

Aggies' defense faces tough test from Tech offensive talent

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The Texas A&M football team will open its Southwest Conference schedule on Saturday afternoon as they play Texas Tech in Lubbock.

The Aggies are trying to capture the SWC title while going undefeated in the conference for the third-straight year.

Texas A&M has lost three out of the last five meetings at Jones Stadium, even though their most recent meeting in Lubbock, resulted in the Aggies pounding the Red Raiders 37-14 in 1991.

In SWC play, the two teams have compiled a 16-16-1 record against each other, but A&M leads 29-21-1 in the overall series.

Senior outside linebacker Steve Solari said he knows that Tech will be a challenge, especially with the multiple threats the Tech offense presents when they have the ball.

"They are going to be tough," Solari said. "They come at you in a number of different ways, but the most important thing for us on defense is to stop the run first."

The Aggies have been very successful at shutting down the running game against Tech in past years. In the last meeting in Lubbock, the Aggies limited Tech to only eight yards rushing while last year Tech amassed only 65 yards total on the ground. The A&M defense has not surrendered a 100-yard rushing game

to Tech since 1984 when Tim Smith carried for 139 yards on 19 carries.

Defensive coordinator Bob Davie said he thinks taking Tech running back Byron 'Bam' Morris from out of his game will be the key to the Aggies success this year.

"Every week we come into the game with the same mentality - we've got to stop the run," Davie said. "Byron Morris is a much better player than a year ago."

Davie also said this year's Red Raider offense is not to be taken lightly.

"I've been in this league for 9 years and I've seen some good Tech offenses," Davie said. "This year's team is the most talented and most explosive. They've got talent, experience and a trigger man which gives them a high-octane explosive offense."

A&M defensive end Eric England said that regardless of their record, Tech is always a formidable opponent especially when they are playing in front of their home crowd.

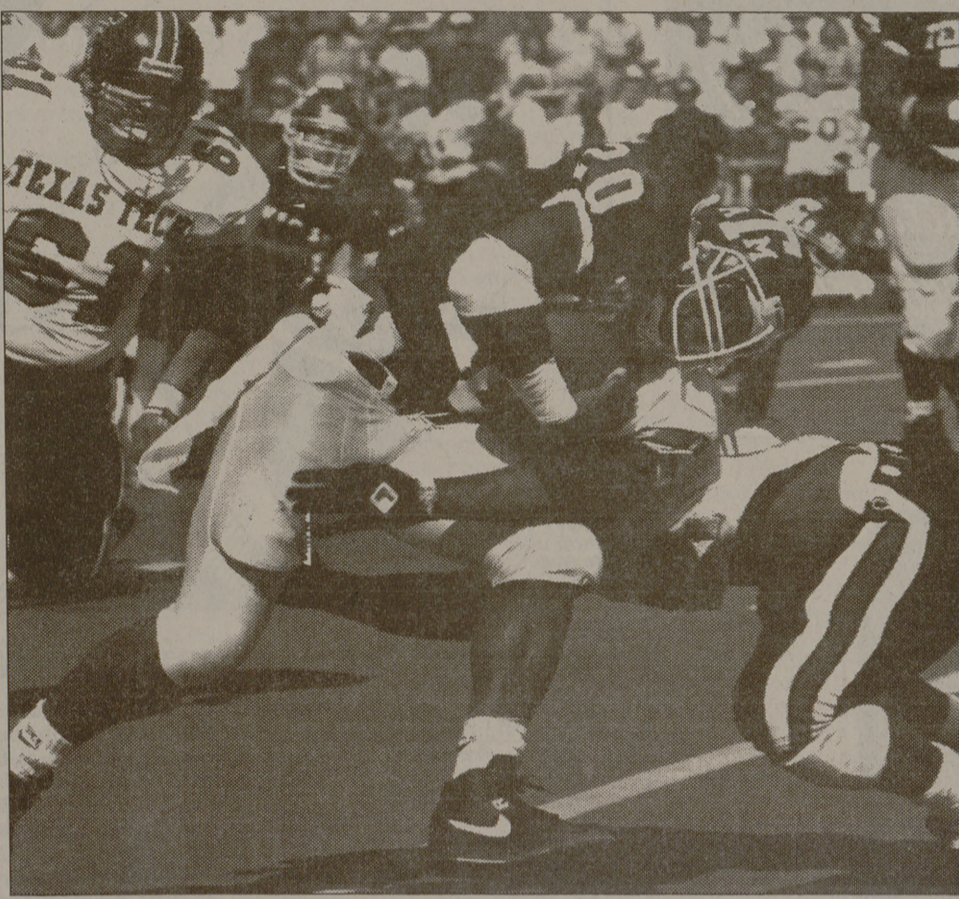
"This will be one of the biggest and toughest games for us," England said. "Their fans get real rowdy, almost kind of crazy."

