

SPORTS

THE BATTALION

Page 7 • Monday, April 14, 2003

Record crowd attends Maroon and White game



JOHN C. LIVAS • THE BATTALION

Jason Carter, who played third-string quarterback in the 2002 season will be considered for the A-back position in 2003 under Coach Franchione.

By Troy Miller
THE BATTALION

When it comes to junior Jason Carter and the newly-created A-back position, "A" stands for awesome. Carter dominated in his new role, leading the Maroon team to a 28-22 victory over the White team in Texas A&M's annual Maroon and White Game.

Carter, a recently converted quarterback, led both sides with 181 all-purpose yards spread over four statistical categories. Carter ran the ball five times for 20 yards, caught the ball three times for 32 yards, returned three punts for 55 yards and returned two kickoffs for 74 yards.

"Some of the reasons we moved (Carter to A-back) were because he was pretty nifty and swiftly and (defenders) couldn't catch him and couldn't tackle him," said A&M offensive coordinator Les Koenning Jr. "Every time he touches the ball in some fashion something good happens."

Carter's athleticism, along with sophomore quarterback Reggie McNeal's ability,

gave the Maroon side and the 41,072 Aggie fans in attendance an offensive attack to salivate over. McNeal threw eight completions on 13 attempts for 115 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 22 yards.

"We've got receivers who will make plays and we have three backs now who can make plays," McNeal said. "(Defenses) won't know which way to come at us."

The running game also got a pickup as offseason and spring workouts in the weight room seem to have paid off on the offensive line. The Maroon and the White teams were able to run the ball effectively, which may have opened up another position battle to keep an eye on in summer workouts leading up to the 2003 season.

Redshirted freshman Courtney Lewis has had a breakout spring season that culminated in a 102-yard rushing and one touchdown performance for the White team on just 12 carries. Incumbent starter Derek Farmer ran for 58 yards and one touchdown on 14 carries for the Maroon team.

"Lewis showed you what he showed us this spring," said A&M Head Coach Dennis

Franchione. "I can't make him miss tackles like he does and find seams like he does as well as he does. That's an instinctive thing that he's very good at."

Junior quarterback Dustin Long led all quarterbacks with 147 yards on 12 for 26 passing for the White. Instead of finding a clear-cut leader for the starting reigns at quarterback this spring, Long and McNeal proved that the Aggies have two competent leaders.

"We're fortunate to have two guys that our coaching staff is developing a tremendous belief in and our players have a tremendous belief in," Franchione said. "When you have a team that is strong together you don't have controversy at all at that position, and I see that developing the way I would like it to."

The 41,072 fans exceeded the goal of 40,000 Franchione set before the game.

"I have to commend the Aggie fans," Franchione said. "I felt like if you present a challenge to the Aggies, the Aggies will meet it."

The Aggies will not practice again until summer workouts begin in August with the welcoming of the 2003 recruiting class.

Women's tennis team falls to Tribe

By Blake Kimzey
THE BATTALION

The No. 30 Texas A&M women's tennis team hosted No. 11 College of William & Mary for the first time this weekend and fell just short of a victory. William & Mary secured a hard-fought 4-3 win at the A&M Tennis Center on Saturday.

In their final home match of the season, the Aggies dropped to 14-9 in front of 419 spectators.

Tribe Head Coach Brian Kalbas said making their first trip to College Station was long overdue as the venue and competition were some of the best his squad had seen all season.

"This is such a great setting to play tennis," Kalbas said. "It felt like an NCAA championship-type match."

As expected, the battle to win the doubles point set the tone for the

entire match. The Tribe won two of the three doubles matches, giving them the edge going into singles play. At No. 1 doubles, William & Mary's 12th-ranked pairing of sophomores Kate Boomershire and Candice Fuchs began by downing the 58th-ranked tandem of juniors, Jessica Roland and Roberta Spencer, 8-3. However, at No. 2 doubles, A&M's Ashley Hedberg and Lauren Walker extended their winning streak to six matches by fighting off freshman Megan Muth and sophomore Amy Wei.

"This was another one of those matches that really hurts," said A&M Head Coach Bobby Kleinecke. "We were right there but came up just a fraction short from winning it."

Despite the fact that the Aggies were battling a one-point deficit and the uncomfortable heat heading into singles play, the match was still undecided. A&M's No. 100 Roland

improved her record to 6-4 against ranked opponents as she needed three determined sets to upset No. 27 Fuchs, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-4 at No. 1. William & Mary, however, clinched the match at court No. 5 as Wei downed A&M freshman Nicki Mechem in three sets.

Tribe Head Coach Brian Kalbas said this win is a momentum-builder with the end of their season on the horizon.

"We've played so much tennis that for this time of year, I was so proud to see them pull out this victory because we have a lot of respect for A&M," Kalbas said. "This win is a great notch in our belts going into the Colonial tournament."

