

Where they STAND

American League

East Division		
W	L	Pct.
Boston	26	.619
Detroit	20	.455
Baltimore	19	.452
Toronto	17	.415
New York	16	.390

Central Division		
W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	31	.738
K.C.	22	.550
Milwaukee	18	.439
Chicago	15	.375
Minnesota	12	.273

West Division		
W	L	Pct.
Texas	27	.614
California	27	.600
Oakland	24	.548
Seattle	23	.535

Monday's Games

Cleveland 4, Baltimore 3
Detroit 6, New York 1
Toronto 4, Boston 3
Texas 4, Milwaukee 2
Kansas City 10, Seattle 9
Oakland 1, Chicago 0
California 9, Minnesota 1

Today's Games

Chicago at Oakland, 2:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 6:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6:35 p.m.
Texas at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.
Minnesota at California, 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division		
W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	28	.667
Montreal	25	.568
Atlanta	23	.548
New York	16	.372
Florida	13	.317

Central Division		
W	L	Pct.
Cincinnati	29	.674
Chicago	23	.548
Houston	19	.463
St. Louis	18	.409
Pittsburgh	16	.390

West Division		
W	L	Pct.
Colorado	25	.568
SF	23	.523
SD	20	.476
LA	20	.465

Monday's Game

Cincinnati 11, Colorado 6

Today's Games

Atlanta at Montreal, 6:35 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 6:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 6:35 p.m.
Florida at New York, 6:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Chicago, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.

Thomas turns heads at Oilers minicamp

□ The former Aggie standout is expected to contribute heavily on special teams for Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — It's been nearly two months since the NFL draft and the Houston Oilers still can't believe the heist they pulled off with their third-round pick of Rodney Thomas.

If anything, the Oilers' disbelief has grown last week with Thomas' strong showing through the first three days of minicamp.

Oilers' head coach Jeff Fisher now expects the 5-foot-10 running back from Texas A&M to make an immediate contribution on special teams — at the very least.

"We think we'll be able to use Rodney as a role player," Fisher said. "He has some pass-catching abilities, so we would like to utilize him out of the backfield. He conceivably could carry the ball eight to 10 times a game to spell Gary (starting running back Gary Brown)."

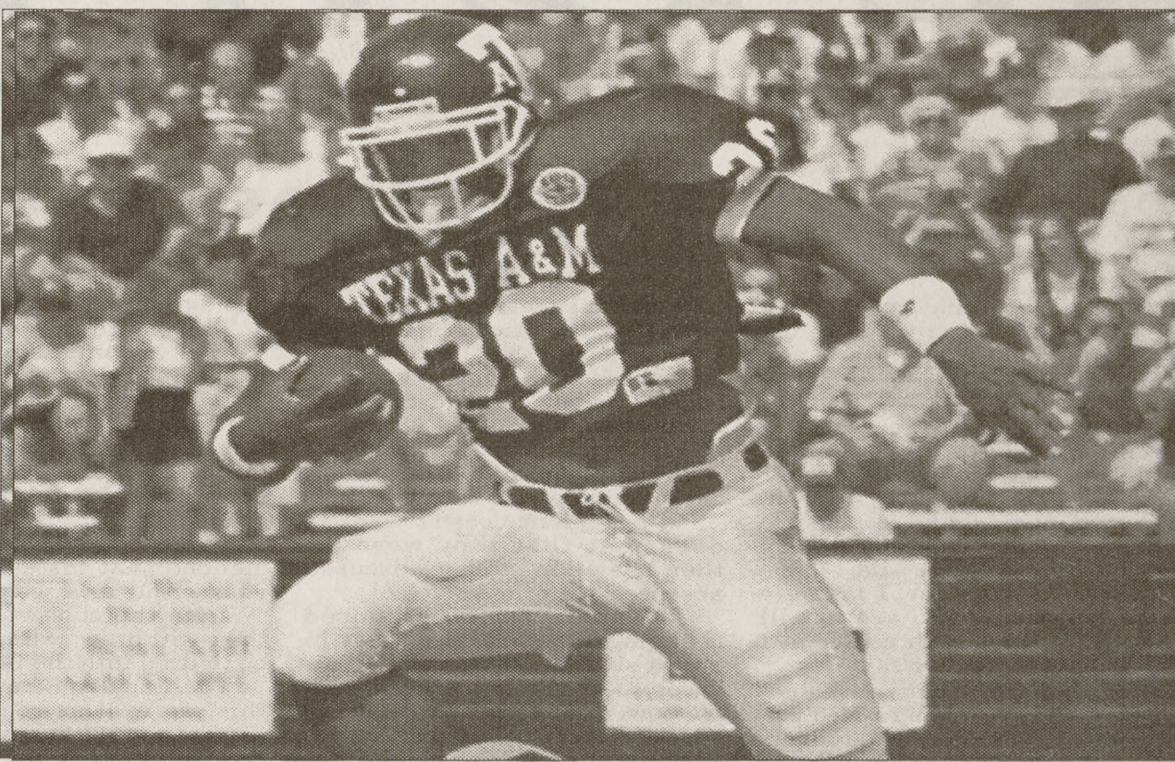
Much speculation circled in the pre-draft week that the San Francisco 49ers would take Thomas with the 30th selection overall. San Francisco needed to fill a hole at the running back position after losing Pro Bowler Rickey Watters to the Philadelphia Eagles as a free agent.

