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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Jamaar Taylor done for the year with knee injury

Texas A&M senior wide receiver Jamaar Taylor suffered a season-ending injury to his right knee during the Aggies' game at Nebraska this past Saturday.

The senior from Mission, Texas, was injured early in the Nebraska game and did not record a reception. He leads the Aggies with 25 receptions and 456 receiving yards.

Taylor finished just 36 yards shy of the A&M school record for receiving yards.

He played 26 games in three seasons for the Aggies.

### Longhorn running back charged in weekend break-in

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas running back Cedric Benson was charged Tuesday with forcing his way into an apartment in a search for a stolen television.

Benson was charged with criminal trespassing, a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine if convicted. Bond was set at \$10,000. Benson turned himself in to the Travis County Jail and was released, said Brian Carney, his attorney.

"He's a big boy," Carney said. "We'll let the justice system take its course."

Carney said he had not yet read the arrest warrant affidavit laying out the allegations.

Benson is the leading rusher for the No. 19 Longhorns with 498 yards and 10 touchdowns. The Longhorns (5-2) play at Baylor on Saturday.

The Austin American-Statesman first reported Monday that the charges would be made. Texas coach Mack Brown said then that he was aware of the situation but declined further comment.

## Carter leads by example, refuses to quit

By Troy Miller  
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When Texas A&M came back from a 15-point deficit to defeat Kansas State in double overtime to win the 1998 Big 12 Championship, the phrase "Aggies never quit" was thrown into the spotlight as the nation watched one of the wildest comebacks in college football history.

In Saturday's 48-12 loss to Nebraska, junior Jason Carter brought that phrase back to life as he yelled it to the A&M sideline after his 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown with just 2:56 left to play.

"As long as there's time on the clock you still can put points on the board," Carter said. "I watched a couple games this year where Michigan threw 31 points on Minnesota to come back and beat them, the Indianapolis Colts came back to beat Tampa Bay. As long as there's time on the clock you can't ever give up. Going back to 1998 when the Aggies won the Big 12 Championship, they never stopped fighting then. I'm just saying that Aggies never quit."

Carter has had an up-and-down season in 2003 after changing to the A-Back position from quarterback in the spring. Head coach Dennis Franchione said he wanted to utilize Carter's athleticism on the field at running back and wide receiver, but so far this season Carter has not been used as he had hoped.

Against Nebraska, Carter broke out with 185 all-purpose yards. With the loss of senior wide receiver Jamaar Taylor for the season due to a knee injury suffered against Nebraska, Carter figures to be seen more often in the Aggie offense.

"I expected to have more touches, but I have to play within the system," Carter said. "I like touching the ball."

Carter has had a tough year of distractions. With the dismissal of former A&M coach R.C. Slocum, Carter said he looked at transferring to another school, but through encouragement

from teammates, family, friends and the new coaching staff, he decided to stay at A&M.

"After Coach Slocum got fired I was thinking about leaving," Carter said. "Coach Fran came in and we had a talk, and he told me he wanted me to stick around. I trusted him and I believed in him so I stayed."

Once his decision to remain at A&M was settled, Carter's 19-year-old brother Matthew was sent to Iraq last spring.

Now Matthew is in Germany reading articles about his brother and trying to watch any A&M game that he can.

"He's going to be home for the Texas game," Carter said. "Besides my mom he might be my biggest fan."

Now Carter's mind and priorities lie squarely with the Aggie football team and the rebuilding effort undertaken by Franchione and his staff. After adjusting to the A-back position throughout the spring, summer and this season, Carter will be expected to produce more on the field as he gets more touches.

"After the spring game, he came out with everybody thinking that he was going to be a big part of everything," Franchione said. "Probably what we had to do to make that happen was cut back on the amount that we wanted him to do, so he could do more well. As a result, he's gotten better and improved. We've been in some games now where the game plan dictated Jason's role because he's improved."

Now Carter's words are impacting his teammates as much as his actions. The kickoff return against Nebraska was a little too late to influence the outcome, but the message was received loud and clear: Aggies never quit. And they don't figure on quitting this season either.

"I think that just goes to show the mentality that this team has, that we don't quit," said sophomore safety Jaxson Appel. "As long as you keep fighting and keep fighting you have something to build on."



Junior A-back Jason Carter returns a punt against Pittsburgh earlier this season at Kyle Field. Carter had a breakout game Saturday against Nebraska. He led the team with 158 all-purpose yards.

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# BIG WHEEL DEAL

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SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH  
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(T-SHIRT NAMES ARE ON THE TAGS)

BOBO STEALS THE DEAL  
YOU GUESS THE SHIRT  
YOU BOOT THE LOOT

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  2. PERSONALIZED PLATES
  3. O.K. COME FROM NEAR AND FAR
  4. JUST PLAIN GOOD BULL

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