

Texas A&M Football

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X	X	Strong Safety 40 MICHAEL HENDRICKS 36 Steve Kenney
X	X	Outside Linebacker 46 Reggie Brown 43 Warrick Holdman
X	X	Left Cornerback 22 Billy Mitchell 27 Donovan Greer
X	X	Right Tackle 67 Hunter Goodwin 76 Chris Ruhman
X	X	Tight End 88 James McKeenan 85 Hayward Clay
X	X	Flanker 18 BRIAN MITCHELL 17 Gene Lowery

1994 Texas A&M Football Roster

Name	Pos.
Brown, Reggie	LB
Bennett, James	P
Maxfield, Kyle	DB
Ward, Brandon	OL
Meyers, Phillip	LB
Vazquez, David	OL
Reinartz, Cole	LB
Collins, Calvin	OL
Williams, Pat	DL
Armstrong, Antonio	LB
Heard, Marcus	DL
Cody, Michael	OL
Goodwin, Hunter	OL
Horn, Jake	OL
Hackradt, Koby	OL
Danklefs, Robert	OL
Vordenbaum, Tim	OL
Jones, Jeff	OL
Mathison, Todd	OL
Kern, Ryan	OL
Brown, Don	OL
Ruhman, Chris	OL
Fligence, Jason	OL
Brooks, James	OL
Richard, John	OL
Beirne, Kevin	WR
Mathews, Ryan	WR
Campbell, Daniel	TE
Hill, Daunte	WR
Johnston, Bill	P
Waguespack, Keith	K
Clay, Hayward	TE
Brinkley, Darren	WR
Brady, Jim	TE
McKeenan, James	TE
Jasper, Eddie	DL
McKinney, Steve	DL
Mahone, Matt	TE
Ross, Ryan	DL
Brown, Quinton	LB
Mitchell, Brandon	DL
Maxwell, David	DL

Wrecking Crew

DEFENSIVE LINE

The Aggies lost all starters and three reserves from the 1993 defensive line ... Senior right end **Larry Jackson** moves from inside linebacker where he had 60 tackles last year ... Sophomore left end **Brandon Mitchell** saw limited action last year in a reserve role ... Compared to Aggie great Sam Adams in terms of explosiveness ... Sophomore **Eddie Jasper** and red-shirt freshman **Marcus Heard** will both see action at noseguard ... Red-shirt freshman **Brad Crowley** will back up Jackson while freshman **David Maxwell** will play behind Mitchell ... Junior college All-American **Pat Williams** is also expected to play when he becomes eligible ... Freshman **Steve McKinney** will add depth to the line.



Jackson

LINEBACKERS

Senior outside linebacker **Antonio Armstrong** recorded 73 tackles and 8 1/2 sacks in 1993 ... Named defensive player of the game in 1994 Cotton Bowl after eight tackle and three sack performance ... Junior outside linebacker **Reggie Brown** will finally get a chance to start after seeing limited action the last two years ... Senior inside linebacker **Reggie Graham** finished last season with 44 tackles and four sacks ... Sophomore inside linebacker **Larry Walker II** saw limited action at linebacker but excelled on special teams ... Sophomore **Keith Mitchell** will back up Armstrong ... Sophomore **Jason Andrus** will play behind Graham while freshmen **Trent Driver** and **Phillip Myers** will see action behind Walker.



Armstrong

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Junior cornerback **Ray Mickens** tied Aggie great Aaron Glenn with 13 passes broken up in 1993 ... Thorpe Award Candidate ... Sophomore **Donovan Greer** and senior **Billy Mitchell** will both see action at the opposite corner vacated by Glenn ... Seniors **Michael Hendricks** and **Junior White** return to the safety positions ... Hendricks recorded 56 tackles with one interception last season ... White made 64 tackles and intercepted one pass in 1993 ... The Aggies led the nation in pass efficiency defense last season ... Sophomore **Andre Williams** will back up Mickens ... Senior **Steve Kenney** has fully recovered from 1992 knee injury and will play behind Hendricks ... Junior **Dennis Allen** will back up White.



