

Redemption-hungry Ags head to Tech

No. 24 football squad looks to notch first win in Lubbock since 1993 season



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Junior quarterback **Mark Farris** and the Texas A&M football team will travel to Lubbock to take on Texas Tech at 1 p.m. Saturday.

By **BRIAN RUFF**
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Junior linebacker Brian Gamble has all the motivation he needs going into Saturday's Texas A&M vs. Texas Tech football game. In 1999, the Red Raiders handed the No. 5 Aggies a 21-19 upset in Lubbock.

"A lot of the guys who are on this team made that trip," Gamble said. "It really left a bad taste in our mouth. Their fans rushing the field and tearing down the goal posts and taunting us. We definitely remember that stuff."

Senior linebacker Christian Rodriguez also has memories that he would like to forget

about the 1999 match up.

"The memories I have are sitting on the bus after we lost to them in 1999 and watching their fans walk by with the field goal posts in their hands," Rodriguez said. "I will definitely remember that."

Lubbock has not been a friendly place for the Aggies to play of late.

A&M has not come back from Lubbock with a win since 1993, when the Aggies defeated Tech 31-6.

"Everyone asks why Lubbock is so hard; Lubbock is not hard," said A&M football head coach R.C. Slocum. "It has nothing to do with Lubbock. It is our guys against their guys. We will go out and

see Saturday which group of guys will get it done."

The Aggies are coming off a 24-21 win over the Iowa State Cyclones at Kyle Field. Freshman running back Derek Farmer racked up 133 yards on 17 carries, including a 65-yard game-winning score down the sidelines in the fourth quarter.

The Red Raiders come into the A&M game on the heels of a 63-19 thumping of Baylor in Waco. Tech, who is second in the Big 12 in total offense, racked up 518 yards of offense against the Bears.

Tech's offensive efforts are led by junior quarterback Kliff Kingsbury, who leads the Big 12 in passing with 2,159 yards

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A&M looks to continue UT success

By **JEREMY BROWN**
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It has been a season of ups and downs for the No. 7 Texas Longhorn soccer team. Among those are its first ever Big 12 regular season title and its first top 10 ranking.

Tonight, No. 15 Texas A&M will travel to Austin and attempt to stop the Longhorns from another first — their first win against the Aggies.

A&M (10-3-1, 7-1-1) holds an all-time record of 11-0 against the Longhorns (11-9-0), but this is the best UT team that the Aggies have ever faced.

"The fact that we are 11-0 against them, I am sure that is something circled on their bulletin board," A&M soccer head coach G. Guerrieri said.

While A&M has been a mainstay in the top 25 and has never won less than 14 games, Texas is just now coming onto the national scene.

Texas soccer head coach Chris Petrucelli took Notre Dame to three straight national championship games from 1994 to 1996, winning the national title in 1995. Now he is trying to build the Longhorns into a national power as well, and since being hired in Dec. 1998, he has steadily improved the program. Last year, the Longhorns

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Reveille Invitational opens home season

By **MARK MERELL**
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The Texas A&M men's swimming and diving team opens up their home schedule in an unconventional manner on Friday during the Reveille Invitational at the Student Recreation Center Natatorium. The 2-0 Aggies face off against Southern Methodist University in what should be an entertaining day for both the swimmers and the fans.

"It's a bizarre order of events," said A&M swimming coach Mel Nash. "We have races and we're scoring points, but we have races that have never been contested before in the history of swimming."

Included in this bizarre format will be races such as a

three-man, 900-yard butterfly relay in which each individual swimmer swims three 100-yard butterflys. The purpose of swimming unusual races such as the 900 butterfly relay is not primarily to crown winners and losers, but to provide a grueling workout environment for both teams, one that pushes each of the swimmers to the limit.

"We wanted to have a real tough workout," Nash said. "But you want to get them to do the workout at a higher level so you score it as a meet ... (The races) might not be too fast, but there could be a lot of guts spilled on the deck."

SMU will be competing in their first meet of the season after finishing No. 12 in the nation last year, one spot behind A&M.

Last season the Aggies defeated SMU 145-91 in their only head-to-head matchup of the year. "We always

have pretty good meets," Nash said. "We're pretty close in a lot of things, so it could get some performances out of the guys that are pretty impressive."

The Aggies are coming off of a 154-118 victory over TCU in Fort Worth last Thursday, in which A&M captured seven individual victories by five different swimmers.

Headlining the day for the Aggies was sophomore Scott Mueller, who took gold in the 200 freestyle and the 200 individual medley. Other individual winners included All-Americans Patrick Kennedy and Matt Rose.

The Aggies look to continue their winning ways beginning at 6 p.m. Friday afternoon and again at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. While the meet will be a little out of the ordinary, it should provide a great atmosphere in which to watch swimming. "It's going to be a very unique situation," Nash said. "It could be very entertaining for the crowd."

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