

2001 AGGIE FOOTBALL TEXAS A&M

DEVELOPING STORIES

AGGIES QUALIFY FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT BOWL, 11TH BOWL IN R.C. SLOCUM ERA

The Texas A&M football team is bowling for the fifth consecutive season and for the 11th time in head coach R.C. Slocum's 13 seasons at the helm of the Aggies.

The Galleryfurniture.com Bowl is Texas A&M's 27th all-time bowl selection and the second time the Aggies have contested a bowl game in the Astrodome (1977 Bluebonnet Bowl vs. Southern California).

Under Slocum, the Aggies have played in five New Year's Day bowl games, most recently in the 1999 Nokia Sugar Bowl.

SENIOR CLASS OF 2001 NABS FOURTH BOWL BERTH

The Aggie Senior Class of 2001 earned a bowl berth for four straight seasons, becoming just the fourth group of A&M seniors to go bowling throughout their eligibility (1992, 1993 and 2000 seniors were the others). In fact, for the Aggies' fifth-year seniors, it's their fifth straight bowl trip which had only been previously achieved by the 1993 fifth-year seniors.

HOUSTON CONNECTIONS --

With College Station just an hour drive away from Houston, the Texas A&M football roster featured a large contingent of players with ties to Houston. The Aggie roster features a whopping 35 players from the Greater Houston area, or 33 percent of the entire Aggie squad.

Q How many active Div. I-A head coaches with at least 10 years of tenure have never experienced a losing season?

A 2, Texas A&M's R.C. Slocum and Syracuse's Paul Pasqualoni have never had a losing season.

TCU HORNERD FROGS vs. Texas A&M AGGIES

NR — USA Today/ESPN
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Date	Opponent	W-L Score	Date	Opponent ^(TV)	W-L Score
08/25	at Nebraska	L, 21-7	09/01	McNEESE STATE	W, 38-24
09/01	at North Texas	W, 19-5	09/06	at Wyoming ^(ESPN2)	W, 28-20
09/08	at SMU	W, 38-10	09/22	OKLAHOMA ST. ^(FSN-S)	W, 21-7
09/22	Northwestern St	L, 27-24 ^(OT)	09/29	NOTRE DAME ^(ABC)	W, 24-3
09/29	• at Houston	W, 34-17	10/06	• BAYLOR	W, 16-10
10/13	• at Tulane	L, 48-22	10/13	• at Colorado ^(PPV)	L, 31-21
10/20	• Army	W, 38-20	10/20	• at Kansas St. ^(FSN-S)	W, 31-24
10/30	• East Carolina	L, 37-30	10/27	• IOWA ST.	W, 24-21
11/10	• at UAB	L, 38-17	11/03	• at Texas Tech ^(PPV)	L, 12-0
11/23	• Louisville	W, 37-22	11/10	• at Oklahoma ^(ABC)	L, 31-10
12/07	• at Southern Miss	W, 14-12	11/23	• TEXAS ^(ABC)	L, 21-7

All times are central and subject to change

GAME DAY INFORMATION **TM**

Matchup --- TCU (6-5, 4-3 vs. C-USA) vs. Texas A&M (7-4, 4-4 vs. Big 12)

Kickoff --- 12:30 p.m. a.m., Friday, Dec. 28, 2001

Site (capacity) --- Reliant Astrodome, Houston, Texas (62,439 capacity)

Radio Information --- The game will be broadcast by the 60-plus station Texas A&M Radio Network. For a complete list of stations, go to: AggieAthletics.com. Calling the game on the A&M Radio Network are Dave South (play-by-play), former NFL All-Pro Dave Elmendorf (commentary) and former A&M sports information director Tom Turbiville (sideline reports).

TV Information --- The game will be televised nationally by ESPN.

TCU-Texas A&M Series --- Texas A&M and TCU haven't faced each other on the gridiron since the demise of the Southwest Conference in 1995 ... The Aggies hold a 55-29-7 advantage in the all-time series which dates back to the first meeting in 1897 ... The Aggies have won 23 straight games against TCU dating back to a 13-10 Frog victory in 1972 against Emory Bellard's first A&M squad ... R.C. Slocum has posted a 7-0 record against TCU as head coach, and a 22-1 record as a member of the A&M coaching staff. Slocum also tallied an 18-0 win over TCU in 1988 while serving as acting head coach for then-Aggie head coach Jackie Sherrill, who chose not to coach that day.

Last Time in a Bowl --- In A&M's most recent bowl, the Aggies fell to Mississippi State, 43-41, in overtime in the 2000 Sanford Independence Bowl in snowy Shreveport, La. The Frogs fell to Southern Miss in last year's Mobile Alabama Bowl, 28-21.

27TH BOWL APPEARANCE FOR A&M —

The 2001 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl marks the 27th bowl game appearance for the Aggies, and A&M's second trip to the Reliant Astrodome for a bowl game (1977 Bluebonnet Bowl). Texas A&M's 27 bowl berths ranks No. 19 nationally and only 20 teams in the nation have 25 or more bowl appearances to their credit. The game marks A&M's fifth-straight bowl trip, and the 10th of R.C. Slocum's 12-year career as the Aggies' head coach.

Bowl History (12-14)

Year	Bowl	Score
1922	Dixie	A&M 22, Centre College 14
1940	Sugar	A&M 14, Tulane 13
1941	Cotton	A&M 13, Fordham 12
1942	Cotton	Alabama 29, A&M 21
1944	Orange	LSU 19, A&M 14
1950	Presidential	A&M 40, Georgia 20
1957	Gator	Tennessee 3, A&M 0
1968	Cotton	A&M 20, Alabama 16
1975	Liberty	USC 20, A&M 0
1977	Sun	A&M 37, Florida 14
1977	Bluebonnet	USC 47, A&M 28
1978	Hall of Fame	A&M 28, Iowa St. 12.
1981	Independence	A&M 33, Okla. St. 16
1986	Cotton	A&M 36, Auburn 16
1987	Cotton	Ohio St. 28, A&M 12
1988	Cotton	A&M 35, Notre Dame 10
1989	John Hancock	Pittsburgh 31, A&M 28
1990	Holiday	A&M 65, BYU 14
1992	Cotton	Florida St. 10, A&M 2
1993	Cotton	Notre Dame 28, A&M 3
1994	Cotton	Notre Dame 24, A&M 21
1995	Alamo	A&M 22, Michigan 20
1998	Cotton	UCLA 29, A&M 23
1999	Sugar	Ohio St. 24, A&M 14
1999	Alamo	Penn St. 24, A&M 0
2000	Independence	Miss. St. 43, A&M 41 ^(OT)

2001 Gallery TCU vs. Texas A&M

AGGIES SELL TICKET ALLOTMENT---

Aggie athletics director Wally Groff announced Dec. 18 that Texas A&M had sold its allotment of Galleryfurniture.com Bowl tickets.

"We started with 9,000 tickets and asked for some additional tickets for the bowl game," he said. "At the close of business on (Dec. 17), our ticket office and the 12th Man Foundation had sold 10,600.

Fans who still desire to attend the game may contact the Bowl Office at 713-629-3700 or via the internet at www.galleryfurniturebowl.com. Fans may also purchase tickets at any Ticketmaster Ticket Center or go to the Ticketmaster website at www.ticketmaster.com.

SLOCUM'S BOWL MATCHUPS --

Aggie head coach R.C. Slocum has taken Texas A&M to 11 bowl games in his 13 seasons, which is the most by any coach in school history. His record stands at 2-8 in those games with A&M's most recent bowl victory at the 1995 Alamo Bowl.

