

Ags get ready for Sooners



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Senior cornerback **Jason Webster** tackles University of Kansas receiver **Mike Chandler** in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game at Kyle Field.

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AL LAZARUS

The Texas A&M Football Team (5-1, 2-1 Big 12) will take on the University of Oklahoma (3-2, 1-1 Big 12) Saturday in Norman, Okla. The game is set for 6 p.m. and will be nationally televised by Fox Sports Net.

OU/A&M Facts

In their three meetings as Big 12 conference members, the Aggies have outscored the Sooners, 113-23. A&M leads the all-time series between the teams, 9-8, and has won four consecutive games against OU.

Saturday's contest is OU's homecoming game. The Sooners have not played in Norman since Sept. 18, when they defeated Baylor, 41-10. After a road victory

over Louisville the next week, OU went on to lose at Notre Dame and in Dallas against Texas.

McCown Eyes Record

After passing for a career-best 362 yards against Kansas, quarterback Randy McCown is averaging 254.7 passing yards per game. With 1,528 passing yards through six games, McCown is well within reach of the A&M single-season passing-yards record of 2,463, set by Kevin Murray in 1986.

The senior is third in the Big 12 and No. 16 in the nation in total offense, averaging 275.3 yards per game.

Kitchens: A Household Name

For the fourth straight week, A&M place-kicker Terence Kitchens is the nation's top field-goal kicker, averaging 2.5 field goals per game. ESPN.com ranks the Aggie junior No. 2 in the nation behind Florida State's Sebastian Janikowski.

Offense Heats Up

After racking up 522 yards against the Jayhawks, the Aggies face another suspect

defense Saturday against OU. The Sooners are 76th in the nation in total defense, allowing opponents 381.6 yards per game.

But unlike KU, Oklahoma has the type of offense that can make up for defensive mistakes. The Sooners' passing offense is sixth in the nation, averaging 336.4 yards per game.

"They have a high-octane offense," A&M offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe said of the Sooners. "We're going to have to score some points to win."

Kragthorpe said he was happy with the Aggies' performance against KU but is still looking for more.

"We're never satisfied," he said. "There's no doubt that we can improve in a lot of different areas."

Injury Update

Running back Dante Hall is doubtful for Saturday's game after spraining his ankle against the University of Kansas last Saturday.

Linebacker Jason Glenn (sprained ankle) and running back D'Andre "Tiki" Harde-man (groin injury) are expected to play.

Offensive tackle Shea Holder is out for the season with a torn right ACL.

Al Lazarus is a senior journalism major.

Iowa State gets first Big 12 road win against Missouri

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DOUG SHILLING

After five teams took last weekend off, the Big 12 Conference is back to full strength, as all 12 teams face off in conference play this weekend. Three games will be televised this week: the Kansas State-Oklahoma State game at 11:30 a.m. (regional), the

Nebraska-Texas game at 2:30 p.m. (regional), and the A&M-Oklahoma game at 6 p.m. (national).

Running Back by Committee

When Texas Tech running back Ricky Williams went down in the season's first game against Arizona State, questions about the Red Raiders running game arose. Since then, however, the Red Raiders have used a platoon that has served them well so far this season.

Fullback Sammy Morris has returned from academic problems to provide the team with a spark. His 170 yards against then No. 5 Texas A&M led the Red Raiders to

a 21-19 upset win over the Aggies.

Last week against Colorado, another running back stepped up

to help ease the loss of Williams. Freshman Shaud Williams torched the Buffaloes for 230 yards on 22 carries, an average of 11 yards per rush, in Tech's 31-10 win.

It was the best rushing performance by a freshman and the 11th best rushing performance in Tech history. With the combined rushing of Morris and Williams, the Red Raiders sit



SHAUD WILLIAMS

in a three-way tie for first place in the Big 12 South with Texas and Texas A&M.

One for the Road...Finally

When Iowa State defeated Missouri in Columbia, Mo., on Saturday, it did something it hadn't done since it was a member of the Big Eight — it won a conference game on the road.

The 24-21 win over the Tigers was the first road win in conference play for the Cyclones since Nov. 2, 1991, when they defeated the Tigers 23-22.

Iowa State used 111 yards from running back Darren Davis to over-

come a 14-0 first quarter deficit and record its landmark win.

Before last Saturday, Iowa State's road record as a member of the Big 12 was a miserable 0-13.

Odds and Ends

Colorado had won six straight games in the state of Texas until losing to Texas Tech last Saturday...With its fourth win of the season, Iowa State has the most victories in a season since 1992. It also marks the earliest in a season ISU has recorded four wins since 1986.

For the second time this season, Kansas' defense held its op-

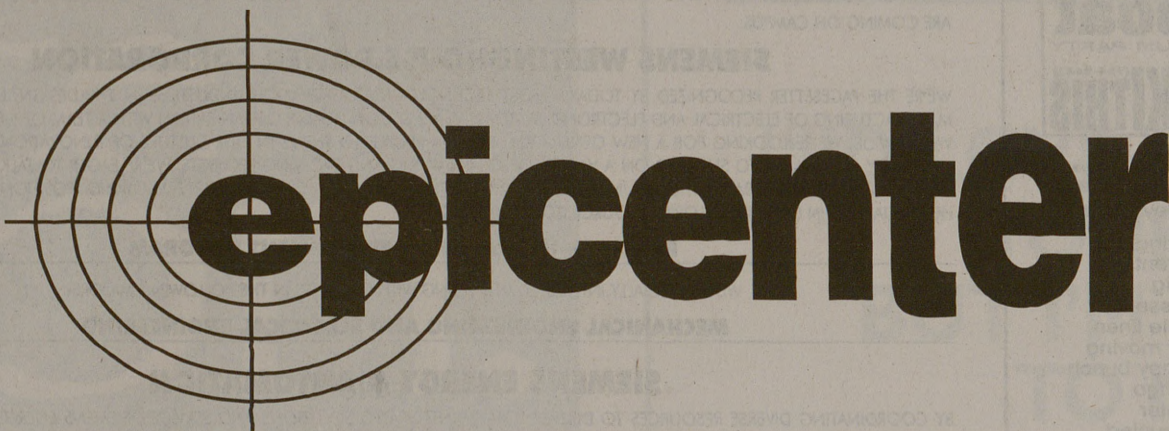
ponent scoreless in the first quarter...Kansas State, with its win

over Utah State last Saturday, has started 6-0 for the second consecutive season under the direction of head coach Bill Snyder and for the third time in his 11-year tenure.

Missouri quarterback Jim Dougherty passed for 303 yards against Iowa State, the first time a Tiger quarterback has passed for 300 yards since 1994...Texas Tech has won eight consecutive homecoming games with its victory over Colorado Saturday.

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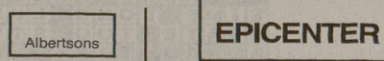
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