

I really miss those T.V. timeouts

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Leeland McElroy was his usual exciting self and the "Wrecking Crew" stuffed just about everything that the LSU offense tried. But what made the biggest impact on Saturday's game was the absence of television timeouts.

Since its inception, the TV timeout has only served to ruin the flow of sporting events. Momentum and rhythm are totally destroyed when for no apparent reason, the television audience has to see numerous beer commercials in a row.

"We'll see if the Florida Gators can score a touchdown with three seconds left in the game for the national championship, right after these television-imposed ads."

Those fans in attendance get their own form of entertainment, they actually get to watch a man stand on the field. There's nothing quite like 80,000 people in 95 degree weather yelling for a fat guy in a red hat to get off the field so the game can continue.

"Heat stroke seems to be taking its toll on the Hurricane faithful today. We'll tell you more about it right after these messages."

It seems the networks have forgotten why people are even watching the game. The reason is to see all the great plays, weird happenings and to cheer for your favorite team. The big-shot executives are under the assumption that we care more about the new cup give-away at McDonald's.

"We'll show you J.J. Stokes spectacular catch if and when we come back from our commercials."

That's why all sporting events that are being televised should go to a format similar to that of World Cup Soccer. The game lost nothing, and millions of people around the world were able to see it.

"Three naked guys with machine guns have run to the middle of the

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Wrecking Crew is still alive in '94

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With seven starters gone from last year's defense, one of the main questions revolving around Texas A&M's opener with Louisiana State Saturday was: Would this year's squad be able to continue the legendary "Wrecking Crew" tradition?

Three hours, eight sacks and a single touchdown allowed later, the 1994 edition of the Aggie defense had proven itself worthy of that moniker.

"The 'Wrecking Crew' is still alive," said head coach R.C. Slocum. "Some of those guys came in here green as they can be, into an atmosphere like this, they put forth a heck of an effort."

Leading the charge was sophomore



Armstrong

left end Brandon Mitchell, who played in all the Aggies' games last season but only totaled seven tackles. Saturday, Mitchell recorded eight tackles including three sacks of LSU quarterback Jamie Howard, who was on the run for most of the night. The game was especially important to Mitchell because he was returning to play in his home state for the first time since high school.

"(The game) meant a lot to me, everyone I knew was there," Mitchell said.

"Everyone had questions about the defensive line, but we came out playing physical and hard, and we came off the ball very well."

Senior linebacker Antonio Armstrong opened his final season at A&M with a performance that shows why he has been nominated for the Butkus Award.

Armstrong totaled seven tackles and three sacks, including two in a truly dominating fourth quarter that saw the Aggies hold the Tigers scoreless, while coming from behind to win the game.

Perhaps the biggest play aside from Leeland McElroy's game-winning touch-

down was made by yet another new contributor, sophomore cornerback Donovan Greer.

With the Aggies clinging to a 9-7 lead in the second quarter, Greer stifled a potentially huge play with an interception in the end zone. The turnover came just one play after LSU had electrified its crowd with a 51-yard pass completion down to the A&M 21-yard line. Greer made the play despite incurring a slight hamstring injury earlier in the game.

Greer's performance was just one of several by the young defense that had Slocum beaming after the game.

"It's fun to see the guys playing hard out there," Slocum said. "I'm really pleased with (the defense), I think they passed the test."

Armstrong, one of the leaders of the defense, said although the unit started slowly on Saturday, it soon took on a familiar shape.

"It took some time for the guys to get going at full speed," Armstrong said. "When we started blitzing and getting hungry, it was like, new faces, new names, but still the 'Wrecking Crew.'"

Defense comes through in Aggie victory

McElroy scores game-winning touchdown

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Carrie Thompson/The Battalion

McElroy sprints away from the defense

Antonio Armstrong continued where he left off at the 1994 Cotton Bowl as he and the "Wrecking Crew" held the Louisiana State offense to 25 rushing yards in the Aggies 18-13 win Saturday night.

Armstrong and Brandon Mitchell both had three sacks as the Aggie defense kept LSU quarterback Jamie Howard on the run, sacking him a total of eight times.

"It was like he (Howard) hit the panic button," Armstrong said. "He would start calling out all these signals. We just want to intimidate opposing offenses."

Head coach R.C. Slocum never worried about his defense, it was his young offensive line that made him apprehensive.

"One thing that concerned us coming in was that we've got a brand new offensive line," R.C. Slocum said. "We were concerned about them coming in

blitzing and doing some stunting, and that was really good coaching on their part to try to take advantage of our young line."

The offensive line, as expected, wasn't as dominant early on. A&M, forced to replace five of last season's starters on the line, struggled running the ball on the first possession as Rodney Thomas and McElroy were stuffed for minus six yards rushing on four carries. The pass protection was a little better for Pullig, who made up for the run stoppage with four completions for 54 yards to set up freshman Kyle Bryant's 50-yard field goal. The field goal put A&M ahead, 3-0, before the Wrecking Crew got on the field for the first time.

The Aggies, helped by a 13-yard run by McElroy and a 12-yard pass by Pullig to Ryan Mathews, went ahead 9-0 in the second quarter when McElroy went around the left side for a 32-yard touchdown. Bryant's extra point was blocked.

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Nebraska replaces Florida as No. 1

(AP)- Florida won its opener by 49 points, but it wasn't enough to keep the Gators on top of The Associated Press college football poll Sunday.

Nebraska, which had the weekend off after beating West Virginia 31-0 in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 28, replaced Florida as the No. 1 team even though the Gators beat New Mexico State 70-21 Saturday.

The Cornhuskers, who were No. 4 in the preseason poll before moving up to No. 2 last week, edged the Gators by three points in the nationwide media poll. They received 23 first-place votes and 1,465 points, while Florida got 15 first-place votes and 1,462 points.

It's the first No. 1 AP ranking for the Cornhuskers since 1987, when they occupied the spot for one week in November.

Nebraska also replaced Florida as No. 1 in the USA Today-CNN coaches' poll. The Gators were second and Florida State third.

Notre Dame was third in the AP poll after beating Northwestern 42-15 on the first full weekend of the season. Florida State stayed No. 4 following its 41-17 victory over Virginia. Miami moved up one spot to No. 5 after routing Division I-AA Georgia Southern 56-0, and Michigan dropped one notch to No. 6 after struggling to beat Boston College 34-26.

Rounding out the Top 10 are Colorado, Penn State, Arizona & Wisconsin.

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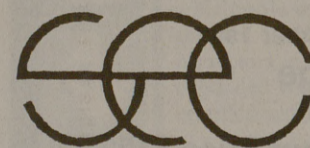
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