1989 John Hancock Bowl

A&M #16 lost to #23 Pittsburgh, 31-28

Pittsburgh achieved a high ranking of #7 during the 1989 season. A&M was favored by four points. Pitt ended the season ranked #17 and A&M finished #20 by the Associated Press.

1990 Holiday Bowl

A&M (NR) beat #13 BYU, 65-14

BYU was favored by five points and had Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer. The Cougars were 10-1 before dropping the regular-season finale at Hawaii and losing to the Aggies. A&M ended the season ranked #15 in the AP, while BYU fell out of the rankings.

1992 Cotton Bowl

A&M #9 lost to #5 Florida St., 10-2

Florida State was ranked #1 in the country most of the season and was favored by 6.5 points. After the bowl game, FSU ended the season ranked #4 in the country and A&M finished #12.

1993 Cotton Bowl

A&M #4 lost to #5 Notre Dame, 28-3

The Fighting Irish were favored by 3.5 points and achieved a high ranking of #3 during the season. ND tied Michigan and lost to Stanford. Four Irish starters were #1 draft picks and two others were selected in the second round. Notre Dame ended the season ranked #4 in the country and A&M finished #7.

1994 Cotton Bowl

A&M #6 lost to #4 Notre Dame, 24-21

The Fighting Irish were unbeaten and ranked #1 after beating Florida State, but dropped the regular-season finale to Boston College (41-39). Notre Dame was favored by 6 points in the rematch of the Cotton Bowl. Notre Dame finished second in the country to Florida State and A&M finished #9.

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TCU CONNECTIONS --

Aggie defensive line coach Buddy Wyatt was a four-year letterwinner at TCU from 1986-89 and served as a graduate assistant with the Frogs in 1991 ... former Aggie quarterback Matt Schobel grabbed 19 catches for 310 yards and five touchdowns for TCU in 2001. Schobel transferred to TCU from A&M in 1998.

1995 Alamo Bowl

A&M #18 beat #13 Michigan, 22-20

Michigan achieved a high ranking of #6 in the country during the season and finished the year ranked #17 after the Aggie victory. The Wolverines were favored by 2.5 points and A&M finished the season ranked #15.

1998 Cotton Bowl

A&M #19 lost to #5 UCLA, 29-23

The Bruins of UCLA were favored by 10 points. UCLA had won nine straight entering the game and ended the season ranked #5, while A&M fell one spot to #20.

1999 Sugar Bowl

A&M #8 lost to #3 Ohio St., 24-14

The Buckeyes were ranked #1 for most of the season before a loss to Michigan State knocked them out of the top spot. Ohio State was favored by 12 points and went on to finish #2 behind Tennessee in the polls. A&M finished #11 in the Associated Press poll.

1999 Alamo Bowl

A&M #18 lost to #13 Penn State, 24-0

Penn State was ranked as high as #2 in the country. The Nittany Lions were favored by seven points. Penn State finished the season ranked #11 and Texas A&M ended #23.

2000 Independence Bowl

A&M (NR) lost to Miss. St. (NR), 43-41 (OT)

The MSU Bulldogs reached a high of #13 in the AP poll (Oct. 16). The Aggies reached a high of 21 in the AP on Nov. 13. Texas A&M was favored by 1.5 points entering the game. In a freak snow storm in Shreveport, La., the Aggies and Bulldogs battled to a 35-35 draw in regulation. The Aggies opened overtime with a 25-yard touchdown run but the PAT attempt was blocked and returned for two points. On MSU's ensuing possession, the Bulldogs scored a touchdown for the 43-41 win.

2001 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl

A&M (NR) vs. TCU (NR)

Of the 10 previous bowl opponents Slocum's Aggies have faced, all but one have been ranked in the top 10 nationally at some point in the season.

BACK TO THE ASTRODOME --

The Aggies will be playing in the Reliant Astrodome for the first time since 1994 (38-7 win over Houston) and in city of Houston for the first time since 1995 (20-17 win over Rice).

Prior to the breakup of the Southwest Conference in 1995, the Aggies had played at least one game in the city of Houston every season since 1975 (21 straight years).

In seven games in the city of Houston, R.C. Slocum has compiled a 6-1 record against the University of Houston and Rice.

Slocum's record in the Astrodome stands at 2-1.

MEDIA INFO/SCHEDULE --

All player and coach interviews will be conducted before practice at the designated practice facility. The last opportunity for player interviews will be Wednesday, December 26 at practice. The lone exception to this will be the bowl's news conference on December 27 following the kickoff luncheon at the Raddison Astrodome. Coach R.C. Slocum and two selected players will be attendance.

Practice locations vary by day and weather conditions. A&M will use Rice Stadium as the primary practice facility from Saturday to Tuesday unless weather dictates an indoor workout at Reliant Astrodome. The exception to that will be December 22 when the indoor facility will be University of Houston's Athletics/Alumni Center. A&M will move into Reliant Astrodome on Wednesday.

Practices will be open for media to film and photograph for the first 20-30 minutes Saturday through Wednesday. Please make arrangements in advance with the A&M Media Relations Staff for ALL interviews and shooting opportunities. ALL practices are closed.

Host hotel for the Aggies is the J.W. Marriott across the street from The Galleria. The phone number is 713-961-1500.

Remember that all times and locations are subject change.

Please contact the A&M Football Media Relations staff at the hotel or via cell phones for the most up to date information.

Alan Cannon, Director 979-777-4200
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Saturday, Dec. 22

2:00 p.m. Arrive at Rice or UH Indoor (alt.)
 2:50-4:30 p.m. Texas A&M Practice

Sunday, Dec. 23

No practice

Monday, Dec. 24

2:15 p.m. Arrive at Rice or Astrodome (alt.)
 3:15-5 p.m. Texas A&M Practice

Tuesday, Dec. 25

1:35 p.m. Arrive at Rice or Astrodome (alt.)
 2:25-4:20 p.m. Texas A&M Practice

Wednesday, Dec. 26 (Player interview cutoff)

11:00 a.m. Arrive at Reliant Astrodome
 11:50-1:30 p.m. Texas A&M Practice

Thursday, Dec. 27

11:30 a.m. Kickoff Luncheon at the Radisson Astrodome. A press conference featuring R.C. Slocum and two players will follow the luncheon.

1:00 p.m. Arrive at Reliant Astrodome
 2:00-3:00 p.m. Texas A&M Practice

Friday, Dec. 28

12:30 p.m. Texas A&M vs. TCU
 Reliant Astrodome

NEWCOMERS POWER OFFENSE ---

Injuries to several of A&M's offensive veterans have forced the Aggies to rely on newcomers for offensive production.

Five offensive newcomers (freshmen Derek Farmer, Keith Joseph, Terrence Murphy and Terrence Thomas and sophomore transfer Jamaar Taylor) are responsible for 917 of 1,254 rushing yards (73.1 percent).

Those same five newcomers are also responsible for 61.6 percent of the Aggies' receiving yards (1,300 of 2,109 yards).

Newcomers have had a hand in producing 65.9 percent of A&M's total offense (2217 of 3,363 yards).

Newcomers have also scored 14 of A&M's 28 total touchdowns this season (50.0 percent).

LIMITING THE BIG PLAY ---

The Wrecking Crew has produced an impressive record of limiting opponent's big plays in 2001.

The Aggies' rush defense has allowed just three runs over 20 yards in 429 chances, and the season-long rush against the Wrecking Crew was 24 yards by Cedric Benson of Texas.

