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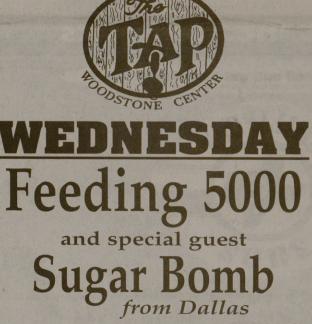
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The Texas A&M football team completed its sixth day of spring football practice Tuesday afternoon on the grass practice fields. A crowd of about 40 spectators, as well as former A&M outside linebacker Aaron Wallace, were on hand to watch the drills. Wallace played for the Aggies from 1986-89.

Wednesday, March 27, 2002

More injuries

After practicing Monday in cold, damp conditions a number of players were forced to sit out Tuesday's practice with pulled muscles. The most notable additions to A&M's walking wounded were freshman tight end Thomas Carriger, freshman running back Derek Farmer and

Junior running back Joe Weber, sophomore defen-

back Adam Black and freshman defensive lineman Marcus Jasmin, also sat out. A majori-

of the

injuries came True Brown as a result of slick fields and cold weather, said A&M football head coach R.C.

"Just about all of those are running game looked better dur-

freshman receiver Terrence some form of muscle pulls," Slocum said. "That cold weather and rain and slipping around does that.

Walk-on tight end Chad Mitchell looked like the lone casualty from Tuesday's practice. Mitchell was driven out in the middle of practice with an apparent knee injury.

Running away

In a departure from Monday's situational scrimmage dominated by the Wrecking Crew, the Aggies'

With Farmer and Weber sit out, sophomore running bai Oschlor Flemming got most of

Flemming, who rushed in 4.3 yards per carry in 10 game the United State last season, broke several runn the outside against a combin seater are grow tion of the defense's first a

second team. The offense's passing go the brand. still had some problems, number of passes were knot until you show

down or dropped. Senior receiver Bethel Johns and sophomore receiver Jam Taylor caught most of the hi

thrown their way, however. A&M will take Wednes off and resume worked Thursday afternoon.

Spurrier tackles first practice with Redskin

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Steve Spurrier took the field in chilling fog and drizzle Tuesday for his first practice as an NFL coach. The Fun 'N Gun is definitely not in Florida any more.

"Sort of like playing golf in Ireland," said Spurrier, who exchanged his trademark visor for a black baseball cap because of the

The Washington Redskins' three-day, noncontact minicamp is a chance for the new coach to get to know his players and learn the feel of coaching in the big leagues, but the first practices skipped the preamble and went straight to Chapter One.

"We put in — gosh — more plays in one meeting than I've ever seen in any offense, quarterback Danny Wuerffel said. "I was thinking, 'How would these guys adjust to this?' You go to another team, and you'll spend a week on three plays and you'll run them over and over. We've got just about the entire playbook in one meeting.

At least Wuerffel was familiar with it all, having won the Heisman Trophy playing for Spurrier at Florida. Spurrier has signed other former Gators -Jacquez Green, Reidel Anthony and Chris Doering — and it was not hard to tell who understood what was happening and who didn't.

Receiver Rod Gardner completely misunderstood an audible call and ran the wrong route on the first play in the morning's final drill. Gardner heard what he did wrong from both Green and Spurrier when he got back to the huddle

"There's a lot of stuff," said Spurrier, who left Florida in January to sign a five-year, \$25 million contract with the Redskins. "Yeah, I sort of believe you give the players a whole bunch of stuff so they don't get bored."

As expected, Spurrier spent his entire time with the offense, leaving defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis in charge of the defense. There were no tantrums or heavy lectures, just a reminder to the players to have fun.

Wuerffel said Spurrier hasn't changed

Toni Gordon," Rive said. "But I think it will

be interesting to watch Fabrizio on

Wednesday, because I think how he

responds will be very important as to how

ing doubles competition. While the winner

of a majority of the three doubles matches

only earns one point toward the match total,

the Horned Frogs have won 30 consecutive

matches, dating back to the 2000 season

when winning the doubles point.

Also important for TCU will be the open-

since the Florida days.

"Not really a lick," Wuerffel said. "He's just a ball coach. That's what he wants to be,

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Break

this match turns out.'

depth was lacking at many positions. The first-string guards were Alex Sulfsted and

we're learning them.'

Ross Tucker, who have just three games of NFL experience between them. The team is negotiating with free-agent guard Tony Semple, who visited Redskin Park last week The first-team quarterback was Sage

and that's what he's doing. He's in there just

drawing plays up there on the board, and

About 50 players were on the field, but

Rosenfels, a second-year player and theo holdover quarterback from last year's ka Even so, he actually looked much sha than the Spurrier-savvy Wuerffel, who w

Dameyune Craig was the third quarterly in camp. The Redskins have been unable work out a trade with Chicago for ex-fine life left for her quarterback Shane Matthews, and free that a neighbor, a Jeff Blake did not accept Washington's interoffer and is considering other options.

The Aggies struggled slightly in doubles action this weekend after dropping one of the three matches to UTSA and barely claiming a tie-breaker on court three to win the point against Tulsa in the evening match up.

However, the Aggies have claimed the doubles point in all but two of their matches this season and are anchored by the No. 26 doubles tandem of junior Ryan Newport and freshman Lester Cook.

In singles action, the Aggies will turn to No. 36 Newport and No. 88 senior Jarin Skube to help lead a young team that includes No. 92 freshman Ante Matijevic, No. 104 Cook and sophomore Khaled El Dorry, who faced his first defeat of the dual-

match season on Friday.

"We're all real pleased with the your guys on this team," Newport said. "Ante great player, even better than what expected when he came in, and Lester doing great as well, so for them to com and play the way they are has really help the body of 5-yea this team out."

Following TCU, the Aggies will take shot at Pepperdine on Saturday at the Van Tennis Center before opening a string(consecutive matches against Big 12 of nents to finish the regular season. Aggies, currently 1-0 in Big 12 play, then host the conference champions April 25-28.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Rangers get mixe news on pitchers

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (A Texas right-hander Ismael Va the Rangers' No. 3 starter, wash in Florida on Tuesday night after exam showed no ligament da in his right elbow.

But closer Jeff Zimmerman has tendonitis in his right elbow. placed on the disabled list Tue

Zimmerman, who hasn't since March 6, was exami Rangers' team orthopedist Di Conway on Monday, and then to Los Angeles for a second op His injury won't require surger he has been told to rest the am

Valdes returned to Texas to examined by Conway after plaining of elbow stiffness Mol An MRI determined that there some irritation but no damage the ligament.

The Rangers have not made a b sion on the status of Valdes, W scheduled to start the team's opener April 5 against Anahel He will be evaluated in the

few days.

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MERCED, Ca red sheriff's d First-year Washington Redskins coach Steve Spurrier led his new team in practice for the led his 5-year time on Tuesday. Spurrier left the University of Florida to take the Redskins' job last January his three esday while h youngsters in ohn Hogan, tered the house iber handgun

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