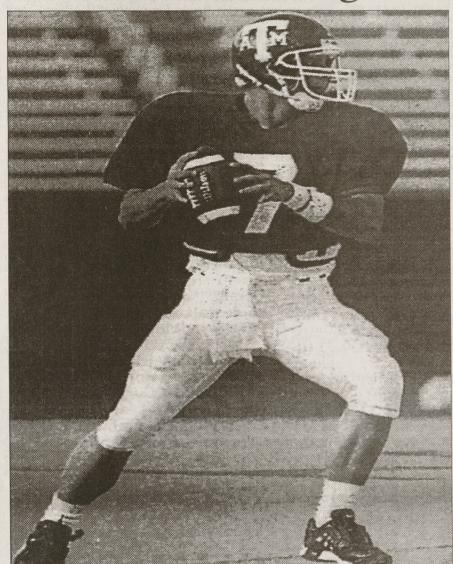
Moving in . Moving on

Transfer awaits Big 12 opportunity | Groce, Biggens find homes in NFL



Branndon Stewart, a transfer quarterback from Tennessee, must sit out the 1995 season, but will be eligible during the first year of the Big 12.

□ Branndon Stewart learns the A&M offense while sitting out a year.

By Lee Wright THE BATTALION

After leading his high school football team to the Class 4A Texas state football championship in 1993, quarterback Branndon Stewart was one of the most sought-after football prospects in the nation.

Tim Cassidy, Texas A&M director of football operations, compared Stewart to one of the NFL's top quarterbacks.

"(Branndon) is a mobile, Steve Young-type quarterback," Cassidy said.

Stewart was recruited by several schools, and chose the University of Tennessee over the University of Florida and

Texas A&M. Stewart said he liked A&M and the coaches, but felt that Tennessee was the best place for him to advance his athletic and academic careers.

As a true freshman in the fall of 1994, Stewart split time at quarterback with Peyton Manning, the son of former NFL star quarterback Archie Manning.

After his first season, Stewart felt he deserved more playing time than he was getting, and decided to transfer to another school

"I felt that I wasn't getting the chances I had hoped for," Stewart said.

When he decided to leave Tennessee after the fall 1994 semester, Stewart said he had no doubts about where he wanted

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□ The two former Aggies players took different paths to join the Colts.

By David Winder THE BATTALION

When running backs Clif Groce and Wilbert Biggens came to Texas A&M in 1991, they were expected to be integral parts of the Aggie back-field of the future. Groce had gained over 3,000 yards in two seasons at A&M Consolidated High School while Biggens had earned All-America honors with 28 touchdowns during his senior year at Aldine MacArthur High School.

When they left A&M last year, only one had become an integral part of the Aggie backfield. Groce had seen action at fullback since his freshman year, while Biggens continually switched positions from running back to receiver to defensive back, while seeing most of his action on special teams.

But none of that mattered to the National Football League as both Groce and Biggens signed

free-agent contracts with the Indianapolis Colts last month after neither was drafted.

"He (Clif) expected and I expected him to get drafted," Aggie fullback Detron Smith said.

"Clif was one of the top fullbacks in the country last year. I expected him to go in third or fourth round.

"He was very confident that he would be drafted. A lot of teams expressed interest in him. He did well at the first camp (the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis), and he did well when the pro scouts



Clif Groce signed a contract to play fullback for the Indianapolis Colts along with Wilbert Biggens.

came down to A&M."

Texas A&M Head Coach
R.C. Slocum said he was also surprised that Groce was not

selected by an NFL team. "I thought he was a great guy that can catch and block," Slocum said. "He has great running ability. When it comes to the draft, you never know what's going to happen or how it works."

Aggie running backs coach

Ken Rucker said he had a notion that Groce might not be drafted.

"I really wasn't surprised," Rucker said. "Leading up to the draft, you kind of get a feeling of who is going to be drafted. But I think there is too big of an emphasis on what pick a guy is taken or what round he is selected in

"I would have been more

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Garvin challenges sports nuts with quiz

Due to circumstances beyond The Battalion's control, David Winder's sports column will not run today. As a replacement, here is Artie Garvin's Sixth Annual Sports Knowledge Test.

