

Cowboy-49er rivalry rides on key factors

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All eyes will be focused on Candlestick Park this Sunday when the defending world champion Dallas Cowboys visit the explosive San Francisco 49ers. In a match-up that should prove to be 1994's best gridiron battle, the defending champs will be put to a major test. It's anyone's guess which team will prevail.

Sitting in class the other day, I figured out the perfect imperfect method for determining a winner. Six factors weigh into the equation that should predict Sunday's winner. Without further ado, let the analysis begin...

Factor #6: (why are there six factors you might ask? Because it's one less than the number of Super Bowl appearances by Dallas.) O.K. Let's get to Factor #6: Things that cause people to bitch in both cities. (Don't ask questions, just pay attention)

Wow, this is a toss-up. In Dallas, there is Central Expressway. Traffic, traffic, traffic, construction, construction, construction. Poor transit planning by the city's forefathers created the mess that is Central Expressway. Ask a Dallasite or Dallas suburbanite about it, and I'm sure they'll relate a bitchy anecdote about sitting in traffic on Central.

What about San Francisco? Hell, they've got those damn earthquakes; ruined a World Series in 1988, and destroyed the city in 1906. If I were from San Francisco, I'd bitch about those damn earthquakes. Traffic delays your life a few minutes every day. Earthquakes ruin your life. The verdict: Touchdown San Francisco, earthquakes plow through stingy traffic. 7-0 Niners.

Factor #5: Music artists that call Dallas or San Fran home. Green Day is from the Bay Area (Berkeley) which instantly limits the 49ers' chance of winning. However, Santana is a Frisco band, and they are pretty cool. But, Santana and Green Day are no match for Reverend Horton Heat and Jackopierce. Throw the Grateful Dead on to the Niners' roster, and they are still no match for Dallas, which gave birth to the late Stevie Ray Vaughn. Touchdown and a two-point conversion, O'Neil to the Reverend, Dallas 8, San Fran 7.

Factor #4: Cool people. Hands down, San Francisco wins.

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A&M basketball shows off talent for '94-95

Maroon wins intrasquad scrimmage

By Drew Diener THE BATTALION

An estimated crowd of 1300 was treated to a sneak preview of the 1994-95 Texas A&M men's basketball team Tuesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The night's festivities included a three-point shootout, slam dunk challenge, alumni game, and an intrasquad scrimmage.

The scrimmage proved to be the main event of the evening, with the White team dominating the Maroon squad 42-23 in 20 minutes of action.

"This is the first time we've put 20 minutes on the clock and gone up and down (this year)," Barone said. "You always find out that you are never in shape when you do this because this is the way you play for 40 minutes."

"When you're out there by yourself with very little subbing, it's a problem."

Aside from the fact that his team was not in regular season condition, Barone said he was satisfied with the overall effort.

"I was pretty pleased with the way we ran," Barone said. "I thought our shot selection was fair, and I thought our execution was putrid, but that's normal for right now."

White team senior forward Damon Johnson led all scorers with 11 points, while freshman point guard Kyle Kessel paved the way for the White victory with nine assists and two steals.

Barone had some encouraging things to say about Kessel as well as senior forward Joe Wilbert.

"I thought Kyle played extremely well for a freshman," Barone said. "I was very pleased with Joe Wilbert tonight. I don't know what his stats were and I really don't care about stats."

Playing all 20 minutes, Wilbert racked up six points and five rebounds. Junior forward John Stevens, a transfer from Lamar Community College, led the Maroon team with seven points and five rebounds.

"Johnny Stevens did a great job on the offensive glass," Barone said. "He didn't get some shots to fall."

Absent from action were freshman guard Waseem Ali, who was out with a bruised thumb, and sophomore forward Chris Pulliams. Barone said Ali could have played, however, it was not worth the risk of re-injury.

Barone said Pulliams is suspended indefinitely for sub-par academic performances.

"Chris has been put on what I call academic probation with me," Barone said. "His grades are not where I want them to be, and he will be back with us when his



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Two members of the maroon team displays a slogan for the Aggie men's basketball team during the intrasquad scrimmage against the white team Tuesday night in G. Rollie White.

grades are where I want them to be.

"This is not a school matter, this is not an eligibility matter, this is a Barone matter. The priority here is your academic world. Once you don't conform to my standards academically, then you're not going to have the honor of putting on the uniform."

Pleased with the turnout of fans, Barone said he is encouraged by the growing support for Aggie basketball.

"Three years ago, we would have been begging people to walk in the door," Barone said. "I think people were excited about coming to watch us tonight, and that's a big plus."

Volleyball team faces 17th-ranked UH

Lady Aggies finish conference regular season play in G. Rollie White

By Jason Holstead THE BATTALION

The 1994 Texas A&M volleyball team will wrap up their Southwest Conference regular season schedule tonight as they host 17th-ranked University of Houston at 7 o'clock at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

When the two teams met last month in Houston, the Cougars beat the Lady Aggies in three highly-competitive games, 17-15, 19-17, 15-7.

Head coach Laurie Corbelli said the key to the Cougars' attack is their outside hitter, Lilly Denoon-Chester.

"We will be facing the top player in the SWC (Lilly Denoon-Chester), and she is always a challenge to stop," Corbelli said. "To defeat them will no be easy, but it is possible. I anticipate a very tough match."

Houston (20-3, 9-0 in the SWC) clinched its first-ever SWC crown last week by defeating Rice University in four games. The win marked the first time in conference history that a team other than Texas has captured the championship.

In conference play, Denoon-Chester leads the team in kills (5.06 per game) and hitting percentage (.302). As a team, Houston is riding a 17-match winning streak, including a perfect 9-0 mark in the SWC.

Corbelli said the Lady Aggies are confident going

into tonight's game.

"We have to serve them tough and we have to serve-receive well to execute our offense," Corbelli said. "I feel real good about our match (with Houston). I think this team can taste it, especially since we have been playing well."

Suzy Wentze, A&M's junior setter, said the team's attitude is good, even though they have struggled through a difficult season.

"We know we have lost a couple of close games and we have talked about how difficult our schedule is," Wentze said. "Playing teams like Notre Dame, Michigan State and Colorado State early (in the season), I think it's paying off for us now and we are playing a lot better."

Wentze said having played Houston earlier in the season will be an advantage for A&M.

"I think it will be an advantage now because we know a lot of the plays they run, and we have made some adjustments," Wentze said. "I think having a home-court advantage is going to pay off a lot because it is hard coming in here and playing in this place."

After tonight's game, the Lady Aggies will travel to Springfield, Missouri, Saturday to face Iowa State and Southwest Missouri State Universities in the John Q. Hammons Student Center on the SMSU campus.



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