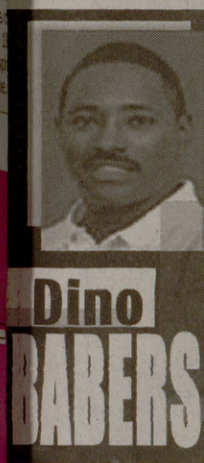


Slocum hires Arizona's Babers as offensive coordinator



Coaching Career

1998-2000	Arizona	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
1995-97	Arizona	Assistant Head Coach / Running Backs/ Wide Receivers
1994	San Diego State	Wide Receivers
1991-93	Purdue	Wide Receivers
1990	Ill. Arizona	Special Teams/ Defensive Backs
1988-89	UNLV	Special Teams/ Running Backs
1987	E. Illinois	Running Backs

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Less than two weeks after Aggie football's offensive brain trust dissipated for an NFL future, coach R.C. Slocum announced Dino Babers as Texas A&M's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

"Dino Babers has a lot of experience, and I like the fact he has coached running backs, wide receivers and quarterbacks," Slocum said. "He has a great deal of offensive expertise and I think he will continue to develop our offense."

Babers spent six years at Arizona, three as their offensive coordinator, before coming to A&M. He also coached running backs, wide receivers and quarterbacks.

"I'm excited to be at Texas A&M and I look forward to working with R.C. Slocum and the Aggie coaches," Babers said. "I'm anxious to

meet the players, and I look forward to getting started."

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Wildcats. The 'Cats averaged 253 yards through the air and 218 on the ground.

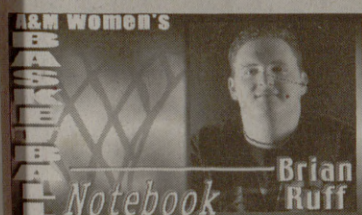
In Babers' first season as the offensive coordinator (1998), the Wildcats boasted a 1,000-yard rusher, two 1,000-yard passers and two wide receivers who caught a combined 121 balls.

Babers has been coaching since 1987. He graduated in 1994 from the University of Hawaii where he played running back, outside linebacker and strong safety.

Upon graduation he was signed by the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League, but was injured in his first season. He returned to Hawaii as a graduate assistant and launched his coaching career.

Babers fills the second A&M coaching vacancy this spring, joining running backs coach Ken Rucker.

Aggies' losing streak stands at seven games



Notebook
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dropped the struggling Aggies, 67-54. Senior guard Brandy Jones gave A&M the only bright spot of the night when she hit a 3-pointer to give her 1,002 points for her career, becoming the 15th Aggie to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

The Aggies (12-12, 2-11 in Big 12 play) will travel to Kansas State today to take on the Wildcats and will close out the week with a trip to Iowa State on Saturday.

The Wildcats, like the Aggies, have struggled of late and are also trying to end a losing streak.

The Cyclones of Iowa State are trying to stay in the race for the Big 12 championship, but after losing to Colorado on Wednesday, may need some help.

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Ags head to Manhattan to take on Wildcats

By BRIAN RUFF
The Battalion

The Texas A&M women's basketball team today looks to stop a seven-game losing streak that has lasted more than a month.

The Aggies (12-12, 2-11 in Big 12 play) will travel to Manhattan, Kan., to take on the Kansas State Wildcats, who find themselves in the cellar of the Big 12 conference with a 1-12 record.

The Aggies last saw the win column Jan. 20, when A&M knocked off the No. 25 Baylor Bears at Reed Arena.

The Aggies hope to rebound from a 67-54 loss to the No. 19 Colorado Buffaloes on Saturday at Reed Arena.

Senior guard Brandy Jones recorded 11 points, giving her 1,002 for her career and making her the 15th Aggie to reach the 1,000-point mark.

"That says a lot for Brandy," said A&M women's basketball coach Peggie Gillom. "I think it will lift her up. She has been down a little bit, but I think the only thing that will lift her up will be a win."

Kansas State (11-13, 1-12) comes into the game after being dropped by the Nebraska Cornhuskers, 77-69, in Manhattan on Saturday.

The Wildcats were led by senior guard Kim Woodlee, who hit four 3-pointers against the Huskers to give her 276 treys for her career.

The mark set a new Big 12 career record for 3-pointers, surpassing the previous record of 274.

The Aggies last faced off with the Wildcats on Jan. 15, 2000 when K-State handed A&M a five-point loss at Reed Arena.

A&M sophomore post Lynn Classen tied a school record for blocks in a game with five against the Wildcats.

Senior forward Jaynetta Saunders leads the Aggies this season with 22.3 points per game.

Saunders also has seven double-doubles on the season and has tallied six 30-point-plus outings against Big 12 opponents this season.

Saunders ranks second in the Big 12 in scoring and is sixth in the nation. Tip off is set for 7:05 p.m.

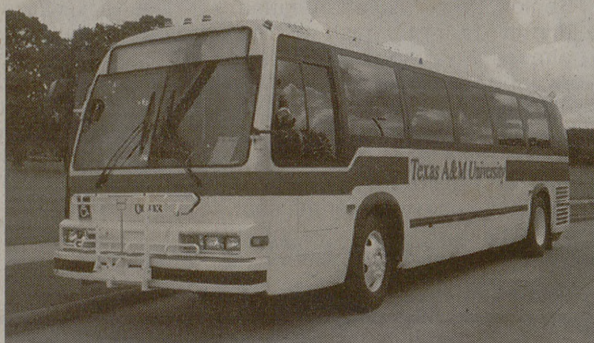


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A&M freshman guard Toccara Williams goes up for a shot against Texas Tech University. The Aggies will play at Kansas State today at 7 p.m.

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