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Aggies not taking North Texas lightly

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With a high-powered offense that leads the nation in scoring, Texas A&M would seem to be unstoppable heading into their meeting with the University of North Texas Saturday at Texas Stadium.



But how much do these statistics mean to Aggie quarterback Brannndon Stewart?
"I don't think those things [statistics] are really indicators until the end of the season," Stewart said. "After you've experienced all the football games you're going to for that season, then you can look at your stats and say this is good offense."
Despite the scoring, it has been

the Aggie defense that has impressed the North Texas Mean Green. In their last four meetings, UNT has managed only eight points and was shutout 55-0 last year. This year, North Texas hopes to improve on the paltry -10 yards rushing and 70 yards of total offense put up last year in College Station.

The surprising UNT team beat Texas Tech in Lubbock last week, 30-27 to even their record at 2-2.

Aggie Coach R.C. Slocum was pleased with the result because this forces the Aggies to concentrate on this week and not look ahead to the Oct. 4 showdown with the Colorado Buffaloes.

"No question that's a positive thing

for us. Our players have a lot of respect for Texas Tech and playing in Lubbock. When you watch the tape, it's not one of those fluke deals that you can rationalize away," said Slocum.

On offense, UNT likes to show many different looks. Running back Hut Allred, who had 65 yards and 2 touchdowns last week, provides the bulk of the rushing attack. Big West Offensive Player of the Week Jason Mills threw for 147 yards and 2 touchdowns last week.

The Wrecking Crew defense will be tested by a UNT attack that features pass-happy one-back and no-back offensive sets. Defensive end Brad Crowley said he feels that UNT provides the best test yet for the Aggies.

"They're three times better than USL and by far the best team we've played so far," said Crowley. "We can't afford to overlook them right now."

Stewart said the Mean Green defense will provide a challenge for the Aggies.

"They have a solid defense, they're physical and they like to show different fronts."

Defensively, the stable of UNT linebackers figures to confuse the Aggies and take away the underneath passing game.

Linebacker Benny Cherry, who won the Big West Defensive Player of the Week, had 17 tackles, one sack, and two passes broken up last week. He has a team-high 50 tackles after four games. Linebacker Ron Boston provides a nice compliment to Cherry with 31 tackles on the season.

UNT stayed healthy last week while freshman linebacker Roylin Bradley (ankle) and sophomore running back Jason Bragg (knee) are out for the Aggies.



Freshman runningback Burnest Rhodes runs for a touchdown against Sam Houston. The Aggies will play their first road games Saturday in Dallas.

A&M Soccer team set to tangle with top-ranked North Carolina

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Senior Sonia Ibanez battles for the ball against Oregon.

This weekend the third-ranked Texas A&M Soccer Team (8-0) will be seeking more than the nation's highest ranking at the Adidas Classic in Houston. They will be seeking respect.

The Aggies will face Big 12 conference foe Oklahoma State and top ranked North Carolina in two high-pressure games.

"This weekend's game against North Carolina is for nothing more than pure pride and bragging rights, which of course means a lot to most humans," Coach G. Guerrieri said. "If we want to win the national championship we will have to beat North Carolina eventually, but not this weekend. That won't come until November."

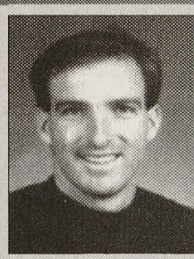
"We are happy right now to be recognized as third, but this is a great opportunity for us to prove that we can be looked at as the very best."

In their two prior meetings in 1994 and 1996, the Tarheels defeated the Aggies by a combined score of 7-0, blanking the Aggies twice.

"We're not expected to beat North Carolina," Guerrieri said. "If Vegas had odds they would be 100-1 against us. That is a credit to the dynasty North Carolina has created with 14 national championships, an unbelievable

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weekend in South Bend, North Carolina tied second-ranked Notre Dame 2-2 in a game many deemed a preview to the national championship.

Despite the hype and attention the A&M-North Carolina match up is getting, the Aggies are keeping their minds focused on Friday's match with Oklahoma State.

"The North Carolina game will be a good experience, but actually the Oklahoma State game is the more important of the two games for us this weekend," senior midfielder Bryn Blalack said. "We have to beat OSU if we want to reach our goal of conference champions."

The two teams have only met once before with the Aggies defeating the Cowboys 3-0 last season.

Currently the Aggies are atop the Big 12 conference standings with a 5-0 conference record, but Baylor and Texas follow directly behind with 4-1 records.

"The OSU game will be a conference championship style match. We will be going in with that mentality," Guerrieri said. "We want to make it so that we can keep ourselves going at 100 percent for as long as we possibly can. That's something you want to do no matter who you play. The players are focused for the task at hand."

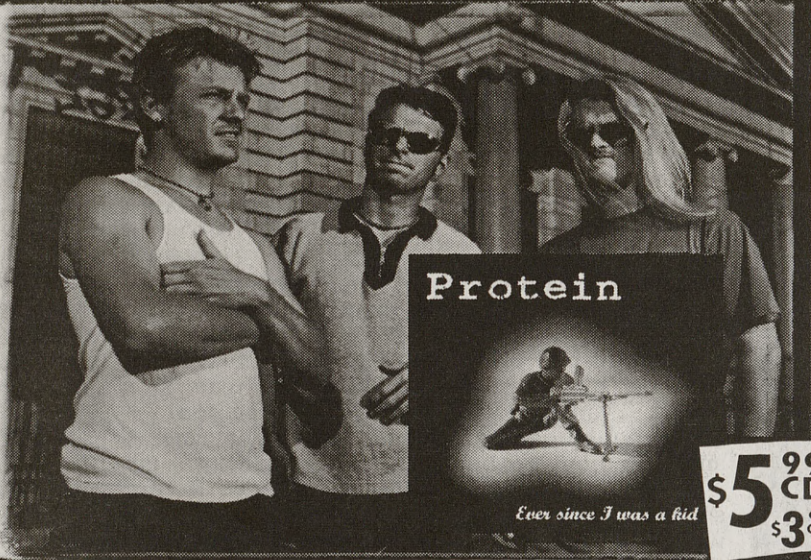
win-loss record, a legendary coach and incredible amounts of international experience.

"We'll come in with the wrath of the underdog." A&M is coming off two victories against Utah and Oregon in this past weekend's Aggie Soccer Classic. Last

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