

## A&M's radio network in need of boost



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We are the Aggies, the Aggies are we.

That point is evident in the way that the Ags have been playing the last couple of weeks.

Most good Ags will do anything possible to see an Aggie game whether live or even re-broadcast weeks later. So what's a good Ag to listen to if they're out in the boonies without a t.v. and they want to check up on the Wrecking Crew? They would naturally tune into the Texas Aggie Radio Network.

Well, they would if the network was complete and the stations that chose to broadcast had enough power to send a signal from Cain Hall to Kyle Field.

The Sports Information Office and the Athletic Department have done a good job covering most of the state with stations to carry football and basketball games but the problem is that these stations are so small that their coverage area is about a big as the new grass practice fields proposed and approved last week.

As a group of friends were leaving Texas Stadium after the North Texas game they were not even able to get a post game comments once having gotten about five miles away in Colinas.

In the past I have been able to watch Notre Dame, Rice, LSU and other schools that are not even in Texas but often times there are no Aggies to be found.

This problem is important for several reasons. Sometimes alumni and fans cannot be in attendance at games but they love to listen and support the Ags any way that they can. In addition to fans being able to support the team the radio network needs to be reworked so that recruits living in obscure and remote parts of the state have the ability to listen and learn more about Texas A&M.

If we have taken the time to get some radio stations to carry our games why couldn't we get stations capable of covering more ground? It doesn't really do any good to just have twenty mile wide dots covering the state for games.

What are we to do? Drive to a predetermined dot with a picnic and our friends in town to listen to the whips whip a little tail.

What if atmospheric conditions cause the dot to move during the game? Then trying to listen to an Aggie football game becomes a lot like the movie Twister where fans are watching sophisticated imaging equipment trying to determine when the next dot will pop up and hoping that the announcer will mention the score during the brief interval.

This season's basketball games will also be broadcast on this network and currently it does not grant enough exposure.

The Athletic Department has been looking forward to a little growth in the basketball program and Reed Arena is sure to help. Some changes should be made in the network to allow more powerful stations to carry the games.

A&M athletics as a whole are on their way to new levels of success and notoriety and some of these changes have to be made in order for A&M to remain competitive in the recruiting market.

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# TORNADO WARNING

## No. 13 Aggies not looking past Cyclones

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The Texas A&M Football Team is on a one-way trip to "Letdown City" Saturday, unless it makes intensity the focus of this week's efforts. Iowa State enters the game 0-5 on the season, but much is concealed by the Cyclones' winless record.

Iowa State boasts a potent running game led by featured tailback Darren Davis. Davis has shed the number "2" he wore last year in favor of the familiar "28" once worn by his brother Troy, who now plays for the New Orleans Saints. Davis has missed two games and part of another this season, but he returned with a vengeance last week, putting up 130 yards on 18 carries versus Missouri last week.

Sophomore running back Dante Hall, a vital part of the A&M running team he and teammates have dubbed the "Rushing Crew," said there will be no letdown this week-end against the Cyclones.

"[There's] no way we'll overlook them," Hall said. "They're a danger-

ous team. Any team in the Big 12 is dangerous. We're not looking past them at all."

Coach R.C. Slocum said Iowa State's threat lies not only in its running attack, but in its offense in

coming off a big emotional win. It makes us even more susceptible to it. They have great speed and I like their quarterback. We had to struggle to win that ball game up there last year, so they're going to come in here with some confidence."

In last year's game, the Cyclones found themselves down 17 points in the first quarter but managed to cut it to 24-21 before the clock ran out. The Wrecking Crew put a clamp on the ISU running game, allowing only 149 yards on 50 carries.

Junior safety Rich Coady said the Aggies will have no problem focusing on this weekend's game.

"Our motto at the beginning of the year was 'Take one game at a time.' We're going to focus on Iowa State. With each game you win in the season, the next game becomes bigger."

As a young squad, the Aggies will face a tough test this weekend even though their opponent is winless. If the Aggies can take care of business against Iowa State, they will have a chance to show the mentality of a team that could very well win the Big 12 South.

