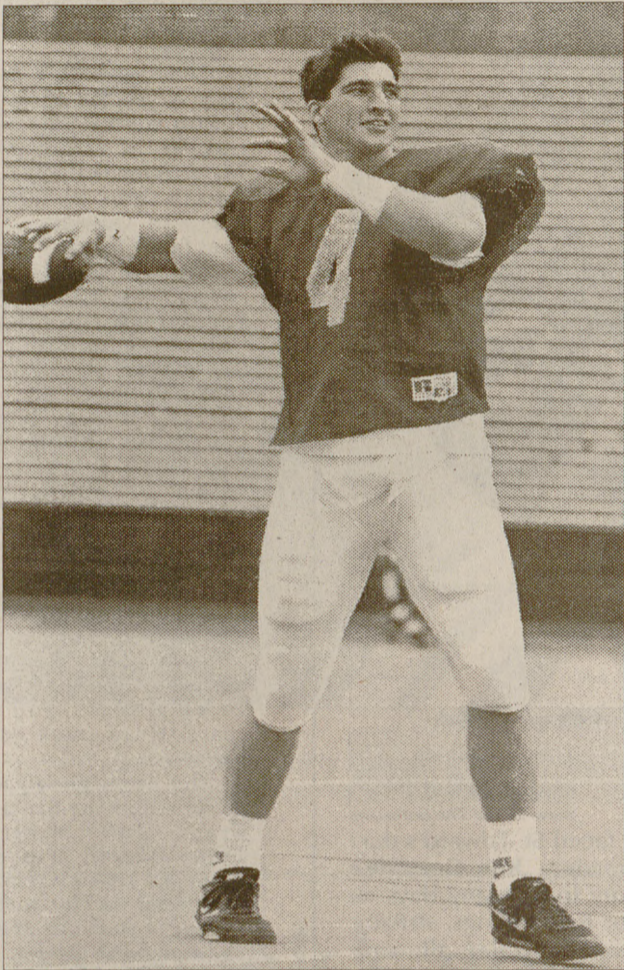


The Maroon & White Attack

A&M spring football squads tackle new systems, coaches in annual scrimmage

By Nick Georgandis
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Texas A&M quarterback Corey Pullig warms up Saturday before the annual Maroon and White game.

Texas A&M football fans got a brief glimpse of the upcoming fall season as the White team beat the Maroon, 17-7, in a scrimmage at Kyle Field on Saturday.

Head football coach R.C. Slocum said he was pleased with the effort shown by both squads, despite limited number of available players.

"Overall, I thought we competed well and had some fun out there today," Slocum said. "We're limited in numbers, especially along the offensive and defensive lines."

"We've got some young guys competing right now, and we expect the freshmen to come in and battle for playing time."

Intermittent rains and winds gusting over 20 miles per hour hampered both squads' offensive units, resulting in a limited passing display.

Despite the weather, back-up quarterback Steve Emerson complete five of six passes for 97 yards. Emerson also threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Gene Lowery for the only score of the second half.

Sophomore Keith Waguespack provided a special teams' spark by nailing a 46-yard field goal giving the White team an early 10-0 advantage.

The rushing game, A&M's annual

strength, accounted for most of the yardage in the contest.

For the victorious White squad, junior running back Rodney Thomas rushed for 77 yards on 16 carries, including 48 yards on the initial scoring drive of the game.

Senior Wilbert Biggens, having already appeared for the Aggies at wide receiver and cornerback in his previous three years, has now been switched to running back, and picked up 56 yards on just 10 carries.

The Maroon matched the rushing prowess of the White, led by Leeland McElroy's 67 yards on 12 carries, and red-shirt freshman Eddie Wallace's impressive 29 yards including one touchdown on just three carries.

Slocum said he was most pleased with the performance of his running backs, who carried the bulk of the offense for more reasons than just the weather.

"If I were to guess, I would say that we had a few more than casual visitors today," Slocum said. "The no-scouting rule (scouts from A&M's opponents) doesn't go into effect until Aug. 1, so we did restrict what we did (offensively)."

At halftime, more than 100 former A&M lettermen were lined up and honored on the field.

Players from as far back as the 1920s to Class of '94 seniors Chris Dausin and Terry Venetoulis came

for the former players' weekend, with the largest round of applause being given to current Houston Oiler Bucky Richardson.

