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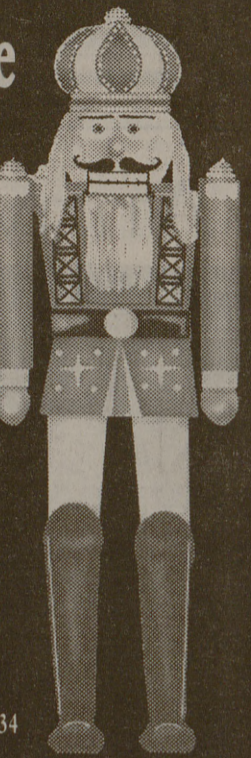
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England

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A&M defensive coordinator Bob Davie said that England has made positive contributions to the defense through his leadership abilities and experience.

"I think the first thing that Eric brings is his personality and maturity," Davie said. "I've seen him really mature and become a team player."

Davie said that England has been relentless in improving his technique on defense, making him a viable choice in this spring's National Football League draft.

"He's really worked on his weaknesses and has become more physical, making him a more all-around, complete player," Davie said. "There is no question that he's going to have the opportunity to play in the NFL."

"Based on his productivity and his consistency, Eric England is going to play in the NFL."

England, a product of Willowridge High School in Sugarland, said the NFL is a goal, but also said he will be able to deal with whatever the future has in store for him.

"If I don't get to play, I'll come back and get my degree and live a normal life like a normal person," England said. "If I do, I do and if I don't, I don't."

"It's important, but I'm not making it a must."

England, who registered a career high of 11 tackles in the 1992 Cotton Bowl against Notre Dame, said he must continue to improve some minor details of his game.

"There are some things I still have to develop," England said. "A lot of people have said that I haven't reached my full potential yet. But I think I have the skill, I think I have the ability, the heart, the determination and the mind."

Johnson, who coached football talents such as Jerome Brown of the Philadelphia Eagles and Daniel Stubbs of the Cincinnati Bengals while at the University of Miami, was a little more confident in predicting England's future.

"There is no doubt that he will be an NFL player," Johnson said. "He is a tremendous worker, especially in the off-season when a lot of guys don't want to do anything."

"I don't think that he is a normal defensive lineman. He has got a lot of athletic skill for a down lineman. He is a guy who can cover a lot of ground rather than be anchored down at one spot."

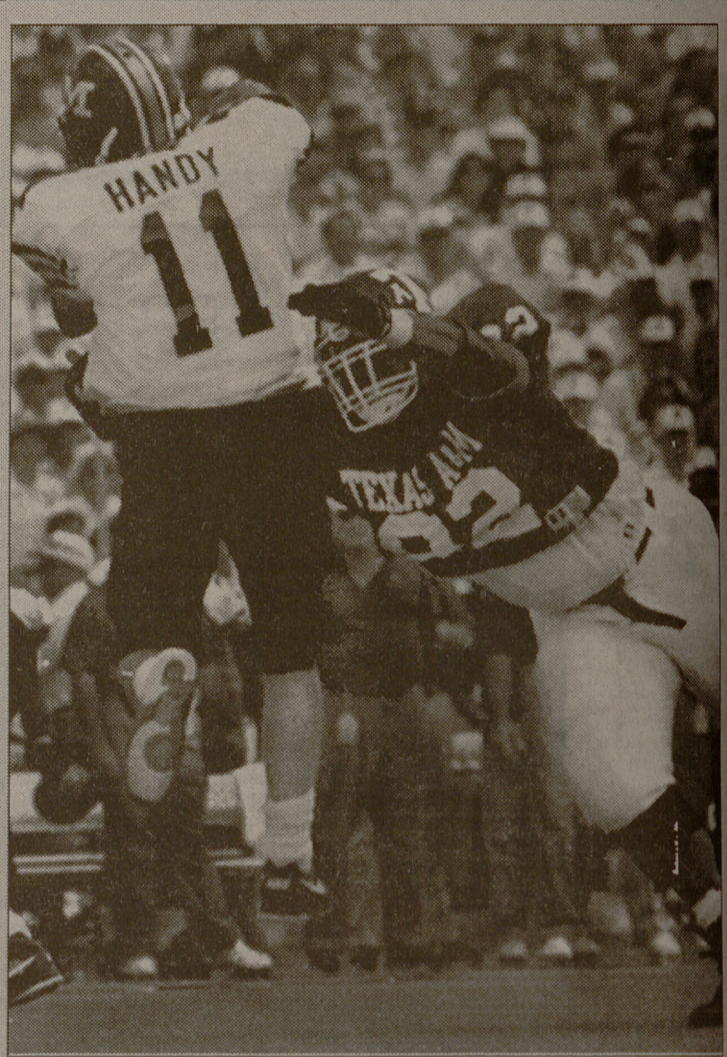
England said that he would also characterize his style of play as two-dimensional.

"I think I am someone who can play the run and come after the quarterback," he said. "I want to be known as versatile and as someone who will do anything it takes to stop the quarterback."

England, in his final season of wearing number 92 on the Aggie defense, said that he will not forget the memories A&M has provided during his four years at the University.

"I'm going to miss the excitement of the college crowd," England said. "The crowd erupting and roaring when you do something good."

"I'm going to miss the people, the campus - everything."



Texas A&M senior defensive end **Eric England** tackles Missouri quarterback **Jeff Handy** during the Aggies 73-0 routing of the Tigers in September.

Winder

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State rematch in the Fiesta Bowl. The way the Irish and Seminoles played last week, only they deserve to play for the championship.

(I totally agree with you, Lee. After taking your advice and calling your bookie, the only way I can win my money back is if the Irish and Seminoles play again. You think Vinny is going to give me any decent odds if Nebraska plays Notre Dame?)

Fowler: Moving on to the rest of the country, Texas A&M can clinch a tie for the Southwest Conference Championship with a win over TCU today. If Baylor defeats Texas then the Aggies will represent the SWC for the third straight year in the Cotton Bowl. So guys, we know the Aggies deserve a bowl bid but do any other teams from the SWC?

(I wonder if I have a chance with Amy Fisher.)

Corso: A&M is the only team in the SWC that deserves to play in a bowl this season, Chris. All the other teams are mediocre, at best, making the Southwest Conference the worst conference in college football.

(A&M is the only team in the SWC that deserves to play in a bowl this season, Chris. The SWC is the worst conference in college football, unless you count the WAC who I always seem to leave out. I don't remember many SWC games where a team gave up 56 points and still won the game.)

James: You're absolutely right, Lee. The SWC is basically in shambles. How else can you explain Texas Tech and Baylor having bowl chances with their records. It just goes to show you that the Coalition is not doing its job.

(You're absolutely right, Lee. The SWC has been on the down slide ever since I was a member of a SMU team that was put on probation in the early 1980s. That caused a snowball effect which put NCAA investigators on every

SWC campus except Rice. It just goes to show you that after what happened in the early 80s to SWC schools, some of the best high school players in Texas went to go play somewhere else.)

Fowler: Man, these guys are idiots. Why didn't I just stick with SportsCenter, instead of getting stuck with these bozos. I'm ten times smarter than both these guys put together.

(Wait! Did I just say out loud what should have been in parenthesis? Maybe they didn't hear me.)

Corso: I heard you alright, Fowler. You want a piece of me, punk?

(How in the world did I hear what he was thinking?)

James: Get back, Corso! I get to kill him first!

(Try to take Amy Fisher away from me, will he? Not a chance.)

Fowler: All right, guys, back to kissing up to Notre Dame and Florida State.

(Man, I'm glad I remembered that. They'll be talking for hours now.)

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