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general. ISU boasts two of the top receivers in the Big 12 in Tyrone Watley and Ed Williams, and quarterback Todd Bandhauer fills in for the departed Todd Doxzon, leading an offense more pass-happy than last year's team.

"I think they're a dangerous team just because of who they are, the players they have," Slocum said. "I think it's an added danger because they have an 0-5 record and we're



Freshman linebacker **Jason Glenn** and the A&M defense will look to shut down Iowa State's high powered running attack.



**Darren Davis** is taking over for his brother Troy.

## The 'other' Davis comes to the forefront

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Former Iowa State running back Troy Davis was the first player in Miami high school football history to rush for 2000 yards in a single season. His younger brother Darren was the second. Troy was the first player in NCAA history to rush for consecutive 2000 yard seasons. Will Darren Davis be the second?

Current Miami Southridge head coach Mark Guandolo believes so. He coached both Darvises and current Michigan State star Sedrick Irvin.

"They have a new offensive line, but if he gets some holes, watch out," Guandolo said. "They're very competitive with each other. They try to outdo each other."

Troy Davis agrees with Coach Guandolo's assessment.

"Darren's always been following right behind me, and when I've done something, he has always come back and usually topped it," Troy said in an interview with *The Sporting News*.

In 1993, when the two brothers played

together in high school, Troy returned a kickoff 97 yards in the Florida state championship game. Later in the game Darren returned one 99 yards.

However, it's not all about getting better numbers than Troy. Coach Guandolo feels that Darren is the ultimate team player.

"He's a team player, he just wants to win," Guandolo said.

Early in his senior season Darren broke his leg in a game. Instead of worrying about his leg, Darren thought about the team.

"That's the kind of kid he is—lying there with his leg broken and thinking he's letting the team down," Guandolo told *The Sporting News*.

A bond exists between the two brothers that goes beyond competition.

"You can't separate them, it's special. They never fight, they never argue," Guandolo said. Iowa State Head Football Coach Dan McCarney agrees.

"They have the closest relationship of any two brothers I've ever seen," McCarney said.

However, McCarney is not so sure about Darren's chances for a 2000 yard season.

"There's no way to predict that right now.

He's a capable player but it's hard to prove anything from the sidelines," McCarney said.

McCarney is alluding to hamstringing injuries that have kept Darren out of the lineup. Due to last week's performance against Missouri, Darren may be back on track. Davis rushed for 130 yards on 18 carries and scored a single touchdown. Davis only had 17 carries and 65 yards before this game.

It was Darren's second NCAA touchdown. His first came at the expense of the Wrecking Crew. Davis made a diving catch that the Iowa State media guide describes as "one of the great catches in Cyclone history."

"He's got excellent hands, better than Troy," McCarney said.

Darren recently changed jersey numbers from 2 to Troy's old 28.

Hopefully, it'll be de ja vu all over again for the Wrecking Crew. The Crew held Troy to a season low 130 yards last year. The Aggie defense hopes to do the same to the number 28, but they are very complimentary of Darren's talent.

"Watching films he looks just like Troy," junior safety Rich Coady said. "He runs in the same style."

## Soccer resumes Lone Star tour with Big 12 foes Baylor, Texas Tech

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The Texas A&M Soccer Team continues their tour of Texas this weekend when they travel to Waco and Lubbock to face Big 12 Conference foes Baylor (8-3, 5-2) and Texas Tech (5-8, 4-4).

"We have to win these two games to win the conference," senior midfielder Bryn Blalack said. "They are both really good teams that we respect. We have to come out, play our game and try to come out with the win."

The last time the Aggies faced the Bears was in last year's Big 12 championship. It took the Aggies overtime to overcome the powerful leg of Baylor forward Courtney Saunders and the rest of the Bear offense. In that game Saunders scored three goals in the losing effort.

Saunders, whose seven goals and three assists rank her fourth in the Big 12, poses the largest threat to A&M's defense. A&M's play has

been solid this season, outscoring opponents 33-8 and recording six shutouts in 12 games. The Aggies will have to continue that trend in order to come out of Waco with yet another victory.