A&M's pass defense has given up four pass plays over 40 yards in 369 chances, and just one over 50 yards in length.

As a team, the Aggies have allowed just one offensive play of more than 50 yards -- a 54-yard TD pass from Iowa State's Seneca Wallace to Jack Whitver -- despite facing 798 plays.

OFFENSIVE NOTES ---

- The Aggie offense has only two seniors on its entire two-deep lineup — 48-game starter Seth McKinney and reserve wide receiver Mickey Jones.
- The Aggies are 3-0 this season when they have a 100-yard individual rusher. In fact, the Aggies have won 14 straight games when featuring a 100-yard rusher.
- Quarterback Mark Farris passed for 2,094 yards in 2001, becoming the just the second player in school history to post consecutive 2,000 yard passing seasons (the other is Corey Pullig, 1994-95)
- The Aggies' streak of 12 straight 300-point seasons ended in 2001. The last A&M team to not score at least 300 points was Jackie Sherrill's final Aggie squad that mustered 293 points in 1988.

DEFENSIVE NOTES ---

- Texas A&M finished 2001 with 14 interceptions and it was a team effort. All-Big 12 cornerback Sammy Davis led the way with five pickoffs, and then nine other Aggies chipped in a single INT.
- The Wrecking Crew didn't allow a 100-yard individual rusher in 2001. In fact, the last time an opponent rusher went over the century mark was the 2000 Oklahoma State game when Reggie White ran for 112 yards on 19 carries, a span of 13 games. The high opponent rusher in 2001 was OSU's Tatum Bell with 94 yards on 22 carries.
- Rocky Bernard and Christian Rodriguez spent a lot of time in opponent backfields the past six games. Both have posted at least one tackle for loss (TFL) in each of the past six games and have combined for 18 TFLs in that span.
- The A&M defense has faced 80 or more plays in five of 11 games in 2001, including a season-high 85 vs. KSU.
- The Aggies are plus-3 in turnover margin for the season.

PRODUCTIVE OLB TANDEM ---

Despite being first-year starters, outside linebackers Christian Rodriguez and Jarrod Penright rank as one of the most productive OLB tandems of the R.C. Slocum era (since 1989).

Rodriguez and Penright combined to make 60 "big plays," which is a combination of all defensive statistical categories except tackles.

The pair averaged 5.5 "big plays" per game, which was the highest by a pair of A&M OLBs since the 1995 pair of Reggie Brown and Keith Mitchell and tied for the fourth-highest average of the Slocum era.

Yearly "Big Plays" by A&M OLBs

Year	OLB Tandem	Big Plays	Avg.
2001	J.Penright/C.Rodriguez	30/30=60	... 5.5
2000	J.Glenn/R.Bradley	41/10=51	... 4.6
1999	J.Glenn/R.Bradley	22/28=50	... 4.6
1998	W.Holdman/R.Bradley	36/22=58	... 4.5
1997	W.Holdman/P.Meyers	16/23=39	... 3.6
1996	W.Holdman/K.Mitchell	13/26=39	... 3.3
1995	R.Brown/K.Mitchell	31/38=69	... 6.3
1994	R.Brown/A.Armstrong	16/33=49	... 4.5
1993	A.Armstrong/S.Solari	24/15=39	... 3.5
1992	M.Buckley/S.Solari	49/11=66	... 5.5
1991	M.Buckley/O.Nealy	40/ 9=49	... 4.5
1990	M.Buckley/W.Thomas	58/21=79	... 6.6
1989	A.Wallace/W.Thomas	42/36=78	... 7.1

LIST OF LISTS

TOP ESPN GAMEDAY LOCATIONS

RK	School
1.	TEXAS A&M
2.	Anywhere in the Southeastern Conference
3.	Virginia Tech
4.	Nebraska
5.	Oregon

..... Source: ESPN.com

WINNINGEST TEAMS OF '90s

RK	School	Conference	Record
1.	Florida State	ACC	109-13-1
2.	Nebraska	Big 12	108-16-1
3.	Florida	SEC	102-22-1
4.	Tennessee	SEC	99-22-2
5.	Penn State	Big 10	97-26-0
6.	TEXAS A&M	Big 12	94-28-2
7.	Michigan	Big 10	93-26-3
8.	Ohio State	Big 10	91-29-3
9.	Miami (Fla.)	Big East	92-27-0
10.	Colorado	Big 12	87-29-4

TOP HOME RECORDS OF '90s

RK	School	Record	Pct.
1.	Florida State	55-1-1	.974
2.	Nebraska	61-3-0	.953
3.	Florida	56-4-0	.933
4.	TEXAS A&M	55-4-1	.925
5.	Kansas State	55-5-1	.910

TOP COLLEGE FB STADIUMS

RK	Venue	School
1.	Neyland Stadium	Tennessee
2.	Notre Dame Stadium	Notre Dame
3.	Florida Field	Florida
4.	Kyle Field	Texas A&M
5.	Husky Stadium	Washington

..... Source: The Sporting News

MOST MALE-FRIENDLY COLLEGES

School	Location
Texas A&M	College Station, Texas
Long Beach State	Long Beach, Calif.
Davidson College	Davidson, N.C.
Illinois Wesleyan	Bloomington, Ill.
Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.
Lewis & Clark	Portland, Ore.
Princeton	Princeton, N.J.
Georgia	Athens, Ga.
Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.
Washington & Lee	Lexington, Va.

..... Source: Men's Health, 9/2000

LOUDEST COLLEGE FB FANS

RK	School
1.	TEXAS A&M
2.	Louisiana State
3.	Florida
4.	Tennessee
5.	Wisconsin

..... Source: FBFANS.com

HOME SWEET KYLE ---

Texas A&M's Kyle Field has become one of the nation's toughest road venues since R.C. Slocum took over the Aggies' reins in 1989. In 13 seasons with Slocum as head coach, the Aggies have compiled a sparkling 69-8-1 (.891) record on their home field. The Aggies have posted eight undefeated home records during that time, including seven perfect 6-0 home worksheets. Prior to Slocum's tenure, A&M had posted just eight undefeated season records at Kyle.

Undefeated home records at Kyle

Slocum era		Before Slocum	
Year	Record	Year	Record
1990	5-0-1	1927	5-0
1991	6-0-0	1939	5-0
1992	6-0-0	1951	2-0-2
1993	6-0-0	1956	4-0
1994	6-0-0	1974	5-0
1997	6-0	1975	5-0
1998	6-0	1985	6-0
1999	6-0	1986	6-0

PROTECTING THE HOME FIELD ---

Under R.C. Slocum, the Aggies have fashioned the two longest home-winning streaks in school history.

Winning Streaks at Kyle

Games	Coach	Years	Ended by:
*29	R.C. Slocum	1990-95	Texas
22	R.C. Slocum	1996-2000	Colorado
16	Emory Bellard	1973-76	Texas Tech
15	Homer Norton	1938-41	Texas
14	Jackie Sherrill	1984-86	LSU
10	Jackie Sherrill	1987-88	Alabama
8	Paul Bryant	1956-57	Texas

* — Unbeaten for 32 games dating back to 1989

Slocum's record at Kyle:

Year	Record	Avg. Winning Margin
2001	5-1	+5.7 points
2000	4-2	+16.5 points
1999	6-0	+22.9 points
1998	6-0	+14.3 points
1997	6-0	+33.4 points
1996	3-3	+17.0 points
1995	5-1-0	+41.0 points
1994	6-0-0	+16.0 points
1993	6-0-0	+31.5 points
1992	6-0-0	+15.5 points
1991	6-0-0	+26.7 points
1990	5-0-1	+24.5 points
1989	5-1-0	+15.3 points

NON-CONFERENCE GRAVEYARD ---

The Aggies have completed another perfect non-conference home schedule, which improves R.C. Slocum's career record against non-division opponents at Kyle Field to 28-0 since 1989.

