

Spring football to Aggie basketball: A semester of sports remembered

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The first half of 1994 of Texas A&M's athletic year will be remembered for many things: a tremendous payoff of the baseball team following a trip to last year's College World Series, the accomplishments of A&M's football team, the one-year bowl and probation slapped on the football team by the NCAA, but most of all for the emergence of the men's and women's basketball teams as legitimate forces.

The men started the semester off right on January 12, stunning the University of Texas at G. Rollie Whiteiseum. The men continued to win the conference and went into February with a first-place record.

The women's team mirrored the men's success in the early going, knocking off the Lady Longhorns in a one-point squeaker at G. Rollie the night before the men's conquest. The early season excitement led up to a memorable day in early February.

February 5. A day that will go down as one of the greatest days in Aggie basketball history. On the schedule that day was the men's team visiting Texas Tech in Lubbock, on regional television, while the Lady Aggies hosted the fourth-ranked and defending national champion Lady Red Raiders.

The men's game was a terrific battle, but the post-game will be remembered for the Aggie victory. See Sports Wrap/ Page 8

A sportswriter's parting predictions of The Dream winning it all

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Ah, predictions. Give a guy a column in a newspaper, and all of sudden he's spouting winners and losers in every word of every playoff of every sport ever invented.

After a semester and a half of spouting predictions after prediction the sports columnist for my high school newspaper (i.e. Oilers in the Super Bowl, Bills over the Redskins, Pirates over Braves in the 1991 NLCS, this horrid list goes on and on), I gave it up after I successfully predicted the Houston Astros exact record of 81-81 in 1992.

I figured that was as good as it was going to get.

Until now.

I'm confident. I'm cocky. I can't

think of anything else to write about. And I know who will when the remainder of the playoff series in the NBA playoffs.

You may ask yourself, why believe you, Georgandis, when your track record of predictions includes picking the Houston-based sports franchises to win every single sports championship since 1978?

The answer is simple. Wednesday night, I had a dream.

In this dream, my brother and I were sitting court side at the fabulous Summit down in Houston. We had won tickets to the NBA Finals from a local radio station, and were preparing to watch Game Six of the Rockets-Knicks championships series.

Yes, the Rockets and the Knicks will butt heads come June or October, or whenever the hell the last

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Gone but not forgotten

Six Aggie football players try to make NFL rosters through free agency market

By Kristine Ramirez
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Several Texas A&M football players may still get a chance at a pro career via free agency.

In addition to six Aggies taken in the 1994 NFL draft, six additional Aggies have signed as free agents.

Offensive lineman Chris Dausin signed with the Philadelphia Eagles, linebacker Jason Atkinson with the Seattle Seahawks, offensive lineman Tyler Harrison, linebacker Steve Solari with the New York Jets and tight end Greg Schorp to the Dallas Cowboys.

Former Aggie standout fullback Robert Wilson, who was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1991, has also signed with the Dallas Cowboys.

Texas A&M had three players taken in the first round of the 1994 NFL Draft, junior defensive lineman Sam Adams was taken by the Seattle Seahawks as the eighth pick, defensive back Aaron Glenn taken by the New York Jets as the 12th pick and Greg Hill taken by the Kansas City Chiefs.

Third round picks were offensive lineman Jason Mathews to the Indianapolis Colts and defensive lineman Eric England to the Arizona Cardinals. Defensive lineman Lance Teichelman was taken in the seventh round by the Indianapolis Colts.

New York Jets' assistant public relations director Brooks Thomas said it was just a coincidence the Jets have three Aggies.

"They play good football down there and I thought they could best fulfill our needs," Thomas said.

Thomas said the Jets had a mini-camp this week and the team was impressed with Aaron Glenn. He said the Jets had waived Eric Thomas last week and that Glenn may have a chance at a starting position at left cornerback.

"He has a good chance of starting and he'll be used in punt returns," Thomas said.

He said there were more than 80 players at mini-camp and Harrison and Solari seemed to do well. However, they were not practicing in pads and the team will get a good idea during spring training.

Wilson, who played with the Buccaneers in 1991, signed with the Cowboys as a fullback. The Cowboys are currently in negotiations with starting fullback Darryl Johnston.

Chief Conwoop, a scout for the Dallas Cowboys, said Wilson has a good shot of making the team. The Cowboys also had a mini-camp last week and Conwoop said Wilson was doing a good job.

"They signed Robert in case he (Johnston) didn't sign," he said. "Hopefully, if he does all right he'll have a chance."

Conwoop said he didn't get a chance to see Schorp. He is one of six tight ends at the mini-camp.

He said it was too early to tell of they will make an impact on the team.



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Jason Atkinson is one of six Texas A&M Aggies to have signed a free agent contract in the hopes of making the team roster of an NFL team. Atkinson signed with Seattle.



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