

THE BATTALION

Injury ends Jason Glenn's Aggie career



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Jason Glenn's A&M career ended prematurely with a knee injury in Saturday's game against No. 1 Oklahoma. The senior linebacker was not

only a playmaker, but was also the emotional leader of the Wrecking Crew throughout the 2000 season.

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The emotional leader of Texas A&M's Wrecking Crew defense will be forced to watch the last two games of his Aggie career from the sideline.

Linebacker Jason Glenn will undergo a season-ending surgery Thursday to repair a ruptured lateral tendon and a lateral collateral ligament in his left knee.

"Losing Jason Glenn really hurts," said A&M coach R.C. Slocum. "He was a very productive player in addition to being the emotional leader of our defense."

Glenn injured his knee early in the fourth quarter in A&M's near-upset of No. 1 Oklahoma Saturday. Before leaving the game, Glenn had an interception and broke up a pair of passes.

The A&M medical staff believed the injury to be merely a sprain, leaving Slocum hopeful that Glenn would return before the Aggies' post-Thanksgiving matchup against Texas. An MRI administered Monday revealed the tendon and ligament were torn, not sprained.

This season Glenn leads the Aggies with 15 tackles, for losses of 56 yards, and five sacks. He also has two interceptions and has broken up 13 passes.

The senior from Houston Nimitz High School has never had a breakout season in which he dominated the Wrecking Crew's defensive statistics, but he has always been a playmaker and an emotional spark-plug for the Aggies.

His timely plays over his career, including upsets over three Top-10 opponents at Kyle Field, were highlighted against No. 10 Kansas State earlier this season.

The outside linebacker lined up to blitz and then backpedaled to intercept KSU's first pass of the game. Glenn went on an end-zone-seeking run that spanned the width of the field. He avoided one tackle, broke out of another and hurdled a third before being brought down just 4 yards short of the goal line. The play turned the momentum in A&M's favor and propelled the Aggies to a 26-10 win.

All through his career, he has been a Kyle Field favorite, easily recognizable as the maroon-clad No. 23, waving his arms up and down from the middle of the field and working the stadium into a frenzy.

Glenn may be unable to conclude his season on the field, but he plans to finish his career at A&M by continuing to provide his flamboyant, hold-nothing-back attitude from the sideline.

Aggie Sports Night

Wednesday

Volleyball (vs. Baylor)
- G. Rollie White, 6 p.m.
- 25c soda night

Basketball (Exhibition)
- Reed Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- \$2 admission with volleyball ticket

Basketball concludes preseason

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A&M coach Melvin Watkins has just one more game to groom his young roster into a winning team before it counts for good.

The Aggies close their exhibition season against a touring team from Lithuania tonight at 7 in Reed Arena.

"The difficult part of playing exhibition games against these foreign teams is that you never really know who will show up to play for them as far as personnel," Watkins said. "But we tend to focus more on what we're doing and our personnel, anyway. We want to continue to work out the bugs and improve on both ends of the court and, in our case, get some people healthy."

At least three starters from 1999 will miss the game due to injuries, but Watkins expects point guard Jamaal Gilchrist to return to the court.

A&M will launch its 30-plus game season Saturday at George Washington before returning to Reed Arena to play North Texas on Monday.

Aggie women's first game mixes new and old

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Texas A&M women's basketball kicked off the 2000 season with an 88-77 exhibition win over Delta Kosice-Slovakia in Reed Arena Tuesday night.

A&M claimed the early lead, jumping out to a 14-4 lead and afterward never letting up on the attack. To start the second half, the Aggies posted eight unanswered points, giving them a comfortable 52-38 lead to play with for the remainder of the contest.

A&M's biggest weakness was defense as it allowed 18 offensive rebounds. The Aggies were

able to slightly better Delta Kosice's performance on the board with 18 offensive rebounds out of their 43 total boards, but coach Peggie Gillom expected better defense from the team.

"We did not play great defense tonight," Gillom said. "I told (the team) if we did not play great defense, we would not win games. But if we pick that up, I think we'll be all right."

