

Monday
October 23, 1995

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady Aggie Volleyball Team loses two in Hawaii

The Texas A&M Volleyball Team lost twice over the weekend to the second-ranked University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

The Lady Aggies lost five consecutive games to UH before finally breaking through with a 15-9 win in Game Two of the second match.

The two losses dropped the 19th-ranked Lady Aggies to 14-4 on the regular season. UH remains undefeated at 19-0 in 1995.

One highlight of the loss was Suzy Wentz. The senior setter became the Southwest Conference's all-time career record in assists.

The record had been held by Baylor's Cory Siveston with 4,846. Wentz needed only 60 assists going into the weekend to break the record, and recorded 107.

Aggie Golf Team jumps into seventh place

The No. 27 Texas A&M Women's Golf Team carded a second-round 300 Saturday to move into seventh place at the Lady Paladin Invitational.

The event is the 25th annual of its time and is being hosted by Furman University in Furman, S.C.

A&M senior Kristina Edfors paced the Aggies with an even par 72, but was forced to withdraw from the tournament earlier when she failed to turn in her scorecard following Friday's first round.

Sophomore Isabelle Rosberg fired a one-over par 72 and is tied for sixth place with a two-day total of 151.

The Lady Paladin marks A&M's final tournament appearance of the 1995 fall season. The Aggies will open the 1996 spring schedule at the Feb. 12-14 SMU/USC/Ohio State Regional Challenge in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Waldorf wins first PGA title at Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Duffy Waldorf won his first PGA title and runner-up Justin Leonard earned a chance to play for the big money next week.

Waldorf shot a 7-under-par 65 Sunday for a six-stroke victory in the \$1 million Texas Open.

Moon to return to Houston for hearing

RICHMOND (AP) — Minnesota Vikings quarterback Warren Moon is scheduled to return home to the Houston area this week for a hearing on a charge that he beat his wife.

The former Houston Oilers quarterback faces a Class A misdemeanor assault charge in connection with the July 18 incident at the couple's palatial home in the southwest Houston suburb of Missouri City.

The NFL star is to be arraigned Tuesday before County Court-at-Law No. 1 Judge Larry Wagenbach. The charge carries a \$4,000 fine and up to a year in jail.

Moon's attorney, Rusty Hardin, did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press on Sunday.

According to a police affidavit, Felicia Moon feared for her life when the football player attacked her this summer.

"I was afraid for my life," Mrs. Moon told police as she recounted the events.

AP Top 25 Poll

Team	Record	Pv
1. FloridaSt.	7-0-0	1
2. Nebraska	7-0-0	2
3. Florida	6-0-0	3
4. OhioSt.	7-0-0	4
5. Tennessee	6-1-0	6
6. Kansas	7-0-0	7
7. Colorado	6-1-0	9
8. Nwrthwestern	6-1-0	11
9. Michigan	6-1-0	10
10. Oregon	6-1-0	12
11. Auburn	5-2-0	13
12. NtreDame	6-2-0	17
13. USC	6-1-0	5
14. KansasSt.	6-1-0	8
15. Texas	5-1-1	16
16. PennSt.	5-2-0	19
17. Washngtn	5-2-0	20
18. Alabama	5-2-0	21
19. A&M	4-2-0	22
20. Virginia	6-3-0	14
21. Syracuse	6-1-0	—
22. TxTech	4-2-0	25
23. Oklahoma	4-2-1	15
24. UCLA	5-2-0	—
25. Iowa	5-1-0	18

Others receiving votes: Arkansas 149, San Diego St. 17, Virginia Tech 14, Baylor 12, Toledo 8, Stanford 7, Michigan St. 4, Maryland 2, South Carolina 1, Texas Christian 1.

Aggie Football: Back in Business



Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

Texas A&M junior tailback Leeland McElroy dashes down the left sideline of Floyd Casey Jones Stadium on his way to the end zone. McElroy scored two touchdowns while collecting 108 all-purpose yards.

Leeland McElroy returned to the lineup with 108 total yards and two touchdowns.

By Nick Georgandis
THE BATTALION

Any questions?

After spending the last few weeks searching for answers as to where a season of such high expectations went awry, the Texas A&M Football Team regained the look of a champion Saturday in Waco.

With the largest crowd in Baylor history and the No. 3 defense in the nation stacked against them, things looked dim for the Aggies.

But the team that only a week ago looked very mediocre in a lackluster, albeit dramatic win, over Southern Methodist came out and shoved Baylor up and down the field in a convincing 24-9 Southwest Conference win.

"I knew we would beat them," A&M Defensive Coordinator Phil Bennett said. "I thought we were a better football team than their players. Our demise has been greatly exaggerated."

