

Wouldn't it be great if we could...

Pro athletes get to do a lot of cool stuff.

Now, I'm not talking about the shoe commercials, or the fact that Larry Johnson makes more money in one quarter against the Washington Bullets than I've made in my entire life.

No, I'm talking about stuff that we arm-chair quarterbacks and Saturday afternoon sluggers see on TV and say, "Man, I wish I could do that!"

But we can't. But, maybe we should.

By implementing some characteristics of sports into real life, some things would be a lot more enjoyable. Allow me to explain.

**PLAYER INTRODUCTIONS:** I thought the best part of this year's Super Bowl was watching the Bills and the Cowboys come tearing out of

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Nick Georgandis  
Sportswriter

## Lady Aggies to face Tech

A&M has chance to crack top 25, gain national recognition

By Jose de Jesus Ortiz

THE BATTALION

The Lady Aggies must beat defending National Champion Texas Tech to stay atop the Southwest Conference standings when they play Saturday at G. Rollie White Coliseum at 7 p.m.

Point guard Lisa Branch said A&M is ready for the challenge, but wonders "can you say seven," as in seven conference wins for the Lady Aggies.

"To win, we just need to execute our offense," Branch said. "If the girls can shoot from the outside, maybe that can bring them out of their 2-3 zone."

"If that happens, I hope our centers can take over."

A&M (14-3, 6-0 in the SWC) is the only unbeaten team in the SWC, but center Martha McClelland said a win over Texas Tech (17-2, 5-1 in the SWC and No. 4 in the nation) is necessary for A&M to gain respect, both for herself and A&M.

"We need to beat them, so that we can send a message," McClelland said. "People in the SWC say that Kelly (Cerny) and I are slow immobile post players."

"If we beat Tech that will send a message that we are legitimate."

Head coach Lynn Hickey agrees that a win over the Lady Red Raiders will boost the Lady Aggies' and said A&M needs to play its best defensive effort of the year.

"It is just a matter of who plays the best defense," she said. "And who controls the boards, is probably going to be a major key."

"We are going to need to play the best game that we played all year."



Kevin Ivy/THE BATTALION

Texas A&M's Lana Tucker guards Baylor's Mary Lowry during the Lady Aggies victory Wednesday night. A&M plays Texas Tech at 7 p.m. Saturday. The Lady Raiders are defending national champions.

## A&M hurdler jumps in great expectation

By Stewart Doreen

THE BATTALION

Anjanette Kirkland is taking the 1994 track and field scene by storm this season with decisive first-place victories the women's 55-meter hurdles and her low-key approach.

Kirkland, a sophomore from San Antonio, is starting to fulfill the high expectations that brought her to Texas A&M, said A&M assistant coach Abe Brown.

Brown, who is responsible for the men's and women's hurdlers, said he feels Kirkland is just beginning to make the transition that will make her one of the best in the country.

"She has established her-

self as an elite athlete," he said. "She has good size, great speed, heart and determination."

"She knows how to win."

Kirkland demonstrated the ability that heralded her as one of the nation's top high school recruits with victories in her two races this year.

In both races, she provisionally qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Coach Brown said Kirkland's rapid ascent is because of an aggressive goal-making process.

"Ingenuity has become more focused through her goals," Coach Brown said.

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## A&M track team to Reno

The Texas A&M men's and women's track teams will travel this weekend to Reno, Nev. for the Bill Cosby Invitational.

A&M assistant Coach Abe Brown said he expects strong performances by the Aggies and hopes the fast track will produce NCAA qualifying times.

"The facility at Reno is set up for peak-type performances," Brown said. "We're hoping to qualify people for the NCAA Indoor Championships. We also want to build confidence for the Southwest Conference meet."

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