Mickens

SPECIALISTS

Sophomore **Leeland McElroy** returns with senior **Billy Mitchell** to give the Aggies the most dangerous kickoff return team in the nation ... McElroy led the nation with a 39.3 average and returned three kickoffs for touchdowns which tied an NCAA record ... He also tied a record by returning two kickoffs for touchdowns in the same game ... Mitchell had a 95-yard return against the University of Houston in 1992 ... **Ray Mickens** will field punts for the Aggies this season taking over for a departed Aaron Glenn ... **James Bennett**, **Sean Terry** and **Bill Johnston** are all in a battle for the starting punting position ... Either **Kyle Bryant**, **Keith Waguespack** or **Manoli Venetoulis** have the unenviable task of replacing A&M's third all-time leading scorer Terry Venetoulis.



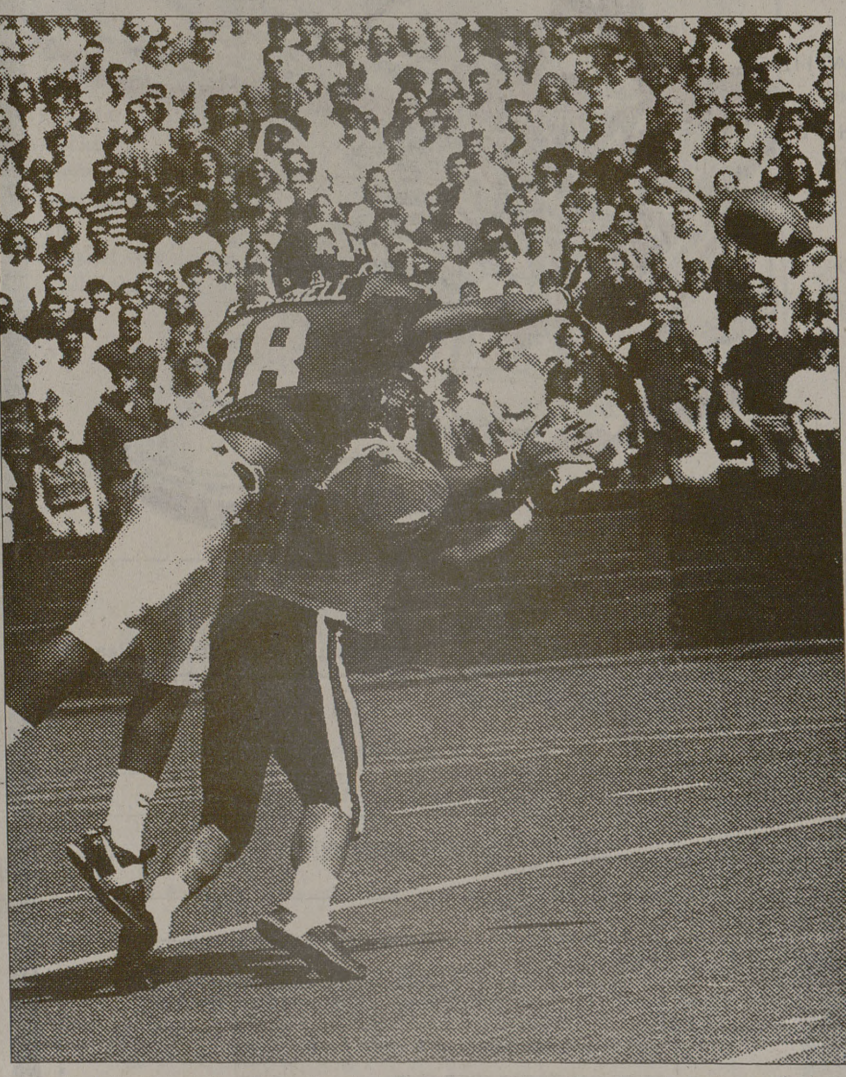
McElroy

COACHING STAFF

The Aggies under **R.C. Slocum** are 28-1-1 at Kyle Field ... Offensive Coordinator **Steve Ensminger** still holds two passing records at LSU ... Defensive Coordinator **Tommy Tuberville** was on defensive staff at the University of Miami when they won three national championships ... Defensive line coach **Bill Johnson** was a four-year letterman at Northwestern State ... Wide receivers coach **Les Koening, Jr.** was an all-state quarterback at Hamshire-Fannett High School in 1975 ... Defensive backs coach **Larry Slade** was the secondary coach for the University of Washington when they won the national championship in 1991 ... Outside linebackers and specialists coach **Shawn Slocum** was a member of the 12th Man Kickoff Squad



Slocum



Cornerback Billy Mitchell deflects a pass from a Texas Tech receiver during last season's game in Lubbock.