A&M's offense was a complete contrast to the defense — the starters dominated the floor.



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Forward Jaynetta Saunders and post Lynn Classen posted double-doubles, in addition to guard Brandy Jones' 26 points and point guard Toccara Williams' 17 assists.

Saunders scored 21 points with 10 rebounds, and Classen had 17 points with 11 boards. LaToya Rose added 17 points from the Aggies' third guard position to make Williams the only starter not scoring more than 10 points.

The Slovakian team was led by center Hana Jendrichovska, with 37 points and 13 boards. She was one of just two members of her team to score in double figures. Two of the Slovakian starters fouled out early in the second half.

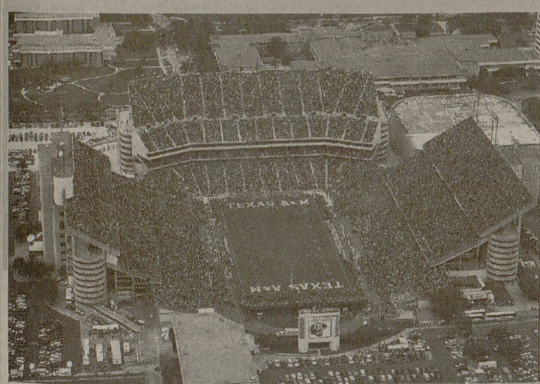
Williams' 17 assists and Jendrichovska's 37 points surpassed the regular-season records in Reed Arena but will not stand because the exhibition match is considered unofficial.

Williams, a true freshman, played 36 minutes at point guard with four steals, a block and five points, in addition to her would-be assists record.

"That's what she's shown us in practice," Gillom said. "She's going to have to play those kind of minutes, and she did that tonight."

Twelve Aggies saw action Tuesday, but true freshman Latoshia Bailey was the only nonstarter to score, with a pair of points and three boards.

THANK YOU, STUDENTS!



With 87,188 fans Saturday, Texas A&M again set the mark for the largest football crowd in State-of-Texas history.

"Here we are in College Station, Texas, home of the best fans in college football."

--Chris Fowler
ESPN Gameday

Thanks to you, the nation was able to see the class act that is Texas A&M University. The Texas A&M Athletics Department wants to extend its sincere thanks to you for supporting our team and displaying good sportsmanship. It is you who earn us the reputation of having the best college football atmosphere in the nation. Gig 'Em, Aggies!

"I've been to a lot of places over the years, but I've not been to one where the crowd is any more involved than our crowd is here."
--R.C. Slocum
Head Coach

TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS

Bonfire Remembrance Ceremony

November 17, 2:42 a.m.

The MSC will provide a positive environment for students to gather and share in the Aggie Spirit. Prior to the ceremony, a wide variety of free, constructive activities are planned and professional counseling will be available.

•Dominoes, Cards, and Food
9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
MSC Hullabaloo

•Free Bowling and Pool
9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
MSC Basement

•Crafts: Painting and Card Center
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
MSC 212

•MSC Tours
Every Thirty Minutes
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

•Ceremony Cards
MSC Hallway
MSC Flagroom
Rudder Fountain

•Scripture and Prayer Service
University Lutheran Chapel
315 College Main, 12:42 a.m.

•Bonfire Remembrance Prayer Vigil
12:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Catholic Center
603 Church Avenue

•"Fearless Witness"
Baptist Student Ministry
Saturday, November 18
Call 846-7722

•Forrest Gump & Bonfire Benefit Concert
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Rudder Auditorium

•Camaraderie Breakfast
11:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
MSC 12th Man

•Bingo
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
MSC 224

•Vocal Performances
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
MSC Flagroom

•Poetry Reading:
Poems from
Last November
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
MSC Flagroom

•Wesley Foundation
7:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.
201 Tauber Street
Pastor Available

•Bonfire Service
Thursday, November 16
at the Bonfire Site
Episcopal Student Center & Episcopal Churches of Bryan and College Station

