straight games from Baylor at the Bear's Ferrell Center to win Wednesday night against a tough Lady Bears team that was ranked second in the nation in blocks.

The Lady Aggies sent only four servers to the line in their initial match which they won 15-1. A&M took the second game 15-9 and for the third game came back after trailing 8-11 to win 15-12.

A&M head volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli said her team sped up its attack and was pleasantly surprised by the error-free play.

"We had a few service errors, but overall I was really pleased," Corbelli said. "This is the most athletic group I have ever coached, (but) we need to find more ways to utilize our quickness."

"It will come as we go along."

Explosive Hill, Hall power Tech attack

By David Winder

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The wide receiver came to Texas Tech as a Parade Magazine All-American. The quarterback turned down scholarship offers so he could walk-on to the Red Raider team.

Four years after making their first starts, senior split end Lloyd Hill and senior signal caller Robert Hall are on the verge of breaking numerous Southwest Conference and Texas Tech offensive records.

"I chose to come to Tech after they had won a

bowl game in 1989 (All-American over Duke 49-21)," Hill said. "I felt then that they were an up and coming team. I haven't been disappointed in my decision."

Hill decided on Tech for the same reason but took a different road to Lubbock.

"I chose to walk-on at Tech so I would be close enough for my parents to come watch me," Hall said.

Hall, who hails from Dallas Carter, and Hill from Odessa Permian have combined for 2296 yards and 11 touchdowns in 25 games, making them one of the greatest quarterback/receiver

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