

At a
GLANCE

SPORTS BRIEFS

Swimming teams both in Top 25 polls

For the first time in the 1995-96 season, both Texas A&M Swimming and Diving Teams are ranked among the nation's best in the latest Speedo American Top 25 Poll.

Despite an impressive 152-88 win over then-No.16 LSU on Friday, the A&M women, who own a 3-1 mark in dual competition this season, slid one spot to No. 19.

Boasting a 4-1 record so far in dual meet action, the A&M men broke into the poll at No.25 after consecutive dual meet upsets against then No.15 LSU and former No.24 Nebraska. The A&M men were absent from the 1995 season survey after appearing in four of the seven polls produced last season.

Tyson to fight Mathis Dec. 16 on Fox

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson will fight Buster Mathis Dec. 16 at Atlantic City, N.J., with the bout carried live on free TV, a source told the Associated Press today.

The live site promoter will be Donald Trump and the match will be televised by Fox, according to the source with close ties to promoter Don King.

Lewis expecting big things at Olympic Trials

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Carl Lewis, saying he has regained his love of sprinting and long jumping, has big expectations for the 1996 U.S. Olympics trials and the Atlanta Games.

"I have high hopes for the trials," Lewis, 34, said Tuesday at a news conference. "I feel in top form, my best condition in recent years, following four months of hard training."

Mattingly tells Yankees to look for replacement

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Mattingly made it official Tuesday, saying the Yankees should find another first baseman while he contemplates retirement.

A vague statement from Mattingly's spokesman Ray Shulte said: "Mattingly was unable to commit at this time to playing major league baseball next year."

Mattingly's statement signaled the probable end of an era. He came up to the Yankees for good in 1983, was an All-Star from 1984-89 and has been the team's captain since the middle of the 1989 season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A&M Football

The Aggies travel to Fort Worth Saturday for their final SWC matchup against Texas Christian University at 2:00 p.m. at Amon Carter Stadium.

Men's Golf

The Men's Golf Team will compete in the UNLV Rebel Golf Classic in Las Vegas beginning Monday, Nov. 28 and lasting through Wednesday.

Men's Swimming

The men's swimming team will compete in the UNC Invitational in Raleigh, N.C. on Thursday, Nov. 30

Hackradt centers on improvement

□ The sophomore has started every game this season at center.

By Kristina Buffin
THE BATTALION

He began his career at A&M as an offensive guard. But before last year's SMU game, sophomore Koby Hackradt was moved to center, and junior Calvin Collins was moved to guard.

"We thought he was more suited to play center because of the defenses we were playing," A&M Offensive Line Coach Mike Sherman said. "With the defenses that we were seeing, they were putting their big guys over the guard position, and Calvin was just bigger."

As a freshman last season, Hackradt gained experience through his action as a backup and helped the Aggies average over 360 yards in total offense per game. Hackradt had never played center before coming to A&M but said he was up to the challenge of learning how to play a different position.

"I played tackle in high school, and when they (A&M) recruited me, they wanted me as a guard," Hackradt said. "This is more of a challenge and something for me to work towards. It is a lot tougher to snap the ball, and then have to block and it will take a lot of repetitions to get more experience."

Through nine games Hackradt has exhibited steady improvement and has impressed the A&M coaching staff with the adjustment he has made to his new position.

"He has a lot thrown at him," Sherman said. "He could have red-shirted this season. This is his first full year, and he had never really played center before. He had experience playing this season and is almost always on the frontside of the play."

Although Hackradt has played well this season, he said that he is still looking to have "his big game."

"I'm having a good season, although I have never really played this position before, but I have not had my best game yet," Hackradt said. "I have not excelled as much simply because of experience."

Hackradt has the same goal as much of the team: to win a national championship but he also has individual goals for the next two years of his career.

"I want to help the team improve so that we can win a national championship," Hackradt said. "I want to play the best I can and work in the offseason to get bigger."

Although he is only a sophomore, Hackradt does have aspirations of playing in the National Football League.

"Everyone thinks about it," Hackradt said. "I'm going to get my education first, but I just want to get the chance to work towards it (the NFL). Right now I'm focusing on the season and next year. Maybe down the road, I'll think about it, but right now I'm just a team player."

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—Koby Hackradt
Texas A&M Center



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Texas A&M center Koby Hackradt lines up over the ball during the Aggies' 56-14 win over Middle Tennessee State Saturday at Kyle Field.

