

Campbell catches on

A&M's Daniel Campbell is one-half of dynamic duo



Senior tight end **Daniel Campbell** makes a block against a University of Southern Mississippi player. **Campbell** has two catches for 16 yards this season.

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The Battalion

Daniel Campbell has great hands and excellent blocking ability, but the one thing the Texas A&M senior tight end does not have, a victory against a top-five team, just might be what he wants most.

"As far as beating somebody that is considered a national powerhouse, there's nobody on this team that wants it worse than I do," Campbell said. "It takes one win over a big team, and then you're rolling. For a while, Florida State and Nebraska could never win the big game, and now look at them."

Campbell, at 6 foot 5 inches and about 260 pounds, has come a long

way since his freshman year at A&M, when he weighed only 227 pounds and considered himself a one-dimensional player.

"I could always catch the ball; that's what got me into college, because I couldn't block worth anything," Campbell said. "Now my blocking has finally come along; it's actually my strong suit."

A&M tight end coach Tam Hollingshead pointed out several reasons for Campbell's improved blocking.

"He's worked extremely hard developing his body and strength," Hollingshead said. "The second thing is he wasn't even asked to be a blocker in high school, so when he got here and actually started concentrating on

being a tight end, that contributed to his improvement."

Derrick Spiller, the Aggies' main receiving tight end, said he enjoys sharing the spotlight with Campbell. The two comprise what is considered to be one of the top tight end duos in the country.

"I get my catches, he gets his, and everybody's happy," Spiller said. "He brings a lot of enthusiasm to the team, and he's just a really good player, so it's good to have somebody like that."

Although he does not get as many opportunities as Spiller, Hollingshead said Campbell is widely regarded as one of the team's most dependable receivers.

"Daniel has great ball-catching ability, and he catches the ball in the clutch, so from that standpoint, we like to throw the football to him," Hollingshead said.

Campbell, who had a career-long 37-yard reception against the University of Texas last year, said he prides himself on being a go-to receiver.

"If it's third and five, I'll get us a first down, that's how I feel about it," Campbell said. "I can do that for this team."

With Nebraska looming on the Aggies' schedule, Campbell knows he will have at least one more chance to beat a top-five team before his college career is over.

If it does not happen for him and his team Campbell said he will still have many fond memories of his years in Aggieland, with one standing out in particular.

"When we came from behind to win against Oklahoma State last year, that was huge," he said. "I can't even explain the feeling that everybody had when that happened."

Campbell said he will miss a lot of things about college football, but most of all he will miss the feeling he gets before a big game.

"You look up and see the crowd, and you just can't believe how many fans are there to see the game," he said. "And with all the fans we've got, you can't beat being out there at Kyle Field. That's the greatest feeling."

Harriers' teams ranked in

The Texas A&M Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams returned from Hattiesburg, Miss., this weekend with team championships at the Southern Mississippi Invitational despite holding back many of their top varsity runners.

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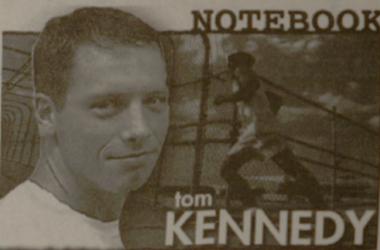
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Too Easy

With the men and women sweeping the cross country titles this weekend, coach Dave Hartman said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"They ran real well," Hartman said. "We had a lot of freshmen compete, and they stepped up."

Both teams seemed to be running as if they had no competition at all, easily handling the other teams in the field.

The men had their best team score of the season, placing all five scorers in the top 10 and winning with a total of 28 points — 31 points ahead of second place Southern Mississippi.

Freshman Brandon Beasley covered the hilly 5000-meter course in 15 minutes, 46 seconds to lead the Aggies with a third-place finish.

Freshman Chris Lee came in three seconds later to take fourth place.

Freshman Brian Oubre came in at 15:58 and sophomore Mike Hummel finished in 16:01 to take sixth and seventh place, respectively.

Sophomore Chuck Cusimano capped off the scoring with an eighth place finish with a time of 16:08.

Also placing in the top 20 were freshmen Mike Sovinsky, placing 14th with a time of 16:37, and Aaron Henrikson, placing 20th, with a time of 17:04.

The women did equally well, winning with a total of 31 points.

Freshman Kristy Bonn took third place, finishing the 5000-meter run in 19:21.

Freshman Katy Gilstrap crossed the line four seconds later to finish in fourth place.

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