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# WR coach passes on knowledge

## □ Koenning was a stand-out wide receiver at the University of Texas.

By Nick Georgandis  
THE BATTALION

When thinking about Texas A&M football, the wide receiver position is not the first that comes to mind. Linebackers and running backs have been the Aggies' specialty over the years, not speedy wide outs and split ends.

Second-year Wide Receivers Coach Les Koenning, Jr. does not mind his players anonymity. He just wants to win.

"When I came here, I wasn't really concerned about A&M not being much of a passing team," Koenning said. "I was familiar with R.C. Slocum, and I wanted to be a part of a winning program. As long as we're winning, that's what makes you happy."

Koenning came to A&M in 1994 from Duke where he had spent just one season. He already had Southwest Conference experience as well, coaching wide receivers at Rice University from 1990-93 and beginning his coaching career at the University of Texas in 1981 as a graduate assistant and secondary coach.

As a receiver for the Longhorns from 1978-80, he earned three varsity letters and led the team in receiving in 1980 with 27 catches for 401 yards.

This season, Koenning is working with a corps of receivers that combines plenty of raw talent with a little game experience.

"What I really like about this group is that they're just a great bunch of kids," Koenning said. "There's not a one of them that isn't always out there working hard."

Wide receiver was one of A&M's top priorities in last year's recruiting race. Two of 1994's top three receivers, Ryan Matthews and Brian

Mitchell, were being lost to graduation.

Another letter-winner, Kevin Beirne, also a pitcher for the Aggie baseball team, was drafted by the Chicago White Sox as a pitcher in June, and decided to make the move to the minor leagues.

Slocum and Koenning scoured the state for receivers and came back to College Station with four high school graduates and two junior transfer players.

It seemed that there would be more than enough depth for A&M this fall, but injuries and academic problems rapidly depleted the Aggies' reserves.

"We had some problems early (with depth)," Koenning said. "But we've also had some guys step up and now we're getting to where we have everyone going."

Returning to the lineup Saturday against Colorado will be senior wide receiver Chris Sanders, who was suspended from the team for academic reasons two weeks ago.

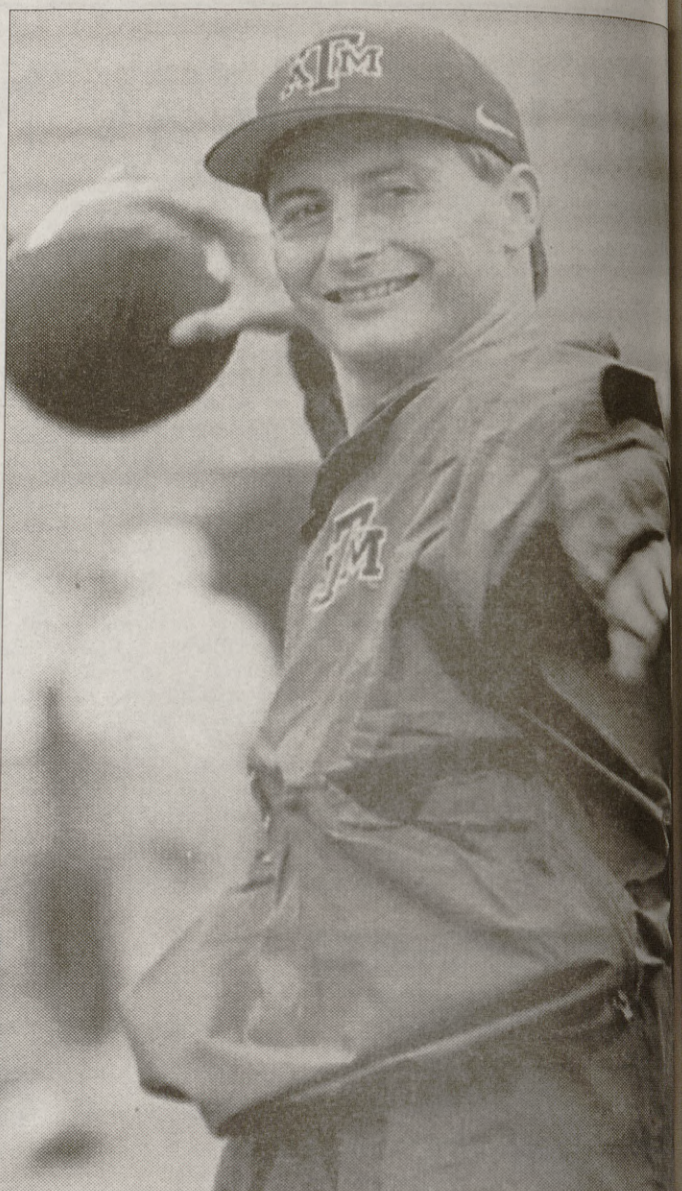
"Everything is straight now with Chris," Koenning said. "It was an unfortunate situation, but he's a good kid and I think everything will work out for him."

Another player who has missed significant time is freshman Donte Hawkins. Hawkins was injured during the Aggies' preseason workouts and could see action against the No. 7 Buffaloes on Saturday.

"Donte has been practicing all week," Koenning said. "He's a young kid and it's very exciting to see him out there, he just needs to get some reps in and he will definitely contribute."

Although the focus of A&M's offense this year is junior running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Leeland McElroy, members of the offense feel the receivers are a key part of the team.

"Our receivers are great," senior offensive lineman Hunter Goodwin said. "They can block, catch and run the football. I wouldn't trade them for any group in the country."



Texas A&M Wide Receivers Coach Les Koenning, Jr. cracks a smile during the Aggies' practice on Kyle Field this week.

## Batt Sports Sega Shootout

Across the frozen tundra of Colorado's Folsom Field, the Texas A&M Football Team proved Thursday why it is a national championship contender.

On a day when Leeland McElroy all but inscribed his name on the Heisman Trophy and Koy Detmer received a harsh lesson in the school of hard knocks, the No. 3 Aggies crushed the No. 7 Buffaloes 35-10 to move to 3-0 on the season.

Several inches of snow threatened to affect both teams' playing styles, but the Aggies showed no ill effects during the contest.

The Aggie offense drew first

blood on a 22-yard scoring strike from quarterback Corey Pullig to freshman wide receiver Donte Hawkins.

One drive later, McElroy skirted slipped into the end zone on a nine-yard run. The first quarter ended with A&M up 14-0.

A&M again took a risk on fourth down and again connected, this time on a 21-yard pass from Pullig to junior wide receiver Danny McCray.

Detmer appeared to be getting on tracked when they moved the ball down the field to a first-and-goal situation at the A&M four-

yard line. But the "Wrecking Crew" defense lived up to its moniker one more time, forcing Colorado to kick a field goal.

The Buffaloes cut A&M's lead to 21-10 before the half when Detmer hit Troutman on a 16-yard scoring play that.

On a second-and-goal play from the A&M two-yard line, Detmer threw a bullet into the end zone that was intercepted by A&M's senior cornerback Ray Mickens.

The Aggies drove the ball straight down the field and took a 28-10 lead on McElroy's 28-yard scamper. A&M added an exclamation

point to the game when Pullig hit senior receiver Chris Sanders on a 27-yard touchdown reception with six seconds left.

McElroy carried the ball 165 yards and scored two touchdowns.

Detmer, whose pocket constantly collapsed from A&M's pressing defense. He completed only 16 of 33 passes for 166 yards and threw one crucial interception that was sacked twice.

The Aggies return to action two weeks, when they travel to Lubbock to face the Tech Red Raiders.

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