Final SWC game has Frogs looking toward a WACKy future

□ The Horned Frogs and Aggies square off for the last time as SWC members.

By Lisa Nance
THE BATTALION

When the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian University take the field against the Aggies on Saturday, it will be the last time the two teams meet as conference foes.

Saturday's game marks TCU's finale in the SWC as the conference comes to a close and the Horned Frogs head to the Western Athletic Conference.

TCU Head Football Coach Pat Sullivan, said that the move to the WAC will be a positive move for the Frogs, but right now there is only one thing on their mind — the Aggies.

"The only thing on my mind right now is A&M," Sullivan said. "They have a great football program so my thoughts and the players' thoughts for now should only be on A&M now."

"The WAC will be tremendous for TCU. It will give us more national exposure. We'll be playing across four to five time zones in places like California, Colorado, Hawaii, and Las Vegas. We're really excited about it."

The game will be the 91st meeting for the Frogs and the Aggies, in a series that dates back to 1897 with the Aggies leading 54-29-7.

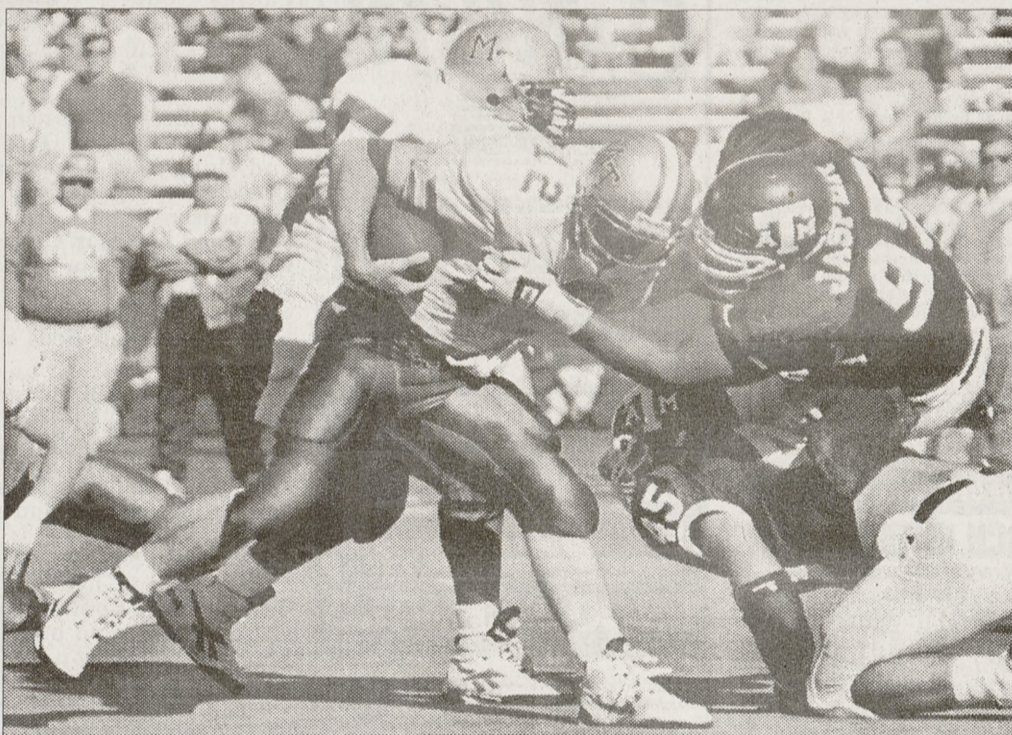
The Frogs are coming off of a disappointing loss last weekend against the Texas Longhorns. TCU lost to the 10th-ranked Longhorns in Austin despite showing their best effort this season.

The return of Andre Davis to the Frogs' line-up sparked the offense as the

team's star tailback rushed for 141 yards and picked up 51 more yards receiving. He had a career-high 35 carries after being suspended for four games for improper contact with an agent.

The Horned Frogs are excited about meeting the Aggies at home for their final game, but are not expecting an easy upset away from Kyle Field.

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Texas A&M junior nose guard Eddie Jasper introduces Middle Tennessee State quarterback Mark Quinn to the turf of Kyle Field Saturday during the Aggies' 56-14 win.

