

Sports

Freshman aims at Aggie records



The No. 24 Texas A&M football team will travel to Lubbock to take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders Saturday at 1 p.m. The Aggies (7-1, 4-1) are coming off a 24-21 home win over the Iowa State Cyclones. Tech (4-3, 2-3) comes into the game after thrashing the Baylor Bears 63-19 in Waco last weekend.

The Aggies lead the all-time series with the Red Raiders 33-25-1. Since the Big 12 conference was formed, Tech leads with a 3-2 advantage. The Aggies defeated the Red Raiders in 2001 by a 33-15 mark.

Murphy making his mark

Freshman wide receiver Terrence Murphy has a shot at the record books in his first season as an Aggie. Murphy has 27 catches on the season, and has racked up 459 yards and three touchdowns.

With four more recep-



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tions, Murphy will tie the current freshman record of 31 catches set by Richard Osborne in 1972.

In 1991, Brian Mitchell set the freshman receiving yards with 519. Murphy has had two 100-yard receiving games already this season, and has a good shot to eclipse the record against the Red Raiders.

Mitchell, along with running back Leeland McElroy in 1993, both had four touchdown receptions, setting another freshman record.

Murphy also holds single game receiving records in yards and receptions with his performance against the Colorado Buffaloes on Oct. 13.

The Tyler native has moved into the starting position after senior Bethel Johnson and junior Greg Porter were sidelined due to injuries.

Aggies off to another solid start

With the 24-21 win over Iowa State, the Aggies season record improved to 7-1. It is the sixth time the Aggies have started the season 7-1 or better in head coach R.C. Slocum's 13 years at the helm of the Aggie football team.

Prior to Slocum's tenure at A&M, the Aggies have been 7-1 or better just twice after the 1957 season.

No. 14 A&M volleyball squad hosts struggling Oklahoma

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The No. 14 Texas A&M volleyball team hopes to get lots of treats and no tricks as it hosts the Oklahoma Sooners on Halloween night at 7 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies (16-3, 9-2 Big 12) return to action after a week off, still in second place in the Big 12. Oklahoma (2-20, 1-11 Big 12) is in the midst of an 11-match losing skid, which has dropped them to 10th place in the Big 12.

The Sooners' lone conference victory was against Kansas in four games on Sept. 22.

Before their week off, the Aggies dispatched Kansas State and No. 24 Colorado. The victory over Kansas State kept the Wildcats winless at G. Rollie, while the victory over Colorado was A&M's first victory against a ranked opponent this season and improved its record to 11-0 in matches played on the road. It also was the fourth consecutive Big 12 victory for the Aggies, a season high.

A&M senior setter Jenna Moscovic, who leads the nation with four triple-doubles, is the Aggies' leader with a .345 hitting percentage and is ranked nationally with 13.35 assists per game. Senior outside hitter Erin Lechler is the team leader in kills per game with 3.81 and points per game with 4.28.

Senior outside hitter Michelle Cole, who has reached double figures in digs in 17 of 19 matches including a career-high 32 against Kansas State last week, leads the Big 12 with 4.35 digs per game. Freshman middle blocker Melissa Munsch, who set an A&M record for blocks in a Big 12 match with 13 against Colorado, is the team leader in blocks with a 1.03 average.

Oklahoma is coming off a pair of home losses last week to Missouri and Colorado. The Sooners have not taken a game since a 3-1 loss to last-place Iowa State on Oct. 17.

The Aggies return to action this weekend when they travel to Waco on Saturday to face the Baylor Bears at 5 p.m. at the Ferrell Center.



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Senior outside hitter Erin Lechler and the Texas A&M volleyball team will host Oklahoma Sooners at 7 p.m. Wednesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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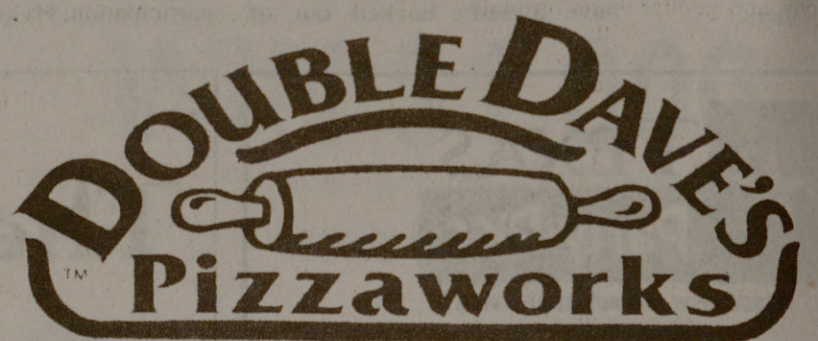
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