On the road, the Aggies

have become a much more cohesive unit on and off the field and will hope to improve their 4-1 record away from the Aggie Soccer complex.

"It's a lot easier to play here with our fans and the crowd support.

Being on the road has really helped," Blalack said. "I think as far as team bonding and stuff like that, you do a lot of that on the road and that has been good for the whole team."

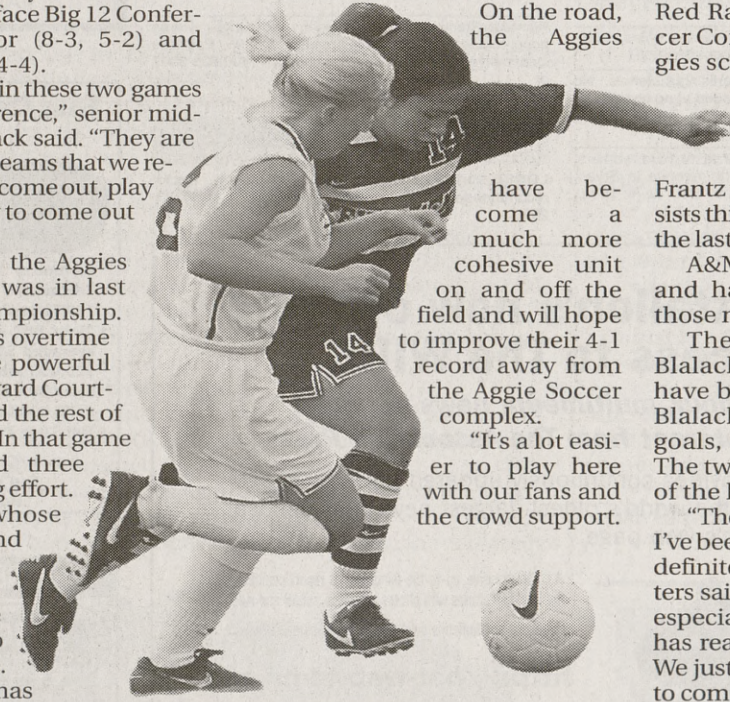
Last season A&M routed the Red Raiders 8-2 at the Aggie Soccer Complex. In that game the Aggies scored within the first 40 seconds of the game and led 7-0 at the half.

The Red Raiders are led by sophomore forward Kristi Frantz who has 12 goals and five assists this season. The game will mark the last home game for Texas Tech.

A&M leads the career series 3-0 and has outscored Tech 16-3 in those meetings.

The Aggies will be led by Blalack and Alison Peters who have both had the hot foot lately. Blalack leads the Aggies with 11 goals, followed by Peters with 6. The two have combined for 13 out of the last 16 Aggie goals.

"The team seems really cohesive. I've been on a lot of teams and this is definitely one of the most fun," Peters said. "We are all really together, especially lately. Being on the road has really been a good experience. We just do our best and try our best to come out on top."



## Golfers head to Dallas for annual Red River Classic

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The No. 24-ranked Texas A&M Golf Team will travel to Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas to compete in the annual Red River Classic, on Monday. This tournament is in conjunction with the Texas-OU weekend ceremonies in the Dallas area.

The Aggies will enter this tournament with some added momentum. They are coming off a third place finish in the Missouri Bluffs Intercollegiate Tournament two weeks ago. Against a highly ranked field, junior Ty Cox finished fourth and senior Miguel del Angel tied for sixth.

"I was pleased in the most part with how we played," said Head Coach Bob Ellis in a press release. "We had two players finish in the Top 10. It was a real solid tournament for them. We wanted to win but I'm not totally disappointed. We are moving in the right direction."

In Dallas, the Ags will once again face a nationally tough field. Some of the favorites include fifth-ranked Wake Forest, seventh-ranked Arizona, ninth-ranked Texas and No. 11-ranked Houston. The Ags may also have to face an even tougher opponent, mother nature. Rain and wind is a definite possibility, but the Ags feel that practicing in those kind of weather conditions all week long has prepared them for anything.