The most exciting moment of the game occurred on one of the game's most routine plays.

Late in the second half, the Maroon scored their only points of the game on a four-yard touchdown run by Eddie Wallace. The extra-point play was good, but was called back on an offensive penalty.

The kick disappeared into a midst of the former lettermen lining up in the south zone in preparation for the half-time showcase.

Suddenly, out of the crowds of letterman burst Lewis E. Van Dyke, Class of '62, with the ball and a smile on his face.

Van Dyke ran the length of the field, chased by another, unidentified letterman.

Near the 10-yard line, Van Dyke slowed up to allow his pursuer to catch him, then to the roars of crowd, broke the tackle and dashed into the end zone.

Van Dyke spiked the ball, laid down in the end zone to rest, then started the long trek back to the south end zone.

The Aggies have three days of spring drills left, wrapping up the practice session on Wednesday. The Aggies open their 1994 regular season on Sept. 3 at Louisiana State.

Aggie track hurls into SWC race

By Stewart Doreen
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Texas A&M's Ty Sevin won the Texas Relays javelin title in what was the best of many quality performances for the Texas A&M track and field teams this weekend at the prestigious meet in Austin.

Sevin's mark of 243'-8", an A&M school record, is the second-best throw in America this year and automatically qualified him for the NCAA championships in Boise, Idaho on June 1 through 4.

Sevin, a senior from Berwick, La., only needed two throws to win the title and did

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not use his remaining four to protect an injured back.

"He's definitely one of the men in nationals because of his consistency," assistant track coach Juan De La Garza said. "He could have gone farther than 260 feet with a tail wind."

Another javelin record was established Friday morning when A&M's Michelle Stirrett placed third with a throw of 160'-11".

Amy Davis, the former record holder and Leigh Ann Walker took fifth and sixth places respectively.

In a meet which coaches as a tune up meet for the Southwest Conference meet in two weeks at Rice, A&M's distances runners showed they're ready for the challenge. The team of Jason Reed, Ross Stooksberry, Matt Priest and Scott Garvin placed second just behind SMU in the 4x1,500-meter relay.

"The distance guys are going to be a key for us to win the conference," assistant track coach Ed Marcinkiewicz said. "I hope the guys come out of

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Aggies clean up against Dallas Baptist

By Drew Diener
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Texas A&M mixed a balanced and dominant attack to sweep Dallas Baptist University this weekend at Olsen Field.

The three-game sweep improves the Aggies' record to 25-16 on the season, but more importantly gives them a new found confidence heading down the stretch in the Southwest conference race.

Currently in sixth place in the SWC with a record of 2-7, the Aggies have a great deal of ground to make up to qualify for the four team conference tournament at the end of the regular season.

A&M head coach Mark Johnson said his team is confident that they can put themselves in position to advance to the tournament.

"The guys know that we have a tough conference schedule in front of us," Johnson

said. "It's a lot better going into it with some momentum and we're gathering momentum."

Johnson said that the Aggies did not face near as good of pitching as they will when they travel to Lubbock this weekend to play Texas Tech.

Nevertheless, Johnson said he was glad to see the bats finally come alive.

In their previous eight games heading into the series with DBU, A&M managed only 28 runs. The Aggies matched that amount over the weekend.

Junior shortstop Robert Harris, who hit his fourth home run of the season in the series finale, echoed Johnson's sentiments.

"We came out as well as we have been swinging lately," Harris said. "We feel real good about where we are right now."

In addition to Harris' four-bagger, junior

third baseman Lee Fedora and freshman catcher Tom Buchman also homered in the game.

Freshman outfielder Chad Allen, who hit his third home run of the season Friday night, provided the Aggies with their only other homer of the series.

On the mound, A&M allowed just four runs in each of the three games.

Johnson said that he was pleased with the performance turned in by his pitchers.

"We wanted to go into this series and be able to survive it," Johnson said. "It was a lot better to go into a game, take a lead, and get relaxed."

Before returning to SWC play this Friday against Texas Tech in Lubbock, the Aggies will conclude their homestand Tuesday night at Olsen Field against the University of Texas at San Antonio.



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Robert Harris (No.2) slides safely into third during Saturday's second game.

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