The Aggies were hoping to beat William & Mary to give them an added boost of confidence going into their final stretch of the season. In addition, a quality win against the

See **Tribe** on page 9

A&M pummels Nebraska

By Jeff Allen
THE BATTALION

The No. 10 Texas A&M men's tennis team took a firm grasp of its fate Sunday afternoon at the A&M Tennis Center. The Aggies (20-6, 4-1 Big 12) quickly defeated the Nebraska Cornhuskers (10-9, 1-5 Big 12) and put themselves in position to battle for the top spot in the Big 12 Conference on Tuesday when they travel to Waco to face Baylor.

"I thought we played well," said A&M Head Coach Tim Cass. "It honestly was one of our best matches of the year across the board, and I think the scores indicate that. I couldn't be happier with the performance."

The Aggies wasted no time in the match, getting in front of the Cornhuskers early. The first dash on

the scoreboard came when the duo of senior Ryan Newport and junior Khaled El Dorry notched an 8-1 win at court No. 2 against the pair of freshman D.J. Geatz and senior Jacek Wolicki of the Huskers. The win set the tone for the remainder of the afternoon. It also pushed Newport's and El Dorry's doubles record to a perfect 7-0 in the season. The two have worked their way to a No. 60 national ranking, while mostly playing at court No. 3. Geatz and Wolicki came into the match leading the Huskers in winning percentage and total wins. Their loss dropped their season record to 10-6.

The crucial doubles point was eventually clinched by the Aggies in a fairly dramatic fashion as the nationally-ranked No. 5 duo of sophomores Ante Matijevic and Lester Cook, the

See **Nebraska** on page 9

You're invited to a TIAA-CREF Financial Education Seminar

What you need to know about...

A woman's money, a woman's future

Discover how women can manage their special money needs throughout each of their four "life-stages"—and why planning is critical. You'll get straightforward guidance on investment basics, long-term financial strategies, portfolio building, and asset allocation. Plus, you'll find out how you can take advantage of tax-deferred investing through your employer's retirement plan.

Date:

Wednesday, April 23, 2003

Time:

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Place:

College Station Conference Center, 1300 George Bush Drive

One-on-One Counseling

We will also be offering One-on-One counseling sessions to all Texas A&M employees on April 22 through April 24, 2003.

RSVP:

Register on our website at

www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call

Shelbi Croft at 1 800 842-2006.

THE CURRICULUM?

YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE.

The more you know about your financial options, the more effectively you can manage them.

TIAA-CREF's renowned financial education offers clear, objective insight and ideas. It's just one more way we can help you make the most of your retirement plan—and help you effectively prepare for your other life goals. Best of all, our guidance is free for all faculty and staff. We think you'll find that it's time well invested.



Managing money for people with other things to think about.™

RETIREMENT | INSURANCE | MUTUAL FUNDS | COLLEGE SAVINGS | TRUSTS | INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

TIAA-CREF Individual and Institutional Services, Inc. and Teachers Personal Investors Services, Inc. distribute securities products. For more information, call (800) 842-2733, ext. 5509, for prospectuses. Read them carefully before investing. © 2002 Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), 730 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017 02-0001

MSC* Open House

"It's Swell!"

Tables Only \$35

Space is Limited

★ TABLES ON SALE NOW! ★

MSC BOX OFFICE ONLY \$35* REGISTRATION ENDS SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2003

TABLES GIVEN ON A 1ST COME, 1ST SERVE BASIS

*MSC Box Office honors cash, checks, credit cards, and Aggie Bucks

Questions? Call 845-1515, and ask for the EVP of Marketing
More Information? Visit <http://mscopenhouse.tamu.edu>

The Association of Former Students congratulates the 2003 Gathright Award winners for their outstanding academic performance at Texas A&M University.

Agricultural & Life Sciences	Education	Liberal Arts
Bret Michael Evers '04	Ashley Hearn Matt '04	LaToya Lola Allen '04
Magdalena Marie Gotsch '05	Elizabeth Reagan Verry '03	Erin Elise Fleming '03
Karen Marie Schrank '04	Lea Wilson '05	Apryl Tiffany Whitaker '05
Architecture	Engineering	Science
Daniel Keith Byrom '04	Brandon Michael Johns '05	I. Leigh Cobbs '03
Jennifer Dawn Graham '03	Stefani Lynn Kokel '03	Chad Thomas Hopson '05
Ashley Nicole Ortmann '05	Adam Joseph Wyatt '03	Jennifer Sue Novak '04
Business	Geosciences	Veterinary Medicine
Brooke Amber Bludau '04	Abigail Lawrence '04	Travis M. Cotton '05
Melanie Dawn Fox '05	Karen Mobley '02	Mandy Jo Lockhart '05
Marshall Jae Trenckmann '03	Laura Ann Spanel-Weber '05	Jamie Lynn Mishler '04

The Association OF FORMER STUDENTS
We are The Aggie Network!™