"Even though its been raining and gloomy, that is the kind of stuff that our guys like," said Assistant Coach John Knauer. "They like to get out and practice in the slop. If

the weather conditions are bad, then we have been practicing in it all week. If the conditions are sunny, well, then we already know how to play in that."

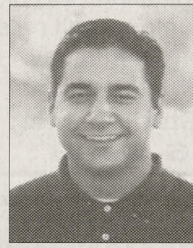
The course at Brookhaven is one that is expected to dish out low scores.

The winner last year shot 30 under par and the Aggies finished eight despite finishing 12 under par.

The lineup for the Ags will definitely consist of del Angel, Cox, and junior Ryan Palmer. The other two positions will be decided between junior Matt Welch, sophomores Casey Cronin and Lee Reed and freshmen Clay Fullick. The week of rain has delayed the lineup selection, but any one of those players are perfectly capable of having a great tournament.

"We are just really excited about playing such a strong field," said Knauer. "The guys are really fired up. At the beginning of the year, they talked a lot of hope about how they want to do this and they want to do that. Well, now they are starting to realize those a little bit. We got a couple of tournaments behind us to where we are ready to roll. Things are real confident."

With the Texas football team struggling and the Aggie golfers rolling, the weekend in Dallas could be a most enjoyable one for the A&M faithful.



**del Angel**

## The Battalion's 1997 Staff Picks

The Match-Ups	Chris Ferrell	Paul Mitchell	Jeremy Furtick	Kristina Buffin	Jamie Burch	Matt Mitchell	Stephen Boudreau	Travis Dabney	Margaux Harris	Len Callaway	Jeff Schmidt	Jeff Webb	Jason Whitcomb	Consensus
#15 Texas A&M (-32)	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Iowa St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Iowa St.	Texas A&M	Iowa St.	Texas A&M: Last 5-0 start was 1994
Nebraska (-38) @ Baylor	Nebraska	Nebraska	Baylor	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Baylor	Nebraska: Baylor's latest butt-woopin'
Colorado (-3) @ #20 OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	OSU	Colorado	Colorado: We'll see if OSU is for real
#22 Kansas St. (NL)	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.: The Big 11...and Mizou
(-4) vs. Oklahoma*	Oklahoma	Texas	Oklahoma	Texas	Oklahoma	Texas	Texas	Oklahoma	Texas	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Texas	Texas	Texas: This game is pure emotion
Texas Tech (-9)	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Kansas	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Kansas	Texas Tech	Kansas	Texas Tech	Kansas	Texas Tech	Texas Tech: They still have some legal players
#14 LSU (NL)	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	LSU	Florida	Florida	LSU	Florida	Florida	Florida	Air Force	Florida: Gators win the battle of bayous
#2 Penn St. (-6.5)	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Penn St.: Loser is out of Big 10 race
#9 Tennessee (-10)	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Georgia	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee: Vols still playing for SEC crown
Air Force @ Navy (-1)	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Navy	Air Force	Air Force	Navy	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force: Lightning strikes in Annapolis
Redskins (NL)	Redskins	Redskins	Cowboys	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Cowboys	Redskins	Redskins	Cowboys	Cowboys	Redskins	Cowboys	Redskins: If Boys are for real, it's time to show it
at Vikings (-4)	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Panthers	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Panthers	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings: Surprise team of the NFC
Week	9-3	6-6	7-5	4-8	6-6	5-7	9-3	5-7	6-6	0-0	5-7	4-8	5-7	76-80: Jeff Webb needs your help
ulative	34-25-1	30-29-1	28-31-1	30-29-1	27-32-1	28-31-1	35-24-1	29-30-1	27-32-1	0-0-0	12-12	22-37-1	27-32-1	370-362-12: Luckily we're not gamblers

\*at Cotton Bowl NOTE: The Battalion Staff will be picking against the betting line this semester. We in no way encourage any illegal wagering with the use of these betting lines, they are presented solely for entertainment purposes.