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As the seasons turn

Students reflect on their favorite Aggie football seasons

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While the Aggies may not have finished their regular season as one of the nation's top football teams, that doesn't mean loyal fans will walk away without fond memories.

Like many students who witnessed the Aggies' win over The University of Oklahoma, Courtney Potter said the game will remain one of her favorite Aggie football experiences.

"I've been watching Aggie football for 16 years, and the OU game is definitely my favorite," said Potter, a freshman journalism major.

"When Reggie (McNeal) threw the touchdown pass to Porter in the end zone, everyone in the stands went crazy."

Like those around her, Potter said she was unable to contain her excitement when the final score was posted.

"I was so excited when we won (the Oklahoma game) that I started jumping up and down and fell off the bleachers," she said.

While the win against the Big 12's formerly top-ranked team may remain a favorite memory for many, Lance Schielack said the best moment of the season occurred during the Louisiana Tech game when freshman Reggie McNeal stepped in as quarterback.

"When (the fans) first saw Reggie McNeal come out onto the field, everyone started yelling 'Reggie, Reggie,'" said Schielack, a senior finance major. "That was pretty cool. That was probably the most exciting moment besides the Oklahoma victory."

Although the win against Oklahoma did not set a precedent for the rest of the Aggie's season, Schielack said loyal fans should not be disappointed.

"At least we broke even with wins and losses," he said. "Most students will probably be watching a few more seasons of Aggie football before they graduate, anyway. The rest of us can remember some good games from past seasons."

Jarod Andrews, a senior kinesiology major, said his best football experience occurred two seasons ago when the Aggies defeated the Longhorns.

"When we beat Texas my sophomore year, we had been considered the big underdog, which made our win even better," Andrews said.

While Andrews cites the game as his favorite, he did not witness it from the stands.

"I had gone home that weekend and had to watch it on TV," he said. "After we won, I swore I'd never watch another UT-A&M football game on television again."

Justin Ball, a senior biomedical sciences major, said his best football memory also stems from the past.

"When I was a junior, we played Notre Dame, and it was a 'maroon out' for the football team. They wore maroon pants and maroon jerseys, which is something they usually save for really big games," Ball said.

"Even though we were sitting on the third deck, we could see this whole line of maroon. That game was really good for school spirit."

While many memories are made while the game clock is ticking, others are created during the half-time show. For Micah Knox, a junior information systems management major, the Aggie band plays a key role in his favorite football memory.

"When we played Texas my sophomore year, the Aggie band played 'Hullabaloo,'" Knox said. "During that drill, the band did a formation of a UT longhorn and then 'sawed' its horns off. Watching that definitely made me feel like a true Aggie."



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