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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Moscovic named player of the week

A&M senior setter Jenna Moscovic was named the Big 12 Volleyball Player of the Week on Monday.

Moscovic was a force on the offensive and defensive fronts, recording back-to-back triple-doubles while directing the Aggies to five-game road victories against Houston and Missouri.

Moscovic recorded the second triple-double of her career and the first by an Aggie this season with a career-high 12 kills, 50 assists and 14 digs against the Cougars. She also posted a match-high .500 hitting percentage at Houston with only two errors in 20 attempts.

In the Aggies' Big 12 opening victory at Missouri, Moscovic came within one block of completing her first quadruple-double. The All-America candidate posted 10 kills, a season-high 16 digs and a career-high nine blocks. In addition, Moscovic tallied 63 assists to surpass the 4,000 assists milestone.

For the week, Moscovic paced the Aggies with a .413 hitting percentage and 11.30 assists, 1.30 blocks, 2.20 kills and 3.00 digs per game. This season, she is averaging 13.03 assists, 2.03 kills, 3.00 digs and 0.68 blocks per game and leads A&M with a .393 hitting percentage.

Moscovic and the Aggies (8-1, 1-0) return to action Wednesday when they play host to the Baylor Bears (8-2, 0-2) at 7 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

## Aggie 'O' could use Slocum speech



BRIAN RUFF

Texas A&M football fans should have no doubt about the influence football head coach R.C. Slocum has on his team. Slocum put the hammer down on the Aggie defense before the Oklahoma State game, and the defense responded.

The rejuvenated Aggie defense flew across the field and made sure the poor soul chosen to carry the ball for OSU was met with a substantial amount of force before they hit the ground.

With the 0-2 University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish coming onto Kyle Field on Saturday desperately needing a win, the Aggie offense must find the fire-cracker that set off the defense against OSU.

Sixty-four yards. That is how many rushing yards the Oklahoma State offense had Saturday. Not many teams with production like that will win a game without a gun-sliding quarterback with a 450-yard passing day.

There was no way OSU quarterback Aso Pogi could have that kind of day when the Wrecking Crew racked up six sacks and continually planted Pogi on his back just after he got rid of the ball.

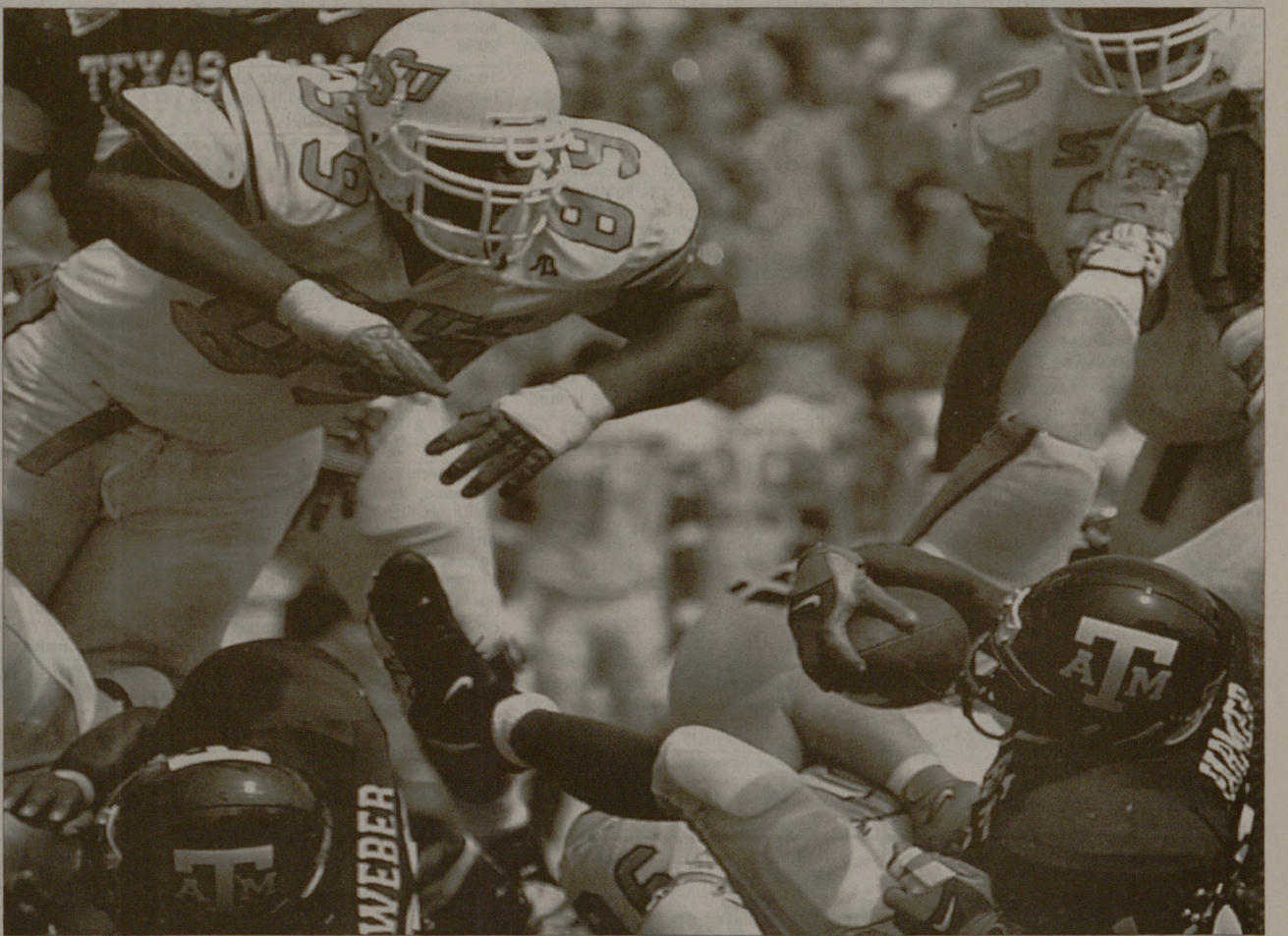
The Aggie defense allowed the OSU offense to convert only two of 16 third-down conversion attempts, and could easily have posted a shutout if the Cowboys had not been the benefactor of a short field after they intercepted a tipped pass and returned it to the A&M 10-yard line.

With the defense understanding what it takes to play hard, there should be no problems handling the Irish when they come to Kyle Field for the first time.

Hopefully, this week, Slocum will talk to the offensive unit the same way he talked to the defense last week.

Junior quarterback Mark Farris mustered only 92 yards Saturday, a far cry from the 34-yard mark he put up against Wyoming on Sept. 6. Granted, Oklahoma State may be a better team, but Farris and the offense need to find their problems, or let Slocum point them out before Notre Dame comes to town.

Redshirt freshman Keith Joseph should be recovered from a nagging shoulder injury, and the Aggies have found a new, offensive light for the future in true



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A&M freshman running back Derek Farmer gets knocked down by Oklahoma State's Lawaylon Brown during Saturday's

21-7 win at Kyle Field. The Aggies will need a stronger offensive showing in every category to beat Notre Dame.

freshman Derek Farmer, who ran the ball well against the Cowboys in his first college football game.

Farmer's day, in which he posted 50 yards in 10 carries, was the only bright spot for the Aggie offense and was marred only by a fumble inside the OSU five-yard line.

If Slocum and his coaching crew can repeat the extraordinary tutelage they gave to the defense for the

offense, then the Irish may start their season 0-3.

A win this weekend would give the Aggies all the momentum they need to make waves in the Big 12 conference while heading into a crucial road schedule.

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