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LB Morris will miss rest of 2003

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The Texas A&M football team was dealt a major blow Monday when coach Dennis Franchione announced that senior middle linebacker Jared Morris will miss the remainder of the season.



MORRIS

Morris suffered a knee injury Saturday during the third quarter of A&M's 28-26 win against Utah. He underwent surgery late Sunday to repair a torn patella tendon in his left knee.

"It is very disappointing to lose Jared to this knee injury because he is a fifth-year senior," Franchione said Monday in a statement. "Jared worked so hard in the spring and offseason and played extremely well in the first game and a half. He is one of our leaders, and we will look into every possibility of extending his eligibility."

Morris, a 6-foot-3-inch, 256-pound linebacker, entered the season as the Aggies' leading active tackler with 163 stops. He recorded 14 tackles in A&M's season opener against Arkansas State and had four tackles before going down in the Utah game.

On A&M's most recent depth chart, senior Scott Stickane is listed as Morris' backup. The 6-foot-1-inch, 238-pound Stickane has 12 tackles on the season, including 11 against Utah. He has 18 tackles in his career.

A&M's next game is Sept. 18 on the road against Virginia Tech.

Two of a kind

Krambeer, Smith have followed similar paths to A&M's front line

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One thousand miles is a long way to travel to go to college, but given the chance to play for the Texas A&M women's soccer team, freshman forward Katherine Krambeer jumped at the opportunity.

Coming from Brooklyn Park, Minn., Krambeer, who goes by "Kat," didn't know a lot about A&M except for its soccer program.

After a visit to College Station, Krambeer left knowing that it wasn't the last time she would be traveling the 1,169 miles south to Texas.

"The soccer aspect is awesome," Krambeer said, with a noticeable northern accent. "I liked how it's a large campus, but it still has that small town feeling. The coaches are amazing, willing to work with you and they never let you settle for anything."

Krambeer is just half of the offensive duo the Aggies are starting at forward this season. Junior forward and proven scorer Emma Smith starts opposite Krambeer on the front line. Smith entered 2003 with a career total of 16 goals and eight assists.

Together, the duo provides what coach G. Guerrieri dubbed in the pre-season "one of the fastest and scariest front lines in the country."

And if there has to be one aspect of their game to keep opponents guessing, it is speed. Both Krambeer and Smith run like lightning on the field.

"When I went to Minnesota during (Krambeer's) junior year, I called back home to our other coaches and said 'We have another Emma on our hands,'" Guerrieri said. "They're the front line you hate to face."

With the departure of 2001 leading scorer Linsey Woodard, Smith was without a partner on the front line.



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Katherine Krambeer (left) and Emma Smith give the Texas A&M soccer team a double-edged scoring threat. In the first five games this season, the speedy duo has combined for three goals and one assist, and helped A&M to an unbeaten record.

Krambeer not only replaces Woodard, but she is another speedy threat mirroring Smith on the other side of the field, forming a front line that gives opposing defenses ulcers.

Covering one roadrunner is hard enough, but guarding two is nearly impossible. Their abilities up front cause so much commotion that if they are successfully covered, the talented Aggie midfield is there to pepper the opposing net.

"I'm sure a lot of our opponents are asking 'OK, if we have to put our

fastest player on one of them, then who's it going to be?'" Guerrieri said. "Whoever they choose not to mark is the one that's going to cause them chaos."

So far this season, the duo has wreaked havoc on opposing defenses, combining for three goals and one assist, including Krambeer's first collegiate goal in a 1-0 win over Utah.

The similarities between the two also carry over off the field.

Smith, who is from Beaverton, Ore. — more than double the distance

Krambeer traveled to play for A&M — knows how it is to leave friends and family far behind to play soccer.

"(Krambeer) reminds me a lot of me when I came here," Smith said. "I was in awe of the atmosphere and how nice people are, and I think she feels like she is in the same situation."

Two weeks before school began, the team met for preseason training, and without anyone else on campus, the

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