

Sanders spurs receiving corps

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Ask Texas A&M wide receiver Chris Sanders what he thinks about being known as the most dangerous receiver in the Southwest Conference and you'll see a smile cross his face almost as long as some of the passes he has caught.

Sanders, a senior and out of Austin LBJ, was the team's biggest surprise on offense last season as he led the team with a 19.2 yard per catch average and caught 22 passes for 422 yards and a team-high four touchdown receptions.

Texas A&M Head Football Coach R.C. Slocum said Sanders will be even better this season.

"I expect Chris Sanders to step up and really have a good season for us," Slocum said. "He has great speed and has really developed as a player. Hopefully, he'll be our deep threat and make some big plays."

Big plays are nothing new to Sanders. Last season, his 75-yard touchdown catch against Baylor was the team's longest reception of the season.

He also had the team's only 100+ yard receiving day, grabbing four passes for 107 yards against Texas Christian University in the Aggies' season finale.

Against Louisville, Sanders turned the game around early in the fourth quarter with a 23-yard touchdown reception that gave the Aggies a 17-7 cushion in what had been a tight game. It was one of three catches totaling 75 yards that Sanders made in the game.

With more big plays from Sanders this season, the Aggies could be well on their way to a national championship, and Sanders could be well on his way to earning postseason honors.

When the topic turns to pressure from being a key player on No. 3 team in the nation, Sanders said he tries to keep everything in perspective.

"I don't really feel any pressure," he said. "The coaches are doing a really good job of keeping our heads straight. I think stuff like that (postseason honors) comes along with the team. When the team does well, then the individual honors will come."

"If the team does well on offense, I'll get my honors. I'm just worried about trying to win right now. I'm not going to do anything individually that would hurt the team."



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Chris Sanders scores a 75-yard touchdown against Baylor last year.

Sanders certainly will not have to make all of the big plays this season, considering who is lining up at the tailback position for the Aggies this season.



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Heisman Trophy candidate Leeland McElroy.

When asked about sharing the field with McElroy, Sanders said it is an honor and that being on the field with McElroy helps him.

"Leeland on the field has really helped me more than anything else," Sanders said. "I feel good being on the field with Leeland. The more yards Leeland gets, the more it helps me out. If Leeland is getting his yards, then the defense is going

to pack in and when the defense packs in, it's a passing game for me."

Besides being a big-play receiver, Sanders is also the biggest receiver on A&M's roster at 6 feet, 4 inches and 222 pounds.

Sanders' size and leaping ability — his standing vertical jump is 39.5 inches — make it extra difficult for smaller cornerbacks to defend against him.

Sanders came to A&M from Austin's LBJ High School where he played both offense and defense.

After his senior season, he was named to the Associated Press' "Super Team" as an honorable mention selection on defense.

Sanders came to A&M as a freshman in 1991 and was a backup wide receiver, playing in seven games. He contributed on special teams during the 1992 season and was redshirted in 1993.

In his breakthrough season last year, he played in 11 games and had five starts.

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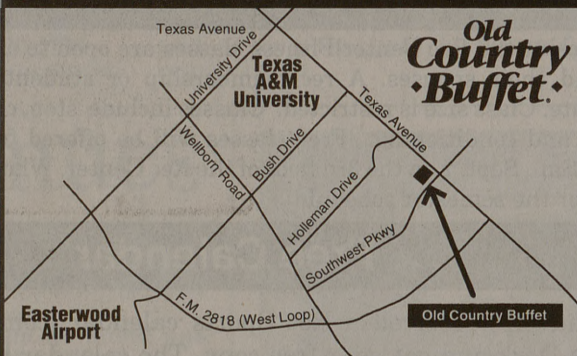
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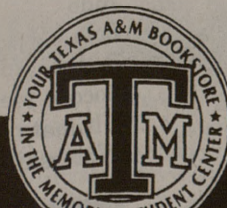
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