

Aggies search for 'go-to guy,' healthy players



Men's Basketball
The Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team finally ridding itself of that goose egg in the conference win column; now there is no place to get but up. Here are some assorted ramblings to quell those post-Super Bowl blues.

Where have you gone, Joe Wilbert?

After playing against the likes of Texas' Reggie Freeman and Kansas' Jacquie Vaughn this month, some fans question why the Aggies don't have a "go-to guy," when they need a crucial basket or crunch-time execution.

Aside from the obvious explanation — the Aggies are a young team that does not yet have a stand out, take-charge leader, Head Coach Tony Barone said he's looking for the team to play together as a unit and not rely on one player.

"We'd like to have some consistency in the players that are out there," Barone said. "We're much better when we distribute the ball, and if we can distribute the ball well, then we usually

play pretty well."

Stop and pop, it ain't...

With his playing time increasing as the season progresses, freshman guard Brian Barone has found himself open more often enabling him to make shots for himself or take three-pointers.

This has prompted many to wonder why he's not shooting the ball more. The main reason, the elder Barone said, is that his son is more concerned with getting his teammates involved in the offense than finding his own shot.

"Right now, that (shooting) is not his mentality," Barone said. "His mentality is what can I do to get Jerald a shot? What can I do to get Calvin a shot?"

This is how it should be. The plucky point guard is at his best when he's creating for other people, as his no-look, wrap-around assists would suggest.

As evidenced in the Kansas State game Saturday, Barone has little arc on his shot, which lowers his shooting percentage.

So many of the the dynamics of shooting start with the legs and especially the knees.

As Barone's knee continues to improve after off-season reconstructive surgery, so should his shooting.

Injury Update

In addition to losing senior Derrick Hart and freshman Steve Houston for the remainder of the

season because of academic ineligibility, the Aggie ranks have been further depleted in the last two weeks by injuries.

Sophomore forward Larry Thompson suffered a broken nose against Kansas and did not play against K-State.

Senior guard Tracey Anderson aggravated a strained groin and bruised a shin against the Jayhawks, but that did not prevent him from playing a terrific all-around game against the Wildcats.

"I honestly cannot believe he did that," Barone said. "If you had 10 kids, nine of them couldn't play with the injury he had today. He was absolutely incredible."

When asked about his groin after the game, Anderson cracked, "The win helped a lot. It feels great since we won, but if we'd lost it would have felt awful."

Player of the Week

It's a no-brainer this week. Sophomore forward Calvin Davis re-established his up and coming status with 17 points against Kansas and 21 points and a career-high 15 boards against K-State. After catching an elbow that opened a two-inch gash over his right eye, he needed stitches at half time. Davis returned to dominate the second half against the Wildcats and propelled the Aggies to their most important victory of the season. A great week from an up-and-coming big man.

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"The first thing I want to do is win more and develop men who will be successful in society."

Dorr said his primary responsibility will be to bring stability to the quarterback position, which seemed to have its shaky moments last season.

"I have a great deal of experience at the college level," Dorr said. "I

have been in big games where Rose Bowls were on the line."

Perhaps more important than his experience, Dorr said he views his role as a teacher on the team.

"I don't think I can sprinkle some magic dust," he said. "My role on this staff is to number one do the best job I can and to get the quarterbacks playing well."

"I want to be their friend, leader and disciplinarian. I want to be there to correct them and help them find success."

STEPS to A&M		
Year	School	Title (Position)
1995-96	Kentucky	Assistant (Quarterbacks)
1993-94	Kentucky	Assistant (Running Backs)
1992	USC	Offensive Coordinator
1989-91	USC	Assistant (Quarterbacks)
1988	USC	Assistant (Receivers)
1984-87	Southern Illinois	Head Coach
1975-83	Washington	Assistant (Quarterbacks)
1971-74	Kent State	Assistant (Quarterbacks)
1968-70	Akron	Assistant (Offensive Backs)
1967	Akron	Graduate Assistant

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Anderson said regardless of the match-up the Aggies are ready to play.

"The biggest thing going for us right now is that we want to win this game desperately," he said. "We want it bad enough to do anything to get it and [Mis-

souri] has to deal with that."

Quesada said A&M also has the Aggieland faithful pulling for them tonight.

"We really want to win these games at home," he said. "Winning here (Saturday) and playing here again tonight gives us a little edge."

The Aggies hope tonight will be a curtain call for the monkey that has been with them for the last eight games.

Aggie Brown named Rookie of the Week

Freshman Jerald Brown, a member of the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team, was named Rookie of the Week by the Big 12.

Brown opened the week with 17 points and five rebounds in a 89-60 loss to No. 1 Kansas University. He was three-for-six in three-pointers.

Against Kansas State University, Brown scored 17 points with four assists, two blocked shots and two steals. He continued his three-point range with a five-for-ten performance.

Canseco headed back to Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Canseco, who combined with McGwire to form Oakland's Big Boys in the late 1980s, is headed back to the Athletics.

The team called an afternoon news conference and was expected to announce the much-discussed trade with the Boston Red Sox.

Canseco, the colorful and somewhat controversial outfielder, Boston is to get starting pitcher Wasdin in return. Wasdin, a former pitcher who was Oakland's first selection in the 1993 amateur draft, was 8-7 with a 5.96 ERA last season in 25 games, 21 of them starts.

Boston will pick up part of Canseco's \$4.5 million salary.

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