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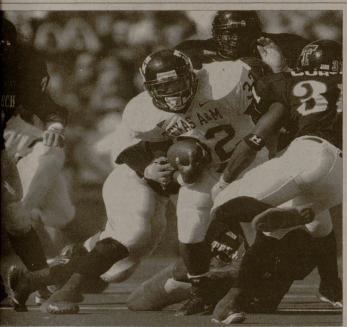
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&M sophomore running back Oschlor Flemming tries to run

## rough the Texas Tech interior line last Saturday. Aggies look to rebound

By TRUE BROWN THE BATTALION

After putting up an offenolonel Winters, suffe ve goose egg against the No. 10 defense in the Big 12 last reekend, the job does not get entire prison system any easier for the Texas A&M ootball team. The Aggies' anemic offense must now Ruffalo (54), who pla square off against the sixthbest defense in the nation on the road in Norman, Okla., als serious talent as against the defending national hampion

te they have seen in University Sooners. e before, The Last 2 A&M (7-2, 4-2 Big 12) has c fare that will not dropped its last two meetings (Grade B) with No. 3 OU (8-1, 4-1), ncluding a 51-6 setback at orman in 1999.

> "They are one of the best ms in the country," said junquarterback Mark Farris. 's not going to be easy to go there and beat them, but I nk we can do it. It will take r best game of the year."

A&M's lack of offensive oduction came to a peak last eek in Lubbock. The Aggies vasted their only two drives OF COLUMBIA NOTE into the Texas Tech red zone with turnovers.

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any Murphy, the ing past the A&M offense. them, I see how much they continue to be strong and work he running game," Stoops

said. "You've got to take away the big plays on them. They have a lot of mobility at receiver and some speed guys who can really run.

Last weekend's scoreless performance was the first for the Aggies since Penn State blanked A&M, 24-0, in the Alamo Bowl in 1999.

"Shutouts hurt a lot," said A&M offensive coordinator Dino Babers. "You put a lot of time in and you expect to be able to find ways to score. We need to let that go because all the opportunities we had are still out there in front of us."

Specifically, the Aggies still control their fate in the Big 12 South division race.

With wins over OU and the University of Texas, A&M would guarantee itself a spot in the Big 12 championship game.

At the same time, the Sooners also control their destiny after having knocked off UT on Oct. 6.

When OU and A&M met last season, the roles were similar. OU came into the game as one of the top teams in the nation while the Aggies were 7-2 and hovering near the bottom spot in the AP Top 25 rankings. The Sooners overcame a 10 point fourth quarter deficit to keep their undefeated streak alive while the Aggies

See REBOUND on page 8.

## Ags down Team Ezybonds

THE BATTALION

If the Texas A&M men's basketball team's performance in it's first exhibition game of the season Thursday is a sign of things to come, the Aggies' season prospects could be looking up.

Six Aggies scored in double figures as A&M raced to an early first half lead and coasted home in the second half, defeating Team Ezybonds, 96-78, at Reed Arena in front of 2,706 fans.

A&M junior guard Bernard King led the six Aggies in double figures with 17 points. Sophomore Nick Anderson chipped in 14 points and senior guard Andy Leatherman added

Freshman guard Daryl Mason and sophomore guard Michael Gardener, each playing in their first game, and junior forward Keith Bean rounded out the Aggies in double digits with 10 each.

"We got a lot of guys in the game," said A&M men's basketball coach Melvin Watkins. "We threw out some different combinations during the game. Quite honestly, we got a little sluggish in the second half. Some of the combinations and some of my substitutions may have helped that, but that's what exhibition games are for."

The Aggies jumped to an 18point lead midway through the first half when a lay-up by Bean made it 28-10. A&M pushed its lead to the largest of the game with 5:58 left in the first half at 39-12 on a lay-up by Mason.

