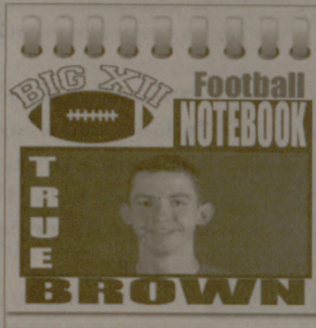


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Big 12 football opens with solid weekend



Vernand Moreney had a solid first game, tallying 108 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns against Louisiana State. Oklahoma running back Kejuan Jones had a pair of touchdowns during OU's route of Tulsa and Texas A&M defensive back Jaxson Appel, a redshirt freshman, was one of six Aggies to intercept a pass against the University of Louisiana - Lafayette.

A&M freshman quarterback Reggie McNeal also played for the Aggies against ULL, going 2-for-2 passing, good for 28 yards.

Big 12 opening strong

With its 27-0 win against North Texas, the University of Texas notched its 90th straight season-opening victory. The Longhorns, the Big 12's first team to break the 90-win barrier, hold a 90-17-3 record in season openers.

Oklahoma is second in the conference with 82 wins. Both OU and UT scored shutouts in their season openers.

A&M is tied with Iowa State for fourth with 77. The Texas Tech Red Raiders are last in the conference, with a 49-26-3 record.

Record-holding wide-receivers

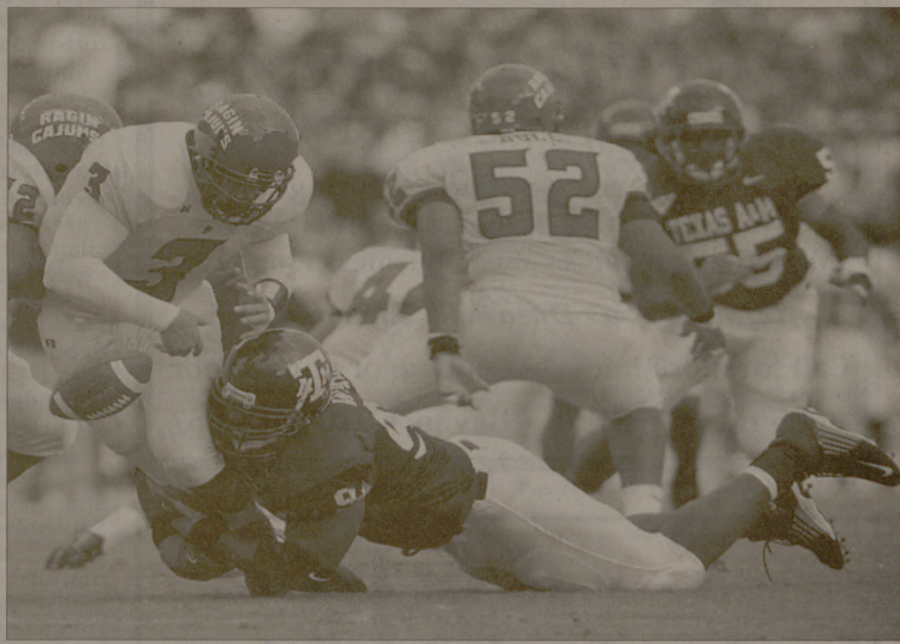
This season, there are more active players in the conference who already figure in the league's record book in career catches than in any other season.

The conference's active leader in catches is Missouri senior receiver Justin Gage. Gage, a two-sport standout, has 125 snafes with 81 coming in his last 12 contests.

OU's Antwone Savage is the Sooners' career leader in pass receptions with 115, good enough for eighth on the conference list.

Not to be outdone, Oklahoma State's Rashaun Woods had 90 receptions in his last 12 games, placing him sixth in the Big 12's career receiving list and first in Cowboys' history.

Baylor senior receiver Reggie Newhouse leads the school's all-time list with 116 catches.



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Texas A&M senior defender Ty Warren pressures the University of Louisiana - Lafayette quarterback Jon Van Cleave. Van Cleave threw 6 interceptions on Saturday at Kyle Field.

Fabulous Freshmen
Several freshmen in the Big 12 wasted no time getting into the middle of the action during season-opening games last weekend.

Missouri quarterback Brad Smith led the Tigers to a 33-20 win over defending Big 10 champion Illinois. Smith passed for 152 yards, rushed for 138 yards and had one touchdown. Mizzou's win was the first time head coach Gary Pinkel has opened a season with a victory.

Oklahoma State running back

Higgins, golf team go international for season opening tourney

By David Morrison
THE BATTALION

It is a rare occasion to overhear students discussing the ins and outs of the Texas A&M men's golf team. The team doesn't fill a stadium of over 80,000 fans every Saturday, and you won't find updates of its status on the national news. But that could soon change.

As the new semester starts, the men's golf team is bringing out a whole new team. The first recruiting class of head coach J.T. Higgins boasts three National Junior All-Americans, the 2000 Illinois Player of the Year, a first team All-American in David Tasker, and stay-homes Stephen Reed and Tyler Garret.

The list of players is Texas A&M's most

impressive in recent memory, according to several members of the team.

"We are deep, this is as deep as any A&M team I've seen," said junior golfer Stephen Reed.

Reed knows impressive line-ups don't bring championships. The Aggie golf team members realize they will need to turn their potential into results before they catch the eye of anyone outside of College Station.

After what many consider a disappointing spring campaign, the Aggies hope competition within the team will bring success. And Higgins hopes competing for the top spot will bring the best play out of both Stephen Reed and David Tasker, the team's two captains.

"There is always going to be competition. But in this game anybody can beat you on any

given day. If we aren't one and two, we are two and one," Reed said.

While Higgins believes the new recruits will undoubtedly improve the A&M golf team, he is reluctant to expect too much from his young

team this season.

"We have to figure out just how good we are. Potential is a pretty dangerous word," Higgins said.

The Texas A&M golf team will figure out how good it is this week when it competes in the International Collegiate tournament in St. Andrews, Scotland at the St. Andrews Bay Resort.

The event will consist of 18 holes on Friday and 36 on Saturday. It is the first NCAA event ever to be held in Scotland.

The team will also be tested throughout the season playing in one of the nation's top conferences.

"The Big XII is just a great golf league," Higgins said. "Last year we had six teams make it to nationals, and there was only thirty teams there, so when you have one-fifth of the field from one conference that speaks volumes."

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Men's golf head coach

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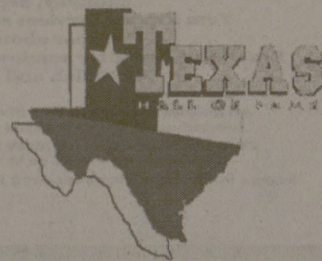
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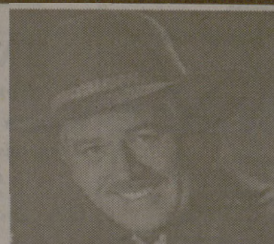
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