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the Aggies have not had in recent years, and Watkins said it is the key to this year's success so far.

Even Watkins admits he has discussed the possibility of the postseason with his team, something he hasn't been able to do with any of his previous A&M squads.

"(Postseason) is something we talk about, but we don't consume ourselves with it," Watkins said. "That's when you lose focus on what you have to get done."

The Aggies are focused, and they know what they have to get done.

With ten games remaining in the regular season, the Aggies (11-6, 3-3 Big 12) are sixth in the Big 12 Conference Standings behind five nationally ranked teams, No. 3 Texas, No. 7 Oklahoma, No. 11 Oklahoma State, No. 12 Kansas and No. 21 Missouri.

The Aggies' remaining

schedule on the road is tough but not impossible.

A&M will hit the road to face Baylor, Colorado, Texas Tech, Kansas and Oklahoma State. The Aggies need to win two out of five on the road to stay alive for a postseason berth.

Because of their remaining schedule on the road, every game at Reed Arena will be vital to the Aggies' tournament hopes.

The Aggies' final five home games include Texas, Missouri, Iowa State, Oklahoma, and Baylor. If the Aggies get two wins on the road and win three of their final five home games, they will finish the regular season 16-11 overall and 8-8 in the Big 12, arguably the top basketball conference in the nation.

While finishing 5-5 in the Big 12 Conference is a lofty goal, it is a realistic possibility. A&M is off to its best start (3-3) since joining the Big 12 Conference in 1996. The Aggies are also on pace for their first winning season in nine years.

"We have some exciting players," Watkins said, "and we

do some exciting things on the floor."

Those fans who were unable to get a ticket to see Texas Tech Head Coach Bobby Knight denied of win No. 800 Saturday night missed out. But there's another chance to see history made this weekend.

The No. 3 Longhorns are coming to Reed Arena Saturday night. The Aggies have never beaten a team ranked higher than No. 5 in school history and that win came over the No. 3 Longhorns in 1982.

Also, King needs 23 points going into tonight's game against Baylor to become the Big 12 all-time scoring leader. If he does not break the record tonight, he will be primed and ready to go in front of a national television audience on ESPN Saturday night against the 'Horns.

It may not be March Madness yet, but there is a February Frenzy in College Station, and for the first time in a long time, people aren't ready to talk about Aggie baseball just yet.

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Evans said. "I think that our players and coaches share that kind of passion for what they are doing."

It would be difficult to question the passion of Evans' team, which enters the season ranked No. 24 nationally following a trip to NCAA regionals last season. The Aggies have undergone a long offseason and are looking forward to getting the 2003 season underway.

"We want to start out on a positive note," Evans said. "In a few days, we will head to Arizona State and be facing some top 10 teams, so it is nice to get out and work through some of the cobwebs."

Sure to lead A&M through the early stages of the season is junior Jessica Slataper, who pitched her way to a team-leading 20 wins and 227 strikeouts last season.

"It is important for us to come out strong," Slataper said. "Every game counts, and we cannot afford to lose any of them early on."

Stephen F. Austin has already worked out its cobwebs, garnering two 8-0 wins in Houston, including a no-hitter from transfer student Crissy Autry.



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A&M catcher Selena Collins prepares to make a tag on an opposing runner during the 2002 season.

Both teams are eager for a return to normalcy, playing the game that they love. The past week has served as a reminder to coaches and players of just how fortunate they are to have that chance.

Play is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Aggie Softball Complex. The second game of the double-header is slated to begin at 5 p.m.

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