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AGGIES SINCE 1989 ---

Since taking over the Texas A&M football program in 1989, head coach R.C. Slocum has developed the Aggies into one of the nation's winningest teams.

NATION'S WINNINGEST TEAMS DURING THE SLOCUM ERA (SINCE 1989)

RK	School	Conference	Record
1.	Florida State	ACC	137-20-1 <i>Bobby Bowden</i>
2.	Nebraska	Big 12	138-21-1 <i>Tom Osborne, Frank Solich</i>
3.	Florida	SEC	127-32-1 <i>Galen Hall, Gary Darnell, Steve Spurrier</i>
4.	Tennessee	SEC	126-29-3 <i>Johnny Majors, Phil Fulmer</i>
5.	Miami (Fla.)	Big East	123-29-0 <i>Dennis Erickson, Butch Davis, Larry Coker</i>
6.	Michigan	Big 10	118-34-3 <i>Bo Schembechler, Gary Moeller, Lloyd Carr</i>
7.	TEXAS A&M	Big 12	116-41-2 <i>R.C. Slocum</i>
8.	Penn State	Big 10	115-41-1 <i>Joe Paterno</i>
9.	Ohio State	Big 10	113-41-3 <i>John Cooper, Jim Tressel</i>
10.	Colorado	Big 12	110-40-4 <i>Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett</i>

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jaxson	APPEL	APP-ell
Wes	BAUTOVICH	BOT-oh-vitch
John	BOUTTE	BOO-tay
JONTE	BUHL	JOHN-tay BULE
Thomas	CARRIGER	CARE-eh-ger
Kasey	CHESHIER	CHESS-sure
Michael	DE LA TORRE	DELL-ah-TOR-ee
OSCHLOR	Flemming	OSH-lore
Dwain	GOYNES	GO-inns
Terrence	KIEL	KEEL
Michael	MAHAN	MAY-han
James	MILKAVICH	MICK-kay-vitch
Don	MUHLBACH	MULE-bock
JARROD	Penright	jah-ROD
Joey	PEROT	PAY-roe
Alan	REUBER	ROO-ber
John	ROBERSON	ROE-ber-son
Christian	RODRIGUEZ	ROD-ree-gez
AMON	Simon	ah-MAHN
LINNIS	Smith	LINN-iss
Joe	WEBER	WEB-er
TORON	WOOLDRIDGE	TORE-ron WOOLED-ridge

TEXAS A&M QUOTEBOARD

"Coach Slocum's speech riled us up enough to where we've taken it upon ourselves to become a great defense. You can line up 11 great athletes, but they're not going to do anything if all the guys aren't on the same page."

---OLB CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ ON DEFENSE'S "CALLING OUT" BY R.C. SLOCUM (10/15)

"It's Texas A&M. We'll always have people. We'll pull them out of the stands. We're the 12th Man."

---FRESHMAN RECEIVER TERENCE MURPHY WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE AGGIES' INJURY SITUATION (10/21)

"The words 'Wrecking Crew,' to me, mean 11 guys who fly to the football on every play and knock some heads when they get there."

---OLB CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ (10/15)

"I've been to a lot of places. I've been down to Florida. I've been down to Michigan. I've been in Notre Dame. I've been in a lot of places and I still rank Notre Dame the best, especially when things are going great. But, Texas A&M. Maroon Out. The Cadets marching. It was unbelievable! It was awesome, baby! I give them an A-plus, they do a first class job. Their fans were fantastic. They were beautiful people and they played a brilliant football game."

---DICK VITALE, ESPN BASKETBALL ANALYST MIKE AND MIKE, ESPN RADIO (10/1)

"(R.C. Slocum) is a real class act. He represents his school well. He does an excellent job of presenting his program to the community and to the public."

---DENNIS GENTRY, DETROIT LIONS SCOUT

"We saw many, many outstanding tributes to the victims of the Sept. 11 tragedies all over college football, and they were all incredibly well done. Not surprisingly, the stadium where we saw the most spirit and an unbelievable coordination effort was at Texas A&M's Kyle Field. Every single fan dressed according to the color the tier their seat was in represented, so the stadium was ringed in the colors of the American Flag -- red, white and blue. I can only imagine how electric the atmosphere in College Station must have been."

---KIRK HERBSTREIT QUICK SNAPS, ESPN.COM (9/24)

"It doesn't get better than R.C. Slocum. As far as college football goes he is the measuring stick for us. He truly is a great man."

---WALTER JULIFF, DALLAS COWBOYS SCOUT

T-MURPH MAKES HIS MARK---

True freshman wide receiver Terrence Murphy finished 2001 as the most prolific freshman receiver in school history.

With 36 catches in 2001, Murphy broke Richard Osborne's 29-year old freshman catches record of 31 that he set in 1972 (which was the first year that freshmen were eligible).

Murphy also posted a team-leading 518 receiving yards, which fell just short of Brian Mitchell's freshman record of 519 yards set in 1991). His 3 receiving touchdowns were just short of matching the freshman receiving touchdowns mark of 4 set by Mitchell in 1991 and Leeland McElroy, 1993).

Murphy also set single game freshman records for catches and receiving yards with 10 for 146 against Colorado on 10/13.

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FARMER JOINS 500 CLUB ---

True freshman running back Derek Farmer became the seventh Aggie freshman to rush for more than 500 yards, and the first since Dante Hall rushed for 642 yards in 1996. Farmer, who took off his redshirt for the Oklahoma State game, finished with a team-leading 503 yards on 110 carries.

A&M Freshman Rushing Leaders

Rk.	Running Back, Year	Yards
1.	Greg Hill, 1991	1,216
2.	Curtis Dickey, 1976	726
3.	Darren Lewis, 1987	668
4.	Danté Hall, 1996	642
5.	Leeland McElroy, 1993	613
6.	George Woodard, 1975	604
7.	Derek Farmer, 2001	503

FRESHMAN LEADERS ---

The true freshman tandem of running back Derek Farmer and wide receiver Terrence Murphy finished 2001 with team-leading totals rushing yards and receiving yards, respectively.

No A&M squad had ever been led by freshmen in rushing and receiving in the same year.

Farmer was the Aggies' team leader in rushing yards by more than 100 yards with 503 yards on 110 carries, while Murphy edged out another newcomer to the Aggie offense, sophomore transfer Jamaar Taylor (518 yards to 489 yards) for the receiving yards lead.

ANOTHER WINNING SEASON ---

With a 7-4 record going into its bowl game, Texas A&M has clinched its 19 consecutive winning season (.500 or better), dating back to 1983. It is the seventh longest active streak in college football, and is a school record.

Most Consecutive Winning Seasons

Rk	Team	Consecutive Seasons
1.	Nebraska	40
2.	Michigan	34
3.	Brigham Young	27
4.	Florida State	25
	Washington	25
6.	Florida	22
7.	Texas A&M	19
8.	Marshall	18
9.	Syracuse	15
10.	Virginia	14

DEFENSIVE MVP? ---

There are several solid candidates for A&M's Defensive MVP --- Jarrod Penright and his 10.5 sacks, Sammy Davis and his five picks or Rocky Bernard and his consistent push up front -- but no one on the Wrecking Crew has been as hot as Terrence Kiel through the meat of the Aggie schedule.

