

## THE BATTALION

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open for an Aggie runner, the quick Sooner defense would collapse, leaving the Aggies with minimal gains. When a receiver seemed open, a Sooner defensive back would close in to knock the ball away.

Oklahoma outgained A&M

## Sooners

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expect to have a day where you have this many tough things happen." Sure, the Aggies have the toughest schedule in college football and they're trying to traverse it with a young and inexperienced team while trying to learn a new system from a new coaching staff.

But 77-0? That's just embarrassing. "You don't expect this," Stoops said. "It's a very strange situation to be in, even in the middle of the third quarter. You do the best you can to manage it, and I always believe in respecting the people we're playing against regardless of who it is."

Granted, the loss was to the No. 1 team in America, but this is Texas A&M, a school rich in football tradition. Has it really gotten this low? Yes.

But Franchione's resume shows that he is used to rebuilding programs and he's had plenty of success doing so.

This turnaround is going to take work by Franchione and his staff, and if it is successfully done, it will be his finest yet.

639-54. The Aggies had more penalty yards, 63, then yards on offense. In other words, domination isn't strong enough a word for OU's win.

"You don't forget one like this," said A&M sophomore safety Jaxson Appel. "This is what you remember when it's July 3 and it's 115 degrees on the turf out there and you're running that extra sprint."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Aggies roll through competition, set new team record

STILLWATER, Okla.- The Texas A&M English riders opened their season by setting a new team point record at Animal Science Arena on Saturday.

The Aggies cracked the 40-point barrier for the first time ever in a 43-40 defeat of host Oklahoma State. West Texas A&M topped Louisiana State 27-19 for third place.

"I was really happy to see how they worked as a team," A&M English coach Pamela Bruemmer said. "Our support and preparation was great. I expect that to continue throughout the season."

Two-time defending regional high point rider Meredith Houx captured the first high point rider honor of the year after posting wins in both open flat and open fences. Junior Amanda Dougherty and sophomore Laura Massey tied for reserve high point honors.

"Laura Massey did awesome," Bruemmer said. "She came out and rode like a superstar. Meredith (Houx) was even more on her game than usual. She has great confidence when she enters the ring and it shows."

Massey, a novice rider who also happens to be a member of the Corps of Cadets, shined in her Aggie debut, capturing first place on the flat and second place over fences.

Senior Andrea Hanson, a national qualifier in intermediate fences a year ago, won her first-ever open fences section.

Junior Melissa Loontjer earned a win in the third section of novice flat. Loontjer, the regional and zone champion in advanced walk-trot-canter a year ago, has adjusted admirably to the more difficult division, having scored 19 points in three rides at the novice level.

Freshman Erica Palomo rebounded from a difficult draw in the intermediate fences class to win her flat class later on in the day.

Senior Ashley Ferguson earned a fifth place finish in her section of advanced walk-trot-canter to

qualify for the regional championships scheduled for College Station on March 28.

## All-American Aggie archers finish the weekend on top

Texas A&M All-Americans Lorinda Cohen and Amber Dawson finished their respective weekends with the lead in the recurve and compound divisions at the 2003 Aggie Invitational on Saturday morning but each must hold off world compound champion Mary Zorn in order to be named tournament champion.

Cohen started her senior season off by turning in her best-ever Aggie Invitational score in the recurve division. The 2000 Aggie Invitational champion leads freshman Corinne Yohann, 1,111-1,095, for first place but must wait until teammate Mary Zorn finishes her first-ever recurve tournament before being officially named the winner. Zorn needs to shoot a score of 571 or better in the second half of her round to tie Cohen. The Warrenville, Ill., native shot a score of 540 on Friday night in her initial effort with the new bow. Should Zorn maintain her current pace of 540, she will finish in third place ahead of fellow senior Anne Gordon who finished her round with a total of 1,073.

Yohann's score of 1,095 ranks her No. 5 on the all-time A&M list after only one tournament. Senior Anne Gordon (1,073, 8th all-time) and junior Laura Duke (1,065, 10th all-time) also turned in career bests this weekend.

The compound side features a tight battle between two of the world's top archers. Junior Amber Dawson leads Zorn, the outdoor world record holder, 581-579, at both archers' halfway point. However, Dawson turned in a final score of 1,155 meaning Zorn needs to shoot a score of 575 or better to capture sole possession of first place.

Dawson's score of 1,155 is the second-best indoor score of her Aggie career. Her career score was a 1,159

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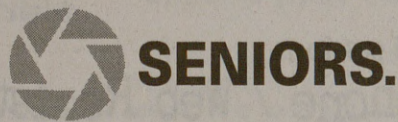
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