"I just kind of laugh at it because when they boo, that means that they respect you. That motivates us and makes the team even more spirited."

"They'll be ready to beat us," England said. "They'll fire every bullet they have, no doubt about it. They're hungry."

After losing last week to Baylor, Texas

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Texas A&M running back Rodney Thomas fights for yardage against a Texas Tech defender during last year's match-up at Kyle Field. The Aggies won by a field goal.

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Lady Aggie netters host 4-Way tourney

By Nick Georgandis

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Seven members of the Lady Aggie tennis team will see action this weekend as Texas A&M hosts the A&M 4-Way Tournament, competing against players from Louisiana State, Baylor, and Southern Louisiana.

Head coach Bobby Kleinecke said he believes the tournament's unique format will make it easier to see how the team is performing.

"Instead of having everyone seeded together like in a men's tournament, there are four flights, lettered A through D," Kleinecke said.

"Each team has its one and two players in the A flight, three and four players in the B flight and so on. The A flight, both in singles and in doubles, is very strong. It's a good chance for us to see a lot of matches and it makes so that nobody's ever out of the tournament."

Junior Christine Dinardo and freshman newcomer Nancy Dingwall will represent the Aggies in the A flight. The team also has the top two seeds in the B flight with sophomores Lonna Logan and Wilson Pate. The doubles team of Dingwall and Pate is the top-seeded duo in the doubles A flight.

Men's tennis head coach David Kent said he hopes this tournament will help boost student support in both Aggie teams.

"Hopefully, this being an away week for football, we'll have some people come out to cheer these ladies on," Kent said.

"There are a lot of hard workers and great players on both these teams and we'd like to have some students out there supporting the team."

Kleinecke said he believes that team expectations for the tournament are high but the long season will be the real judge of the team.

"We're optimistic all the way through the line-up," Kleinecke said.

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A&M soccer team comes home after long, successful road schedule

By David Winder

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Home sweet home.

History will be made this weekend when the Texas A&M women's soccer team hosts its first home games since the team became a scholarship sport this year.

The Lady Aggies (5-2 and 10th-

ranked in the South Region) will play Oral Roberts on Saturday at 3:30 and Central Florida at noon on Sunday at Old Tiger Field.

"It's going to be really exciting," senior Rennie Rebe said. "I think we're a bit more nervous than we ordinarily would be because we've drummed it up and tried to get a lot of support for the team."

"The only disadvantage is that we are

a little bit off campus so I think we're all going to do our best to promote the site so we can get as many people as we can out there."

A&M is currently riding a five-game winning streak, after winning both the St. Edwards and TCU Invitationals.

"We really didn't expect to be this successful so soon," freshman Jenny Jones said.

"We're so young we really didn't

know what to expect coming into this year. But we've been able to put it all together."

Head coach G. Guerrieri said Saturday's game against Oral Roberts (0-7) will allow the Lady Aggies to see how they play versus another freshman-oriented team.

"We haven't really specifically prepared for Oral Roberts because in that

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