Over the past six games, Kiel averaged 10.5 tackles per game and emerged as team's leader in tackles. During that span, Kiel posted double digit tackles three times, including a career-best 16 stops vs. Iowa State.

Kiel's 2001 Statistics

DEFENSE	TT	Solo	Ast.	INT	PBU
McNeese St.	1	1	0	0-0	0
Wyoming	11	8	3	0-0	1
Oklahoma St.	8	5	3	0-0	0
Notre Dame	5	3	2	1-0	1
Baylor	4	2	2	0-0	0
Colorado	9	8	1	0-0	0
Kansas State	11	9	2	0-0	1
Iowa State	16	10	6	0-0	2
Texas Tech	12	9	3	0-0	0
Oklahoma	7	5	2	0-0	1
Texas	8	5	3	0-0	0
Season	92	65	27	1/0	6

YOUTH IS SERVED ---

Eight members of the Aggies' 2001 signing class have seen action this season, including five freshman who have earned starts. It's the biggest group of true freshmen to see action for the Aggies since 1996 (nine).

Signing Class of 2001

Player, Pos.	Starts	Player, Pos.	Starts
Terrence Murphy, WR ...	6	Terrence Thomas, WR	1
Derek Farmer, RB	6	Randall Webb, LB	0
Jami Hightower, OT	4	Byron Jones, DB	0
Thomas Carriger, TE ...	4	Brandon Johnson, LB ...	0

RECORD-SETTING FARRIS —

In 25 games at QB, Farris has passed for 4,698 yards and is averaging 187.9 passing yards per game. He is also completing 58.7 percent of his pass attempts for his career, which is on school record pace. He is just the third QB in A&M history to reach 4,500 career passing yards.

Farris' Career Statistics

1999	Cmp-Att	Yds.	Pct.	TDs	INTs
Tulsa	2-4	16	.500	0	0
Baylor	1-2	7	.500	0	0
Oklahoma	3-10	30	.300	0	0
Season	6-16	53	.375	0	0
2000	Cmp-Att	Yds.	Pct.	TDs	INTs
Notre Dame	16-28	165	.571	0	1
Wyoming	14-21	272	.667	2	0
UTEP	18-29	178	.621	1	1
Texas Tech	16-21	186	.762	0	0
Colorado	27-44	281	.614	1	0
Baylor	22-40	311	.550	1	2
Iowa State	16-27	248	.593	2	0
Kansas State	12-20	155	.600	0	0
Oklahoma St.	24-37	246	.649	1	1
Oklahoma	18-37	219	.486	1	2
Texas	25-43	290	.581	1	2
Season	208-347	2,551	.599	10	9
2001	Cmp-Att	Yds.	Pct.	TDs	INTs
McNeese St.	24-40	254	.600	1	1
Wyoming	30-42	341	.714	1	1
Oklahoma St.	14-25	92	.560	1	1
Notre Dame	14-26	155	.539	0	0
Baylor	21-36	260	.583	0	0
Colorado	30-49	334	.612	3	2
Kansas State	11-20	138	.550	2	0
Iowa State	11-21	132	.524	0	1
Texas Tech	22-31	206	.710	0	1
Oklahoma	10-20	59	.500	0	0
Texas	16-37	123	.432	0	2
Season	203-347	2,094	.585	8	9
Career	417-710	4,698	.587	18	18

CHART CHASER —

Junior Mark Farris is already mentioned prominently throughout A&M's passing record book.

Career Completions

Rk.	Player, Years	Completions
1.	Corey Pullig, 1992-95	560
2.	Kevin Murray, 1983, 85-86	534
3.	Mark Farris, 1999-	417
4.	Edd Hargett, 1966-68	400
5.	Brannndon Stewart, 1996-98	325
6.	Gary Kubiak, 1979-82	315

Career Attempts

Rk.	Player, Years	Pass Attempts
1.	Corey Pullig, 1992-95	992
2.	Kevin Murray, 1983, 85-86	926
3.	Edd Hargett, 1966-68	821
4.	Mark Farris, 1999-	710
5.	Brannndon Stewart, 1996-98	623

Career Yards

Rk.	Player, Years	Passing Yards
1.	Corey Pullig, 1992-95	6,846
2.	Kevin Murray, 1983, 85-86	6,506
3.	Edd Hargett, 1966-68	5,379
4.	Mark Farris, 1999-	4,698
5.	Brannndon Stewart, 1996-98	4,325
6.	Randy McCown, 1996-99	4,187
7.	Gary Kubiak, 1979-82	4,078

Career Completion Percentage

Rk.	Player, Years	Completion Pct.
1.	Mark Farris, 1999-	.587
2.	Kevin Murray, 1983, 85-86	.577
3.	Corey Pullig, 1992-95	.565
	Lance Pavlas, 1987-90	.565
5.	Mike Mosley, 1977-80	.554

Career Passing Touchdowns

Rk.	Player, Years	Passing TDs
1.	Kevin Murray, 1983, 85-86	48
2.	Corey Pullig, 1992-95	47
3.	Edd Hargett, 1966-68	40
4.	Gary Kubiak, 1979-82	31
5.	Brannndon Stewart, 1996-98	26
6.	Randy McCown, 1996-99	22
7.	Lance Pavlas, 1987-90	20
8.	Mark Farris, 1999-	18

FARRIS' 40-ATTEMPT GAMES---

In just two seasons as a starter, A&M junior quarterback Mark Farris already has more 40-pass attempt games to his credit than any other Aggie quarterbacks in school history.

Career 40-Pass Attempt Games

RK	Player, Years	Games
1.	Mark Farris, 1999-	6
2.	Edd Hargett, 1966-68	3
	Gary Kubiak, 1979-82	3
4.	Kevin Murray, 1983, 85-86	2
5.	Brannndon Stewart, 1996-98	1

BIG PLAY JAY —

Fifth-year senior Jay Brooks has earned a reputation as a play-maker with a litany of game-changing plays throughout his career.

Brooks' big-play rundown:

- Blocks fifth career punt against Notre Dame in 2001, puts final nail in Irish's 24-3 coffin.
- Fails fake punt try by Oklahoma State in 2001, sets up game's initial touchdown.
- Blocked punt against Oklahoma in 2000 sets up first A&M touchdown.
- Shoe-string tackle of OU's Quentin Griffin on third down forces a Sooner punt to give A&M a last-gasp chance at upset in 2000.
- Blocked punt against Iowa State sets up first score. A&M cruises 30-7 in 2000.
- Blocked punt against Texas Tech is converted into TD and 16-7 lead in 2000.
- Blocked punt against UTEP is converted into TD and 28-17 lead in 2000.
- Sacks and strips Texas QB Applewhite to secure 20-16 win in 1999.
- Returns blocked punt for TD and 10-0 lead against Texas Tech in 1999.
- INT return for TD against USM in 1999 lifts Aggies who fail to score an offensive TD.
- Fumble return for TD against No. 2 Florida State give Aggies a 14-10 halftime lead in 1998.

QUICK TRANSITION FOR MURPHY---

Despite not playing wide receiver at any level prior to arriving on campus this fall, true freshman Terrence Murphy has played a major role in the Aggies' passing game this season.