1. What will it mean to the NBA if Charles Barkley

decides not to retire? A. There will be another elder statesman to teach the young punks what the league is

B. We'll see more of those cool Right Guard commercials.

There will be another certain Hallof-Famer to please NBA crowds across the country.

D. The Phoenix Suns will choke in the

playoffs again. 2. What is the public doing this year instead of going to baseball games?

A. Spending more time with their families. B. Watching the O.J. Simpson trial. C. Waiting in line for "Batman Forever" tickets.

D. Praying for the beginning of football



3. What comment did Clyde Drexler not say after game three of the NBA Finals?

A. "We have one more game before we're the champions."
B. "There are two great

teams playing here, and they both want to win." C. "We're playing great as

a team; everybody's doing their jobs D. "I'm about to get a championship ring, so you can tell Lorenzo Charles and the 1983 North Carolina State team to kiss my butt." 4. The United States women's soccer team winning two games in the Women's World

A. The whole nation into a soccer frenzy.

B. Thousands of kids into youth soccer

leagues.
C. The United States on the map for women's soccer.

D. Most of America to sleep. 5. The starting centerfielder for the National League in the 1995 All-Star game will be:

A. Lenny Dykstra

B. Deion Sanders C. Marquis Grissom

D. With the tremendous drop in attendance, whoever is the first to receive 100 votes in fan balloting.

6. Most sports fans are expecting Wimble-A. A chance to see the best tennis in the

B. A showdown between Andre Agassi and

Pete Sampras C. A second straight Gram Slam for Stefi

D. Less entertaining than Bowling for 7. What problem are the Big 12 presidents

most worried about as they put a foundation down for the new conference? A. Revenue sharing.

B. Partial qualifiers C. Division playoff

D. Lunch 8. What is David Winder doing instead of writing his column?

A. Coaching the Orlando Magic on threepoint shooting. B. Reporting drug tests at the University

of Miami. C. Wondering why his paycheck is so

small.

Houston's Mouton on DL, Hunter moves up

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have placed outfielder James Mouton on the 15-disabled list, retroactive to June 12, because of a strained right hamstring muscle.

Mouton, 26, suffered the injury in

the first inning of Sunday's game against the Cincinnati Reds. He was batting .256 with two homers and 10 RBI in 33 games for Houston in 1995.

The Astros recalled outfielder Brian Hunter from their Class AAA affiliate in Tucson to take Mouton's place on the ster. Hunter, 24, was batting 38 games for the Toros with one homer and 16 RBIs. He was expected to be in uniform Tuesday night against

the Philadelphia Phillies.
Also Tuesday, the Astros said they had reached agreement on a \$1.2 million, one-year contract with starting pitcher Darryl Kile, who had been scheduled for an arbitration hearing

Kyle, who earned \$477,500 last year, sought a deal worth nearly \$1.6 million this season, but the Astros offered only \$950,000.

Boxer charged with murder in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Professional boxer Raymond Medel has been jailed on a murder charge stemming from the stabbing death of a man six

Medel, 27, whose nickname is "El Leoncito," or Little Lion, surrendered to authorities Monday and was charged with murdering Roland Perez, 30.

Magistrate Jerry Valdez ordered Medel held in the Bexar County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

"I'm scared, and I'm nervous,"
Medel said in a shaky voice in an interview with the San Antonio Express-News on Monday.

U.S. moves to semifinals of Women's World Cup

GAVLE, Sweden (AP) - Kristine Lilly scored two goals, one on a spectacular 35-yard free kick, as the United States advanced to the semifinals of the Women's World Cup with a 4-0 victory over Japan Tuesday.
Tiffeny Milbrett and Tisha Venturini

also scored for the defending champions, who play Norway on Thursday at Vasteras in a rematch of the 1991 final.

Norway, the only team to finish the first round with a 3-0 record, beat Denmark 3-1 today at Karlstad.

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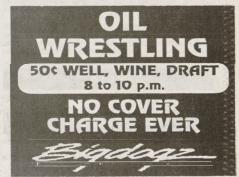
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