'Wrecking Crew' still on job

Tuberville will keep 'aggressive, attacking' Aggie defense style

By Drew Diener
THE BATTALION

Despite the departure of former Texas A&M defensive coordinator Bob Davie, the swarm and attack mentality that has characterized the "Wrecking Crew" defense for the past decade will continue to exist under new coordinator Tommy Tuberville.

"You can have two kinds of philosophies," Tuberville said. "You can have one where you are going to be soft and use a reading technique or one that is real aggressive, attacks, and make things happen. That's what mine is and what (A&M head) coach (R.C.) Slocum's has been for the past ten years."

Tuberville inherits a unit that returns only five starters. After starting at inside-linebacker last season, senior Larry Jackson will replace Seattle Seahawks' first round draft choice Sam Adams at right defensive end.

Jackson's move arose out of necessity, as the entire starting defensive line, including top backup Kefa Chatham, entered the world of professional football.

Joining Jackson on the line as starters will be sophomores Eddie Jasper and Brandon Mitchell. Jasper saw limited action as a red-shirt freshman last season while dealing with nagging back problems.

Mitchell, a former high school All-American, saw action in every single game last season, including the Cotton Bowl. Red-shirt freshmen Brad Crow-

ley and Marcus Heard, along with true freshman David Maxwell will also compete for time.

At linebacker, the Aggies return only one starter, senior outside linebacker Antonio Armstrong.

Armstrong solidified his status last season as another in the long line of punishing Aggie linebackers, recording 74 tackles and eight and a half sacks en-route to earning All-Southwest Conference honors.

"These guys are going to come in and do even better than what we've seen in the past at line-backer," Armstrong said. "We're the same team, just a few different names, that's all."

Junior Reggie Brown, who posted the fifth best time in the 40-yard dash (4.4) in the spring, has the task of replacing Steve Solari at the other outside linebacker spot.

Senior Reggie Graham and sophomore Larry Walker will take over at the inside-linebacker positions. Competing for playing time will be sophomore Jason Andrus and freshmen Phillip Meyers and Trent Driver.

The strength of the defense, however, lies in the secondary, where three of the four starters are back this season.

"We have more returners (in the secondary than elsewhere on defense)," Tuberville said. "Plus, we have a lot of speed and depth (there)."

Seniors Michael Hendricks and Junior White return at strong and free safety respectively, where they combined for over 100 tackles last season.

Hendricks said that he understands what Tuberville expects and is ready to get on the field and execute.

"The philosophy (of Tuberville) is basically the same (Davie's)," Hendricks said. "We're still blitzing, we're still having that reckless abandon, and we're still having a lot of fun."

Junior Ray Mickens will continue to hold down the starting job at right cornerback. Last season, Mickens established himself as a threat to opposing offenses, picking off two passes and breaking up 13.

"I want to make a lot of big plays this year," Mickens said. "Last year that was not my goal, last year my goal was just to have good games."

Starting at left cornerback will be senior Billy Mitchell, who replaces All-American Aaron Glenn, the first round pick of the New York Jets. Mitchell said that he is comfortable with that assignment.

"The schemes are easier (this year)," Mitchell said. "Under Coach Davie, I thought I might never catch on."

Secondary coach Larry Slade, who replaced Trent Walters last spring, said this secondary compares favorably to the one he coached at the University of Washington, the team that won the 1991 national championship.

"The athletes we have here are a lot quicker," Slade said. "The common denominator is that both groups work really hard and are very talented."

AGGIE FACTS

Since 1985, the Aggie defense has recorded 398 sacks for 2,688 yards in losses equalling approximately 1.6 miles.