That prediction fell through when the 49ers traded up to the 10th pick in the draft and selected UCLA wide receiver J.J. Stokes.

"We were just fortunate and surprised that Rodney was still on the board in the third round," Fisher said. "We had heard that some other teams considered taking him higher, and I know we had him rated high."

With all that praise, Thomas might be expected to have an overinflated ego. But the rookie from Groveton is humble.

"My main concern is just to get a job, and that means making the team," Thomas said. "In that regard, I'm sure I'm no different than any of the other rookies here. Houston always has been like a second home to me. Making this team would be a dream come



File Photo

Former Texas A&M running back Rodney Thomas was drafted by the Houston Oilers in the third round of this year's NFL draft. Thomas compiled over 3,000 rushing yards at A&M.

In four years with the Aggies, Thomas rushed for 3,014 yards and 41 touchdowns, but he started in only 17 of 44 collegiate games.

During his career, A&M compiled 42 wins, tying the best four-year total ever at A&M. "I'm just glad we were able to get him," said Oilers running backs coach Sherman Smith. "When we looked at all the running backs, Ki-Ja Carter was the cream of the crop. But you had to put Rodney right up there in the top five to 10 backs."

"I won't mention any names, but Rodney is a lot better than some of the backs drafted ahead of him."

Thomas thinks the Southwest Conference's tarnished image in football might have diminished his chances in the draft. It didn't, however, diminish his abilities.

"We don't get as much attention as some of the other conferences, so I'm not sure how many people actually knew what kind of player I was," Thomas said. "Whether people want to accept it or not, we have some pretty good players coming out of the SWC."

Thomas didn't get much fanfare outside of Texas because he split time at A&M with Greg Hill, who now plays for the Kansas City Chiefs, and Leeland McElroy.

Family tradition spurs decathlete

□ Kendall Matsen hopes to follow in his sister's footsteps at A&M.

By Nick Georgandis
THE BATTALION

When Texas A&M freshman decathlete Kendall Madden takes the field this weekend at the United States Junior National Track and Field Championships in California, he will be a fresh face with a familiar name.

Madden, who was redshirted by the A&M track and field team during the regular season, is the younger brother of Kalleen Madden, the greatest heptathlete in Texas A&M history.

Kalleen, who graduated from A&M in 1993, was an All-American that season, and holds the top 10 heptathlon scores in A&M history.

During her time at A&M, Kalleen won three Southwest Conference titles in the decathlon and two more in the high jump.

"My sister was very good at the heptathlon when she was here," Kendall said. "She's the reason I came to A&M."

Kendall has followed his sis-

ter's footsteps in winning events, after beginning competition in track and field while in the fourth grade. In high school in Center Point, Kendall was the star of his team, racking up the most points in six straight meets in 1993.