T. Murphy's 2001 Statistics

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
McNeese St.	4	79	19.8	1	38
Wyoming	0	0	--	0	--
Oklahoma St.	1	15	15.0	0	15
Notre Dame	2	48	24.0	0	45
Baylor	1	24	24.0	0	24
Colorado	10	146	14.6	1	36
Kansas State	5	107	21.4	1	44
Iowa State	4	40	10.0	0	14
Texas Tech	3	21	7.0	0	12
Oklahoma	2	15	7.5	0	12
Texas	4	23	5.8	0	11
Season	36	518	14.4	3	45

IRISH TRANSFER MAKING MARK ---

On a team seeking to fill the huge void left by 2000 Big 12 receiving leader Robert Ferguson, sophomore transfer Jamaar Taylor has had an immediate impact. He leads the team in receptions, receiving yards and is tied for the team lead in receiving touchdowns.

J. Taylor's 2001 Statistics

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
McNeese St.	3	51	17.0	0	37
Wyoming	4	74	18.5	0	33
Oklahoma St.	4	36	9.0	1	19
Notre Dame	2	24	12.0	0	14
Baylor	5	72	14.4	0	34
Colorado	9	146	16.2	2	64
Kansas State	3	16	5.1	0	7
Iowa State	2	13	6.5	0	12
Texas Tech	6	49	8.2	0	16
Texas		INJURED			
Season	38	481	12.7	3	64

BERNARD BACK IN LINEUP —

Fifth-year senior Rocky Bernard, who missed the 2000 season because of a knee injury suffered in fall camp, has been better than ever since returning to the Aggies' starting lineup. Bernard leads the defensive line in tackles with 64 and is second on the team in tackles for losses with 14 for -48 yards.

Bernard's 64 tackles are the most by an Aggie defensive lineman since Brad Crowley produced 67 stops in 1997.

Bernard's 2001 Statistics

DEFENSE	TT	Solo	Ast.	QBS	TFL
McNeese St.	6	5	1	0-0	2-5
Wyoming	2	0	2	0-0	0-0
Oklahoma St.	8	6	2	1-6	3-12
Notre Dame	7	4	3	0-0	1-1
Baylor	7	3	4	0-0	0-0
Colorado	10	8	2	0-0	3-4
Kansas State	6	2	4	0-0	1-1
Iowa State	5	4	1	1-1	1-1
Texas Tech	8	5	3	1-7	1-7
Oklahoma	5	4	1	2/16	2/16
Texas	5	1	4	0/0	1/2
Season	69	42	27	5/30	15/50

SENDING PLAYERS TO THE NFL ---

Texas A&M stands as the Big 12's top producer of National Football League talent with 33 players on 2001 opening day rosters, according to the Big 12 Conference.

Thirty-two of the 33 Aggie NFLers played at least one season during the R.C. Slocum era (1989-present). Only veteran offensive lineman Jerry Fontenot remains from the pre-R.C. time.

Big 12's Top NFL Talent Producers

Rk	School	Players
1.	Texas A&M	33
2.	Nebraska	29
3.	Colorado	28
6.	Kansas State	17
5.	Texas	16
4.	Oklahoma	14
7.	Oklahoma State	10
	Kansas	10
9.	Baylor	9
	Missouri	9
11.	Texas Tech	5
12.	Iowa State	4

Aggies in the NFL

Player, Pos	Team
Detron Smith, RB	Denver Broncos
Danté Hall, RB	Kansas City Chiefs
Rodney Thomas, RB	Atlanta Falcons
Chris Cole, WR	Denver Broncos
Albert Connell, WR	New Orleans Saints
Robert Ferguson, WR	Green Bay Packers
Jerry Fontenot, OL	New Orleans Saints
Steve McKinney, OL	Indianapolis Colts
Cameron Spikes, OL	St. Louis Rams
Rex Tucker, OL	Chicago Bears
Andy Vincent, OL	Detroit Lions
Richmond Webb, OL	Miami Dolphins
Hunter Goodwin, TE	Miami Dolphins
Dan Campbell, TE	New York Giants
Ron Edwards, DL	Buffalo Bills
Ronald Flemons, DL	Atlanta Falcons
Eddie Jasper, DL	Atlanta Falcons
Sam Adams, DL	Baltimore Ravens
Pat Williams, DL	Buffalo Bills
Brandon Mitchell, DL	New England Patriots
Jason Glenn, LB	New York Jets
Warrick Holdman, LB	Chicago Bears
Dat Nguyen, LB	Dallas Cowboys
Keith Mitchell, LB	New Orleans Saints
William Thomas, LB	Oakland Raiders
Donovan Greer, DB	Washington Redskins
Aaron Glenn, DB	New York Jets
Michael Jameson, DB	Cleveland Browns
Ray Mickens, DB	New York Jets
Brandon Jennings, DB	Oakland Raiders
Jason Webster, DB	San Francisco 49ers
Rich Coady, DB	St. Louis Rams
Shane Lechler, P	Oakland Raiders

INJURIES TAKE TOLL ON AGGIES ---

The Aggies were hit by injuries in 2001 as hard as at any time during the R.C. Slocum era. Here's a breakdown of the hardest-hit positions:

<*** — denotes projected starter>

Placekicker:

***Chris Sims (herniated disk)

..... out for season/retired from football

Result: Sims was replaced by punter Cody Scates. A call out to the A&M student body produced backup Matt Douglas.

Tight ends:

***Michael de la Torre (herniated disk)

..... started first six games of season before being diagnosed with herniated disk. Has retired from football.

***Lonnie Madison (knee surgery)

..... fifth-year senior was listed as co-starter with de la Torre. Tore his ACL on first day of two-a-days and was lost for season.

Fred Spiller (back injury)

..... Sophomore letterman lost battle with back problems. Out for the year.

Joey Perot (shoulder surgery)

..... Saw action in first two games before shoulder injury sidelined him. Had shoulder surgery on Oct. 2.

Result: A&M has one scholarship TE on roster — converted true freshman DE Carriger. His backup is redshirt freshman walkon Haven Massey.

Wide Receivers:

***Bethel Johnson (ruptured spleen)

..... Leading returning receiver suffered ruptured spleen against Wyoming. Out for the season.

Richard Whitaker (knee surgery)

..... Suffered a knee injury during fall camp that required surgery, but still started at running back against McNeese State. Played sparingly vs. Wyoming. Swelling in his knee has kept him out of action since the second game of the season.

Greg Porter (broken foot)

..... Played in the first four games of the season before breaking three bones in his foot prior to the Baylor game. Missed BU, CU, KSU, ISU, TT games, before returning to limited action against Oklahoma.

Jamaar Taylor (torn calf muscle)

..... Has played through a torn calf muscle.

Mickey Jones (knee strain)

..... Missed the season-opener, but has seen action in the last nine games.

Result: Transfer soph Taylor and true freshman Murphy are forced into starting lineup. Neither had college catch prior to 2001.

Free Safety:

***Jay Brooks (groin strain)

..... Suffered a strained groin prior to the Kansas State game. Has missed the KSU, ISU, TT and OU games.

Dawon Gentry (herniated disk)

..... Diagnosed with herniated disk prior to Kansas State game. Out for the season.

Result: Bautovich slides over from SS, backed up by redshirt frosh Crutchfield.

Offensive Tackle:

***André Brooks (knee surgery)

..... Suffered a knee injury early in the Notre Dame game that required surgery. Missed BU, CU, KSU, ISU and TT games before returning for the Oklahoma game.

Michael Mahan (heart arrhythmia)

..... Suffers from Wolf-Parkinson-White Syndrome. Missed most of the Colorado game.

Jami Hightower (high ankle sprain)

..... Missed the Oklahoma State game.

Result: True frosh Hightower in starting lineup at left tackle. Mahan slides to right tackle.