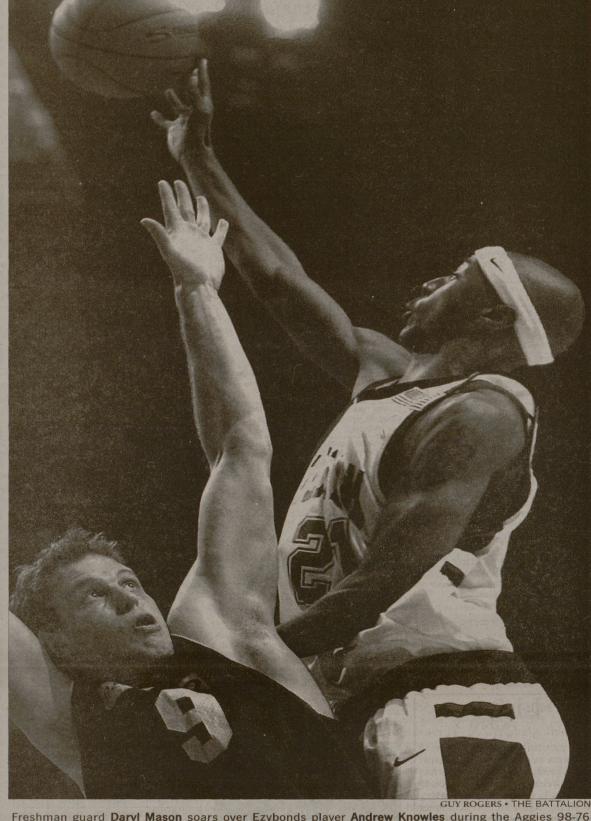
The Aggies maintained the lead for the rest of the half and made it a 55-29 game on a layup by sophomore forward Tomas Ress with no time remaining on the clock

A&M came out in the second half and relaxed, looking uncomfortable playing with the

Team Ezybonds opened the second half with a 20-6 run and cut the lead to 12 with 14:38 to play in the game on a 3-pointer by Jon Croft. Croft exploded in the second half, scoring 25 of his game-high 27 points in the second frame.

Team Ezybonds never got any closer as the Aggies pushed the lead back to 20 points at 84-64 with 6:39 remaining on a tipin by Bean.

An alley-oop layup from King to Mason closed the scoring as the Aggies notched the



victory over the Australian team. Mason netted 10 points for the Aggies in his first collegiate action.

ing, A&M passed the ball extremely well, racking up 33 assists as a team. King led the way with nine assists and all 12 A&M players who played had at least one assist.

"I thought we really shared the basketball," Watkins said. 'That's something we want to

In addition to balanced scor- expand on during the season. tells us that this year you just That's a big plus for this team." The Aggies unselfish play

allowed the pressure to be taken off King from having to be the go-to-guy.

"Everybody who played scored except for Jesse [King]," King said. "That gives us a lot of confidence. That

can't key on me. Because if you key on me, somebody else can score. That's a big boost for me and the team."

The Aggies finish up their exhibition season Wednesday when they hosts the EA Sports All-Stars at Reed Arena at 7 p.m.

## Young A&M squad travels to Austin to take on Longhorns

By MARK MERRELL THE BATTALION

Growing up fast is never easy. Just the Texas A&M women's swimg and diving team. The young gies head into the fire on Friday as ey visit the University of Texas to e a Longhorn squad that finished o. 3 last season.

"We're not preparing any different," said A&M Coach Steve Bultman. "They were third at NCAA's last year so it's going to be tough ... We have our work cut-out for us.'

The Aggies entered the 2001 season with 15 new swimmers, 13 of whom are freshmen. "The first meet was kind of a learning experience," Bultman said. "But we've definitely got some good stuff done lately and we we're

quite a bit better when we swam TCU." The Aggies enter the dual meet with Texas with a record of 1-1. After a disappointing fourth place finish at the Big 12 relays, the women bounced back with an impressive 169-109 vic-

tory over the Horned Frogs. Last season the Aggies finished one spot behind the Longhorns in the Big 12 standings and Bultman said they have to compete against the best.

"If we're going to do something on the national level eventually, we have to step up and face whatever the competition is," he said.

As tough as the meet will be, the weekend does not begin on Friday for the Aggies. After their trip to Austin, the women return home for their first dual meet of the year against the University of North Texas on Saturday.

Last season the Aggies defeated

North Texas, 103-37.

"The girls are really excited about the meet," Bultman said. "We'll swim some events that we haven't gotten a chance to swim so far this year so I think they're looking forward to that. Plus, it's our first and only home meet of the fall."

The action on Saturday kicks off at 1 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center and Natatorium.



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