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## Men's golf heads to Red River

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The Texas A&M men's golf team travels to Dallas today to compete in the Red River Classic with a two-fold mission — to erase memories of last year's No. 12 finish at the tournament and to improve on their disappointing showing at the Tucker Invitational last month.

Last year at the Red River Classic, the University of Southern California took the team title, and the Aggies finished 27 strokes back.

There is motivation to improve on that finish. But more importantly to the Aggies is bettering their fourteenth-place showing at the Tucker Invitational.

"Expectations were really high for our first tournament," said Stephen Reed, a sophomore general studies major. "I think with all the expectations, we may have come

out and not focused as much on our shots. We got rattled, and golf isn't a game that you can play well when you're rattled. I would definitely say we were disappointed. We have guys with good experience."

"I think things are so much different than last year," said Dwayne Morley, a junior business management major. "Last year, we played a defensive style, not trying to make any mistakes. This year, coach tells us to go out and fire at every pin and be as aggressive as you can. It's an adjustment."

Morley and Reed led the Aggies in scoring at the Tucker Invitational. Morley finished in a tie for 37th and Reed in a tie for 46th.

Senior Sean Gilliland and freshman Rand Arbuckle were six strokes behind Reed in a tie for 73rd, and senior Clay Fullick tied for 98th place.

The Aggies have a new coach this year in J.T. Higgins, who left the University of New Mexico over the summer to become the

head coach at A&M. Higgins advanced the NCAA Championships twice in his years at New Mexico and brought with him high expectations.

Reed said that also might explain the performance at the Tucker.

"People expected a lot of this because of coach coming down here, he'd been in the top 20 almost every year he'd been coaching," Reed said. "I didn't focus as much on playing, we were a little worried. You've just got to strike ball and move on."

To finish better at the Red River Classic this week, Reed and Morley will have to play well and begin to fill leadership roles on the team.

"I feel like we're two guys that need to lead on the course, because you can't really count on us," Morley said.

The Red River Classic begins today at the Dallas Athletic Club with 36 holes and finishes with 18 holes on Tuesday.

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back Jonathan Golden in the backfield, pushing back the Bears one yard to the two. On the ensuing play, the Aggie defense looked to shut down the Baylor short-yardage crew again, but the Aggies were called for illegal participation and gave the Bears another shot on second down from just outside the goalline.

If not for the penalty, the Wrecking Crew's momentum might have stopped the drive there, but Baylor's Golden found the endzone on the next play on a toss to the left side.

That would be the only touchdown the Aggie defense would allow the Bears to put on the board.

"They came in here and were really motivated," said

junior linebacker Brian Gamble. "We played solid, but we didn't really dominate."

Despite the play of the Aggie defense, they were still forced to come through on the biggest play of the game and possibly save the season. They also had to do it on back-to-back plays, each time facing defeat.

After the Aggies failed to convert on a 48-yard field goal that would have sealed the Aggie victory, the Wrecking Crew walked on the field and were asked to make one more stop.

With just 1:36 left on the game clock, and the Bears with no timeouts remaining, Baylor quarterback Greg Cicero moved the ball down the field, connecting on sideline passes to allow the Bears to position themselves for a chance to find the endzone.

On first and 10 from the

A&M 40-yard line, Cicero lofted the ball into the endzone, where junior wide receiver Reggie Newhouse went up with A&M cornerback Sammy Davis. Newhouse had the ball initially, but Davis would get a late hand on the ball, and knocked it from the Baylor receiver and saved the game.

On the following play, the Aggie defense would be tested once again in almost the exact same spot as the previous battle for the ball. Cicero put the ball high into the air again, and with all but three defensive players back in coverage, a mass of Baylor and A&M players gathered in the endzone, all wanting to come down with the desperation pass.

At that moment, Kyle Field was silent, until the official found Gentry with the ball, and signaled the touchback,

with no time left on the clock.

"We are not very satisfied," Gamble said. "We didn't play near the caliber of the last two games. We need to look at what we did and continue to improve."

Leading the Aggie defense for the third week in a row was Penright, who has seven sacks in the last three contests. Against the Bears Penright recorded three sacks and continually put pressure on Cicero who put the ball into the air for the Bears.

"Overall, we were playing pretty solid defense," said A&M football head coach R. Slocum. "They are a much better team. I knew they would come here and play well."

The Aggie defense will need to play well next week as the Aggies travel to Boulder, Colo., to take on the Colorado Buffaloes.

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