Defensive Line:

***Ty Warren (heel bruise/pectoral strain)

..... Missed the Notre Dame and Baylor game with a bruised heel suffered against Oklahoma State. Suffered a pectoral strain and missed the Oklahoma game.

***Evan Perroni (high ankle sprain)

..... Suffered a high ankle sprain against Kansas State. Missed ISU, TT before returning for Oklahoma game.

Linnis Smith (ankle sprain)

..... Suffered ankle sprain while returning INT vs. Baylor. Missed the CU and KSU games.

Result: At least one of the five scholarship defensive linemen have been out of the lineup for the past six games (BU, CU, KSU, ISU, TT, OU).

Linebacker:

***Christian Rodriguez (knee strain)

..... Missed Baylor game

***Brian Gamble (knee strain)

..... Has been hobbled since spraining his knee prior to the Texas Tech. Has not missed a game.

***Jesse Hunnicutt (knee strain)

..... Sprained his knee against Colorado. Missed KSU and ISU.

***Jared Morris (knee strain)

..... Suffered a knee strain in practice prior to OU, missed the OU game.

Toron Wooldridge (hamstring strain)

..... Has missed the last five games.

Running Backs:

***Derek Farmer (knees)

..... Suffered a bruised knee against Texas Tech and missed the second half. Returned to action against Oklahoma but hyperextended his other knee after two plays.

Texas A&M's 10-Plus Starters

Player	Cl.-Exp.	Pos.	Starts
Seth McKinney	Sr-3L	OC	*49
Brian Gamble	Jr-2L	ILB	34
Rocky Bernard	Sr-3L	DE	33
Sammy Davis	Jr-2L	CB	25
Michael Mahan	Jr-2L	OT	25
Taylor Whitley	Jr-2L	OG	*23
Mark Farris	Jr-2L	QB	*23
Sean Weston	So-1L	CB	*22
Terrence Kiel	Jr-2L	SS	22
Jay Brooks	Sr-3L	FS	19
Ty Warren	Jr-2L	DL	19
#Bethel Johnson	Sr-2L	WR	13
Dwain Goynes	Jr-2L	WR	13
Billy Yates	Jr-2L	OG	13
Christian Rodriguez	Sr-3L	OLB	13
Jarrold Penright	Jr-2L	OLB	12
Evan Perroni	Sr-3L	DE	11
Jared Morris	So-1L	ILB	10

— Medical redshirt, will return in 2002

* — Consecutive starts

TEXAS A&M HEAD COACH R.C. SLOCUM QUOTES (12/17 PRESS CONFERENCE)

How are the bowl workouts going?

"We've had some good workouts. We're getting some players back (from injuries). We've never had this many, that I can recall, going into a bowl workout. But the ones that had a chance to get back, they've pretty much been back out there.

"(Starting offensive tackle) Michael Mahan (back injury) has not practiced and I doubt that Michael is going to be able to play in the game. I'm close to ruling him out for the game. He is actually not practicing at all right now. We will make a decision on the (December) 22nd on whether or not he's going to be available.

<<What about starting cornerback Sean Weston?>> "Sean Weston has not practiced so far. I'm not sure if he's going to practice today (Dec. 17). He has a hyper-extended knee.

"(Starting inside linebacker) Jared Morris had knee surgery and he is out for the ballgame. <<Who will replace him in the starting lineup?>> "Harold Robertson."

How important is it to win this bowl game?

"It is (important) and this team (TCU) is pretty good. If you look at the last couple of games, they are finishing strong. What they've done in the last two games by beating Louisville and going to Southern Miss and beating them certainly makes them a team to be taken seriously, which we are."

What do you to regain confidence, if there is some lost confidence?

"I think it's very important that we come out in this game and play better offensively. Without a doubt, we have not played well offensively. But when you factor in the quality of the OU and Texas defenses and the injuries we had, it hard to know exactly what you're seeing and I'm a coach looking at it every day. I don't know really how poorly we performed, or, if taken in light of the injuries and the opponents, we didn't have a real good day but we really we weren't that bad. We will get some of those players back for the bowl game and this is an opportunity to come back and have some success. We will still struggle at the tight end position. We've got a young, inexperienced guy there who's still feeling his way around and we don't have two tight ends. TCU is an eight-man front team and one of the bet-

ter ways to play them is to lineup with two tight ends. And we don't have that opportunity."

How does TCU look defensively?

"They look good to me. Their whole team does. I think they are a well-coached team and they have athletic ability. They put a lot of pressure on you defensively. Offensively, they have a mobile quarterback and they come at you from a lot of different directions. They're a good solid football team."

Evaluate quarterback Mark Farris and how he's handled the whole situation.

"Again, it's hard to know exactly what you're looking at. Mark has completed a similar percentage of his passes this year. My overall take is that he has not performed at as high of a level as he did a year ago, but I'm not convinced that is an accurate assessment. There are a lot of factors beyond his control (with injuries to much of the tight end and wide receiver corps). He faced a busted route here and a little bit different route there. That's disconcerting for a quarterback to not know for certain that guy is always going to be there. People talk about having a 'go-to' guy -- I don't think we have a guy with enough experience to say we had a 'go-to' guy. The things that normally make a quarterback look good are the receivers and when you have all new receivers and a new tight end then a big part of your complementary forces are gone. All the supporting cast that Mark had this year were young, inexperienced guys so that puts a bigger burden on him."

Are you concerned that TCU's excitement and intensity level will be higher than the Aggies?

"We feel going into the game that TCU's (level) will be high. This is a big opportunity for them. They are playing in different league than we are and this is a chance for them to play against a team in a quote 'bigger or more prestigious league'. I'm sure they're playing that up. We're here in-state, so I'm sure there's lots of things they can use like that (for motivation). But at the same time, there's no reason for them to be more fired up than we are. I give them credit for being as fired up as they can possibly be, and we should be ourselves. We're playing in a bowl game. I don't think we've ever had any problem

being fired up or excited about playing in a bowl game. With the way our season ended (with three losses), we should be chomping at the bit to get back out on the field to play somebody, regardless of who that somebody is. They should get our maximum and our best effort and that's what I expect. That shouldn't be a factor in the outcome of the game."

Can you talk about the career of four-year starter Seth McKinney?

"Seth has been the picture story of a student-athlete. He came and got his degree in three and a half years, started every game that he was eligible to start after redshirting. Everything he did was positive. He was a leader for our team. If I had all guys just like him, I'd probably still have dark hair. He comes in, does his work, does everything asked of him. He's a pleasure to be around. He's always done a good job focusing on football when he's on the field, and budgeting his time and managing his academics when he's off the field."

What is your educated guess of Thomas Carriger's future -- tight end or defensive line?

"I think we have to keep him at tight end until someone, and more than one person, demonstrates they can play that position better than he can. He's a big strong guy. Obviously it's going to be another freshman coming in next year that's going to play that position. We've got a guy or two here (already on the team), but no one's demonstrated here that they can play the position." <<Has he progressed enough to hold off a challenge?>> "I don't know. It's too early to tell. It would depend on who the freshman is and how quickly he adjusted to college football." <<Does Carriger have a future on the defensive line?>> Yes. He's got a future as a college football player at a number of places -- tight end, defensive end. He may even grow into being an offensive lineman. But certainly he's played well enough for us to keep him at tight end. The only way we would change that is if we got two or three guys that came in and performed better than he did. For the foreseeable future, he will be a tight end."