The win moved A&M's record to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the SWC. Combined with several teams' losses Saturday, it also moved A&M up from 22nd to 19th in the Associated Press's Top 25 poll.

In what was billed as a classic defensive struggle, the Aggies cruised to a 21-3 halftime lead and never looked back.

A&M's offense looked surprisingly crisp in comparison to last week's 20-17 struggle against the Mustangs of SMU. Quarterback Corey Pullig was solid, completing 12-of-20 passes for 155 yards and two touchdowns.

"Corey has taken his share of hits," Head Coach R.C. Slocum said. "But the good ones believe in themselves and in their teammates. Corey is now 28-5-1 in his career — he doesn't have to do a lot of apologizing."

After linebacker Larry Walker II blocked a Baylor punt, the

Aggies took over on offense for the second time at the Baylor 19-yard line. Two plays later, Pullig found a slanting Albert Connell in the end zone, and the Aggies jumped out to a 7-3 lead.

Junior tailback Leeland McElroy also answered questions concerning his recovery from an ankle sprain suffered during the Texas Tech game Oct. 7. McElroy gained 108 all-purpose yards and scored two touchdowns for the Aggies. Despite his return to form, McElroy said he is still not at the top of his game.

"I'm between 90 and 100 percent," McElroy said. "I feel pretty good — we're back at the top of the SWC."

McElroy put the game on ice for the Aggies with his two second-quarter scores. The first came on a screen pass from Pullig that saw McElroy streak down the left sideline.

"I just snuck out behind the line," McElroy said. "The guys made some great blocks ahead of me, and I saw a lot of green out there in front of me."

The second score, a four-yard run over right guard, gave the Aggies a 21-3 lead with five minutes left in the first half.

While the offense put up the points, the defensive provided the scoring opportunities, stifling Baylor's offense all day long. Baylor running back Jerod Douglas, one of the top all-around backs in the conference, was held to 66 yards on 21 carries and did not catch a pass. Bears quarterback Jeff Watson passed for 187 yards, but it took him 38 attempts to do so.

"We just came out here and took care of business," senior linebacker Reggie Brown said. "A lot of people said coming into this game that we weren't the same team, but we still have all the same talent. We put a lot of defensive intensity out there today."

The Aggies resume their quest for the final SWC title Saturday when they return home to face the University of Houston at Kyle Field. The Cougars broke an 11-game losing streak Saturday with a surprising 38-15 win over SMU.

A&M does its talking on the field vs. Bears

Several Baylor players predicted a Bear win, but the Aggie players refused to engage in trash talking.

By David Winder
THE BATTALION

Last week, Baylor talked the talk. Saturday, Texas A&M walked the walk.

After listening to the Bears talk trash all week, the Aggies went out and shut them up with a 24-9 victory at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco.

"Coach Slocum said to do your talking on the field," junior linebacker Larry Walker II said. "Every year Baylor does a lot of talking."

This year, Baylor linebacker LaCurtis Jones was doing most of the talking. Jones comments ranged from "Baylor has the best defense in the conference" to the prediction that the Aggies had several more losses in

their future.

"All week long we heard his talking," red-shirt freshman linebacker Warrick Holdman. "Some of the guys on the offense were saying they were going to get him."

"Detron (Smith) felt it was a personal thing between them."

Smith said he did not take the matchup as personal as Jones did.

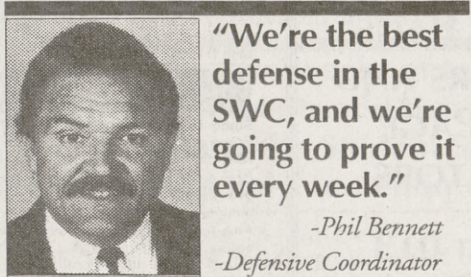
"I've been going against LaCurtis for the last two years," Smith said. "I think he felt this was his year to get me. It just didn't happen today. I got him a couple of times."

Members of the "Wrecking Crew" said they were out to set Jones and his teammates straight on who had the best defense in the SWC.

"We've had the best defense in the conference for years," noseguard Eddie Jasper said. "We wanted to come out and prove them wrong. His talking was a big part of it."

Texas A&M Defensive Coordinator Phil Bennett said Baylor's comments during the week helped the Aggies get ready for the game.

"It was a great motivator," Bennett said. "We told the guys we had played better schools and to look at



"We're the best defense in the SWC, and we're going to prove it every week."