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ing freshman decathletes, but A&M Assistant Track Coach Juan De La Garza said Kendall was also redshirted because he was not yet familiar with all of the decathlon events.

"He came out of high school without competing in all the decathlon events," De La Garza said. "He hadn't done the shot put or the discus, but he has done very well in learning them."

Kendall learned the remaining decathlon events so well during the year that he took first place in the event in his first-ever collegiate meet on April 22 in San Jacinto. He compiled a score of 68.15 while his Aggie teammates were competing at the SWC Championships in Austin.

Kendall said his ultimate goal is to become an All-American at A&M, just like his sister.

Next year, Kendall will be one of A&M's main decathletes, along with the four competitors from this season. With the large number of decathletes coming back, Kendall said he will attempt to expand his value to the team in other areas.

"I think I'll do the pole vault and some sprints and most of the indoor events," Kendall said. "Next season, I think my role on the team will grow."

Rangers win sixth straight

□ Juan Gonzalez hits his third home run in as many games.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Juan Gonzalez hit his third homer in three games and Roger Pavlik won his fourth straight decision as the Texas Rangers beat Milwaukee 4-2 Monday night for their sixth consecutive victory.

Gonzalez, who missed the Rangers' first 35 games with a bad back, sent a pitch from knuckleballer Steve Sparks 407 feet down the left-field line for his third homer of the year and a 1-0 lead in the second inning.

It was Gonzalez's second consecutive home run. He hit a two-run shot in the eighth inning on Sunday night in Arlington, sending the Rangers past the Chicago White Sox 3-2.

John Jaha's two-run homer off Pavlik, his team-leading sixth, gave the Brewers a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second inning.

Pavlik (4-1) scattered five hits, walked two and struck out six in 6 1-3 innings. Sparks (1-2) gave up eight hits with four walks and four strikeouts in his first complete game in the majors.

BRIEF

Alexander signs deal with Astros

The Houston Astros announced Monday that they have signed A&M outfielder Chad Alexander, third-round choice in the agent draft. The 6-foot-10-pound Lufkin native hit 30 home runs and 70 runs batted in for the Aggies this year, named to the first team of Southwest Conference squad.

Alexander improved from a .306 average with home runs in 1994. In his year, he hit .220 in limited at-

Rockets' uniforms debut on space shuttle

HOUSTON (AP) — NASA rejected the Houston Rockets' unveiling new uniforms from Atlanta during its upcoming launch with the Russian space shuttle said Monday.

Johnson Space Center woman Billie Deason said asked about the possibility.

The Rockets will announce new colors and logo during 28 NBA draft. Atlanta, launched in less than that should be docked with space Mir by then if all goes as planned.

Ailing Griffey leads All-Star balloting

NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. leads the vote-getter among AL players voting for the July 11 game in Toronto, Texas.

The Seattle outfielder has votes, followed among others by Rickey Henderson of Oakland, Kirby Puckett of Minnesota and Kirby Puckett of Cleveland.

Balloting continues through June 26. Starters will be announced June 26.

A&M baseball team season ranked 12th

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Texas A&M baseball team ranked 12th in the final Collegiate Baseball poll, with final record and poll. The poll includes results from 26. Starters will be announced June 26.

Team	Record	Pct.
1. Cal State Fullerton	57-9	.864
2. USC	49-21	.697
3. Miami, Fla.	48-17	.739
4. Tennessee	54-16	.771
5. Florida State	53-16	.767
6. Stanford	40-25	.615
7. Clemson	54-14	.794
8. Oklahoma	42-16	.724
9. Auburn	50-13	.794
10. Texas Tech	53-14	.788
11. OSU	46-19	.706
12. Texas A&M	44-22	.667
13. Wichita State	53-17	.757
14. Alabama	42-23	.647
15. Rice	43-19	.692
16. Long Beach St.	39-25	.610
17. Mississippi	40-22	.647
18. LSU	47-18	.724
19. Pepperdine	36-19	.655
20. Florida Intl.	50-11	.817
21. Central Florida	49-13	.787
22. Fresno St.	41-22	.650
23. Texas	44-19	.697
24. Winthrop	41-17	.707
25. North Carolina	39-23	.627

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