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## No. 1 Oklahoma visiting Aggies at Kyle Field

By Kevin Espenlaub  
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In the wake of exchanging press releases with A&M President Dr. Robert M. Gates about his job security, A&M head coach R.C. Slocum will now turn his attention to preparing his team for its toughest test of the season when the No. 1 University of Oklahoma Sooners invade Kyle Field on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The Sooners (8-0, 4-0) are coming off three consecutive double-digit victories over top-15 ranked teams and will be playing their first game this season as the nation's top-ranked team. OU moved above defending national

champion Miami earlier this week. "We know we're playing a great team," said A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum. "I have huge respect for them. I think they're a better team than they were two years ago."

The Aggies (5-4, 2-3) are entering the game on a two-game slide with losses coming at home against Nebraska Oct. 26 and to Oklahoma State in Stillwater last week, 28-23.

In last week's game, the Wrecking Crew allowed their third 100-yard rusher of the season after allowing two in the same game against Nebraska a week earlier.

OSU managed 351 total yards on the game, with 143 coming from running back Tatum Bell.

The defense will need to get back on track to contain OU. "From a motivation standpoint, it really shouldn't be that hard," Slocum said. "If you like to play and you like challenges, this should be an easy one to get up for."

Oklahoma will be led by running back Quentin Griffin, who has made a recent run for contention in the Heisman Trophy race by amassing 487 yards in the last three games.

"I think Quentin has as good of a chance as anybody (of winning the Heisman)," said OU offensive coordinator Chuck Long.

The Aggies will look to sophomore quarterback Dustin Long to lead the offense against a Sooner defense which has allowed only three passing touchdowns this season, the second fewest in the nation.

The Aggie offense has relied on the passing attack for its past six games, including last week when Long passed for 332 yards of the Aggies total of 403 yards.

Long is now tied with Mark Farris for all-time A&M leader in 300-yard passing games with three.

While many expect Oklahoma to cruise through their remaining schedule, of which the combined record of their opponents is 18-18, OU lineman Jammal Brown is showing caution.

"We are still going to take it one game at a time," Brown said. "Our main goal is to get to (the Big 12 Championship in) Houston and to go



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A&M defensive back Byron Jones tackles OSU's wide receiver Rashaun Woods last week.

from there. We've got A&M next and that's always a tough place to play."

When the teams last met in College Station during the 2000 season, the Sooners rallied for the final 14 points of the game including a 41-yard interception return thrown by Mark Farris, allowing the Sooners to escape with a 35-31 win.

"You can look at that game and say no one really gave us a chance in that ballgame," Slocum said. "We did and came very close to beating them."

While Oklahoma leads the all-time series 11-9, they are only 2-8 when playing at Kyle Field.

**TEXAS A&M / OKLAHOMA Predictions**

**Kevin Espenlaub** 45 - 28 Oklahoma  
"Offense attempts to cover for Wrecking Crew, but game gets out of hand!"

**Dallas Ship** 34 - 10 Oklahoma  
"Wrecking Crew can't stop Griffin! Slocum has one foot out the door!"

**True Brown** 35 - 24 Oklahoma  
"Overmatched Aggies can't hang with the Sooners!"

## Volleyball team attempting first win over ranked opponent

By True Brown  
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The Texas A&M volleyball team has found itself in uncharted waters.

A win over Baylor on Wednesday pushed the Aggies' season-high conference winning streak to three matches, as well as landing them two games over .500 in league play. Neither had happened before Wednesday night and now A&M has a chance

to chalk up another first. A&M (16-7, 8-6) has yet to defeat a ranked team this season but will get a chance tonight against No. 20 Missouri.

"I think we are at a good place emotionally," said A&M head coach Laurie Corbelli. "If we get a win, it should be huge for the confidence of the team, and that has been somewhat shaky throughout the season."

But if Thursday's practice was any indication, the Aggies may be

on their way to getting back the momentum they lost when Big 12 play started. Players and coaches alike said the practice was exactly what A&M needed.

"Everyone was really working on their own self-discipline," said A&M outside hitter Melissa Munsch. "The coaches weren't having to get on us about hitting the floor for a ball. We had all-out effort, and nobody stopped or gave up on a ball. We were getting balls up that we haven't got-

ten up all year."

Munsch leads A&M with 313 kills and is one of three players to start all 23 games this season. She said Missouri would bring in a tough game, and the Aggies will have to be ready to counter.

"We have to be on top of our game," Munsch said. "A lot of what we need to do is focus on our game and worry about our side. We know some of the things Missouri does, and we have prepared for those. They have great

players, but it helps us knowing what they are going to do."

A&M has run off consecutive wins against Oklahoma, Colorado and Baylor, and has been almost flawless at home. The Aggies own a 12-1 record inside G. Rollie White Coliseum with the lone loss going to conference-leading Nebraska.

Including Missouri, the Aggies have three remaining home matches, and all are against teams in front of A&M in the Big

12 standings.

Beating the Tigers would put the Aggies one step closer to climbing up the league standings.

"I think maybe we have started to turn a corner," Corbelli said. "I see the team starting to show more teaminess every day, and I think that may be our secret — understanding what it means to play for the team. It's going to be a tremendous challenge for us."

First serve at G. Rollie is at 7 p.m.

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