Defense Ags' No. 1 threat

□ With last week's effort, the "Wrecking Crew" became the top-ranked NCAA defense.

By Nick Georgandis
THE BATTALION

Noseguard Eddie Jasper introduced a new hand signal to the media at Tuesday's football press conference. It involves using one's little finger and thumb to form

a 'c' while the other three comprise a 'w' — making the symbol for A&M's "Wrecking Crew" defense.

But with two weeks remaining in the season, the Aggie defense can also represent itself by raising just one finger — for with its excellent performance against Middle Tennessee State last Saturday, the Aggies have climbed into the No.1 position of NCAA defenses.

"It's something we've taken pride in (the ranking)," A&M Head Coach R.C. Slocum. "I've always said the only people not concerned about stats are the ones that don't have any."

Slocum's top-rated defense will get a stern test this week from the Texas Christian Horned Frogs, who boast one of the best quarterbacks in the conference, and Andre Davis — who is in his second game back from an NCAA suspension for dealing with an agent.

Davis has been a thorn in the side of the Aggie defense each of the past two years — gaining over 130 yards in each of the past two games between the schools.

If the Aggies can control Davis and win the game, they will also continue to control their own destiny in terms of postseason play. A&M must beat TCU and the University of Texas to win the last Southwest Conference championship.

This year's conference championship will play in the Sugar Bowl on Dec. 31 in New Orleans' Superdome against the loser of this Saturday's game between No. 3 Florida and No.6 Florida State.

Although that potential matchup will have few, if any, national championship implications, tailback Leeland McElroy said the opinions of others do not affect the attitude of the team.

"We just try to go out there and play well, we've got nothing to prove because of what outsiders are saying," McElroy said. "All things that are said outside the program are taken in stride."

THE BATTALION'S 1995 STAFF PICKS

THE MATCH-UPS

	Nick Georgandis	Kristina Buffin	David Winder	Tom Day	Lisa Nance	Philip Leone	Robin Greathouse	Rob Clark	Sterling Hayman	Stew Milne	Kyle Littlefield	Michael Landauer	Gretchen Perrenot	Stacy Stanton	Jody Holley	COMMENTARY
#15 Texas A&M at TCU	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	A&M: Frogs get squished in their SWC finale.....
Texas Tech at Houston	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Tech: Cougars continue fall into Conference USA.....
Georgia at Georgia Tech	Ga. Tech	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Ga. Tech	Georgia	Ga. Tech	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Georgia: Dawgs still too tough for Ramblin' Wreck.....
Baylor at #9 Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	UT: C'mon Baylor, help the Ags out for once.....
North Carolina at N.C. St.	N.Carolina	N.C. State	N.Carolina	N.Carolina	N.Carolina	N.Carolina	N.C. State	N.Carolina	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.Carolina	N.Carolina	N.C. State	N. Carolina	N.Carolina	UNC: Tar Heels stamp down on WolfPack.....
Oklahoma at #1 Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Nebraska: Not even a rivalry any more.....
#22 Syracuse at #25 Miami	Miami	Syracuse	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Syracuse	Syracuse	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami: They've still got the Orange Bowl magic.....
#2 Ohio St. at #18 Michigan	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Michigan	Michigan	OSU: Wolverines can't take bite out of Buckeyes.....
#6 Florida St. at #2 Florida	Florida St.	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida St.	Florida	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida	Florida: Seminoles choke in the Swamp.....
Chiefs at Cowboys	Chiefs	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Chiefs	Cowboys	Dallas: Jeez, Chiefs barely beat the Oilers.....
Broncos at Oilers	Oilers	Broncos	Oilers	Oilers	Oilers	Broncos	Oilers	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Oilers	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Oilers	Denver: It's Elway, it's Houston, you do the math.....
Raiders at Chargers	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Chargers	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Chargers	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Chargers	Raiders	Raiders: Monday night means old Oakland magic.....
Last Week	5-7	11-1	9-3	8-4	9-3	9-3	7-5	6-6	9-3	7-5	8-4	9-3	10-2	9-3	6-6	118-62 (657) Perrenot shines in late-season rally.....
Cumulative	80-57-4	101-36-4	103-34-4	107-30-4	99-38-4	101-36-4	90-47-4	96-41-4	96-41-4	100-36-4	101-36-4	106-31-4	95-42-4	85-52-4	88-49-4	1454-606-60 (700) Landauer makes it interesting.....