-Phil Bennett
-Defensive Coordinator

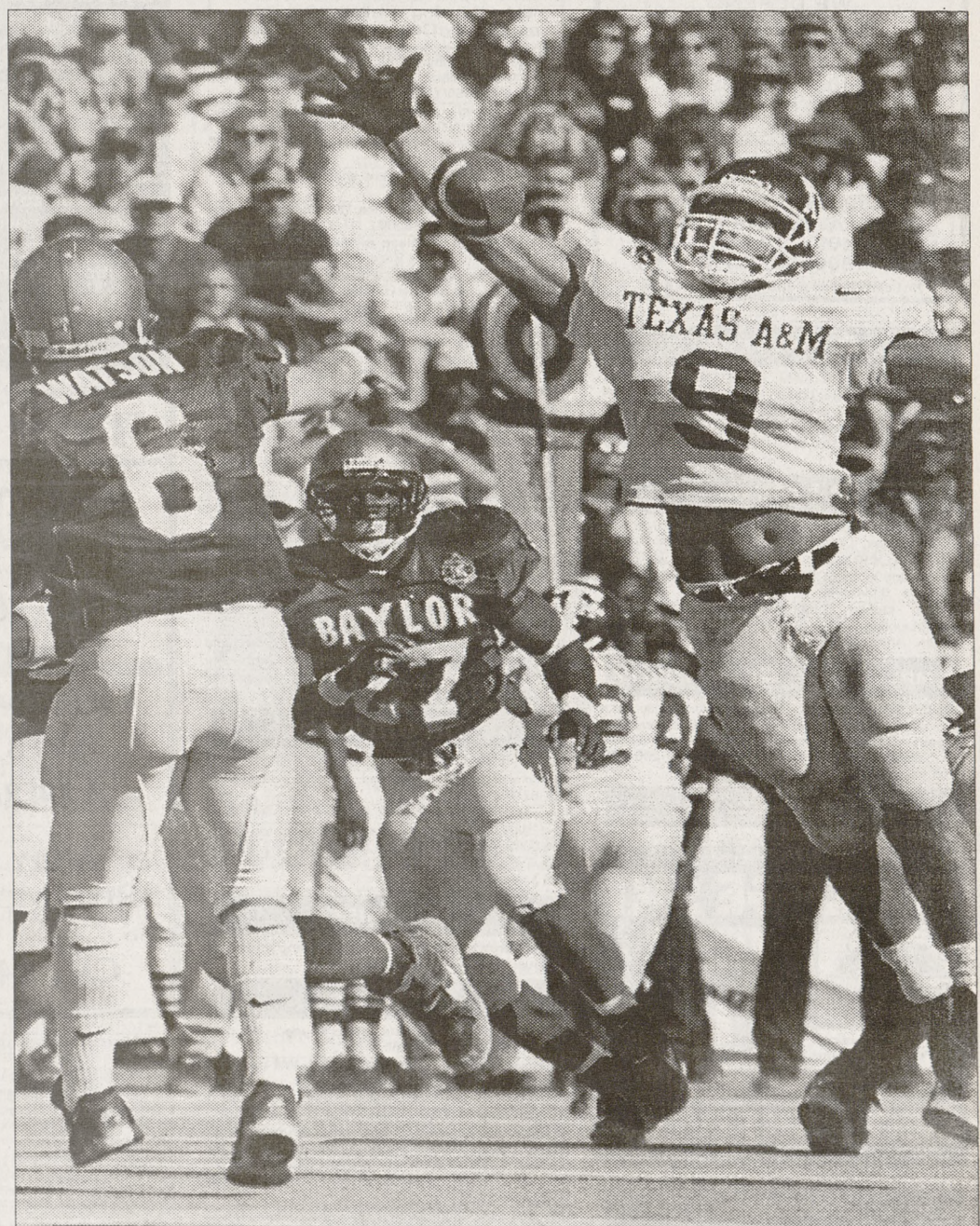
who (Baylor) had played. We beat Tech, they didn't give it to us, but we beat Tech. We're two to three plays away from being undefeated. We're the best defense in the conference, and we're going to prove it every week."

The Bears also talked about how they wanted A&M running back Leeland McElroy at his best so it would look better when they stopped him. McElroy, who said his injured ankle was between 90 and 100 percent healthy, rushed for 79 yards and a touchdown while also catching one.

"Some of my teammates said my name had been mentioned, but I wasn't concerned about it at all," McElroy said.

Offensive guard Calvin Collins said there was a big difference in the way the two teams approached the game.

"They talked all week," Collins said. "We played with class; we won with class."



Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

Texas A&M sophomore linebacker Dat Nguyen goes airborne to bat down a Jeff Watson pass during the Aggies' 24-9 win over Baylor University Saturday in Waco.



Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

Freshman running back Sirr Parker turns upfield during the Baylor game Saturday.