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TEXAS A&M HEAD COACH R.C. SLOCUM QUOTES (12/17 PRESS CONFERENCE)

Do you think your team has warmed up to the idea of playing in the Gallery-furniture.com Bowl?

"Yes. I've not sensed any negatives in quite a while now. I think initially a lot of the players had thought for some time that we were going to end up in the Alamo Bowl. There is no doubt that some were operating under that assumption and when that didn't work out there was some skepticism. But that never was a big issue. Early on I think they recognized that Houston is an attractive city. It will be so much easier when we start talking about the availability of the game for their families. Their aunts and uncles and grandmothers and people like that will be able to the game with very little effort. I think the more they thought about it, the more it kind of grew on them. The fact that we are playing TCU is something that is positive. Over the past few years, they've gotten a lot of publicity and deservedly so. They've been a good football team for the past several years. I think our kids know a lot of their players. I think it's grown on them and it's always been an attractive bowl to me.

"If you look at programs, when Coach (Bear) Bryant was at Alabama they played in the Bluebonnet Bowl, they played in the Liberty Bowl, they played in the Peach Bowl. They didn't go to the Sugar Bowl or the Orange Bowl every year. I think from a players' standpoint and from a coaches' standpoint, it's healthy to aspire to be in a bigger bowl and be disappointed that we're not in the Rose Bowl. I don't want them to adopt the attitude that 'we're in a bowl, it makes no difference.' I don't feel that way and I don't expect them to. It makes a difference which bowl you go to, because the bowl is tied to your performance on the field and your season record. But with that being said, it's still positive that we are going to a bowl. I'm very pleased with that and there are a lot of teams would like to trade places with us. There are 11 teams that are going to bowls with 6-5 records this year. So this team, in light of all the injuries, did a good job of winning seven ballgames and when you consider the teams they lost to. They lost to some good football teams, some national level teams -- Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas -- that a lot of teams probably would have lost to."

Do coaches have to guard against a let-down when their teams don't achieve the bowl they aspire to?

"I think so. I think it's the nature of college football. It's the coach's responsibility to educate his team and convey to them the realities of college football. You don't know for sure where you're going to go. But to me it should all boil down to one thing -- if you like to play football. They give you 11 regular season games, and if you play well enough you are rewarded with one more game and you get to play in a bowl game. For a player to get to play that 'one more time' is a bonus. Now are you going to get picky and say, 'I'd like to play another game but if I can't go over here then I'm going to be unhappy'? That's bull. And I tell them it's bull. You're thinking wrong if you think that way."

"I've seen teams play like they thought they should have been somewhere else. That they were too good to be in this bowl and usually those teams prove that they weren't good enough for that bowl. That's what usually happens."

Has anyone done more than Jami Hightower with the way he stepped in at tackle as a true freshman?

"No. That's a hard position to step into anyway. And to step in at offensive line in a tough league is really hard and he's done a good job. <<What kind of future do you see for him?>> He'll be a great player. If he stays healthy, he'll be an NFL player someday."

Is Quentin Coryatt's hit (against TCU in 1991) the signature hit of the Wrecking Crew?

"I don't know. That was a big hit. That was a big play. It was one of those plays that stand out in your mind. The average fan looks at that play and says 'wow.' It was unfortunate for that young man who was injured on the play. You've seen a lot of plays like that where the guys gets up and walks off. Quentin says he didn't hit him with his full blow, that he didn't get a square hit on him. I don't know, but that's a good thing if that's the case. We had a linebacker freed up on that play looking for crossing routes. That's part of those crossing routes in football. You're trying to make that guy pay for coming in there. And that guy certainly paid. <<Did you say 'wow' when you saw it?>> I did."

That night was on my birthday. I remember that and we had a lot of respect for that TCU team. We were playing that game to win the championship and go to the Cotton Bowl. It was bitterly cold. I remember having to encourage each other to come out of the locker room. It was really cold and the wind was blowing. I remember that game vividly."

With the way the offense struggled down the stretch, what kind of an opportunity is this game for Mark Farris?

"Mark's made out of good stuff. I would expect him to be highly motivated for this game to come out and kind of redeem himself and for the offense to redeem themselves. We know, they know about the performance. Anyone that has watched us play can recognize that's not something we're proud of. Mark recognizes that he's a better player than he played. I think our whole offense is motivated and Mark understands his role as quarterback in terms of when things go bad, he bears the brunt of that. But it's the quarterback that can help turn it around too. Unfortunately it goes with that position. If the right guard misses a block, no one notices. But if the offense doesn't move, a lot of the burden goes on the quarterback. Sometimes it's warranted and sometimes it's not. It's always that way at that position. You have to be a guy that relishes the position and says 'when it's going bad it's on me and when it's going well it's on me. So it's up to me to make it go good'. I'm hoping in this bowl game that he comes back with a renewed determination."

Earlier in the season you challenged the defense and they came through for you. Can you challenge the offense and get the same results?

"I'm trying to do that right now. And we have to. We have to get better. Our level of performance right now is not acceptable. I'm taking into consideration that there are some factors, but still, overall, taking everything into consideration, we have to perform better on offense."

SLOCUM AT A GLANCE ...

In his 13th season as the Aggies' head coach, R.C. Slocum (McNeese State, '67) has compiled a 116-41-2 (.736), ranking him No. 6 in winning percentage among active Div. I-A head coaches and A&M's all-time winningest coach.

- Slocum is 75-23-2 (.760) in conference games, 69-8-1 (.891) in games at Kyle Field and 43-24 (.642) in road games.
- Slocum, a four-time Coach of the Year, has led the Aggies to one Big 12 Conference crown, three SWC Championships, two Big 12 South Division titles and 11 bowl games, including five on Jan. 1st.
- Ten of Slocum's 12 teams have finished the season ranked in the Top 25.
- Slocum's teams compiled a 29-game SWC unbeaten streak running from 1991-95.
- This is the 29th year he has been associated with A&M football, the longest of any football coach in school history. He was an assistant from 1972-80 and once again from 1982-88, interrupted only by a one-year stint as defensive coordinator at USC in 1981.
- With the Aggies' win over Texas in 1997, Slocum became A&M's winningest head coach by passing Homer Norton, who posted 82 wins from 1934-47 and won the 1939 national championship.
- He closed out the Southwest Conference ranked as the No. 1 coach in SWC history in overall and SWC winning percentage.

Slocum's Record at Texas A&M

Year	W-L-T	Pct.	W-L-T	Pct.	Bowl
2001	7-4	.636	4-4	.500	Gallery
2000	7-5	.583	5-3	.625	Indy
1999	8-4	.667	5-3	.625	Alamo
1998	11-3	.786	7-1	.875	Sugar
1997	9-4	.692	6-2	.750	Cotton
1996	6-6	.500	4-4	.500	—
1995	9-3-0	.750	*5-2-0	.714	Alamo
1994#	10-0-1	.954	*6-0-1	.929	Ineligible
1993#	10-2-0	.833	*7-0-0	1.000	Cotton
1992#	12-1-0	.923	*7-0-0	1.000	Cotton
1991#	10-2-0	.833	*8-0-0	1.000	Cotton
1990	9-3-1	.731	*5-2-1	.808	Holiday
1989	8-4-0	.667	*6-2-0	.750	Hancock

Total 116-41-2 .736 75-22-2 .760 11 Bowls

— Coach of the Year
* — Southwest Conference

Winningest Active Div. I-A Coaches by Percentage (5-Year Minimum)

Rk	Coach, School	Yrs.	Record	Pct.
1.	Phil Fulmer, Tenn.	10	94-20-0	.825
2.	Bobby Bowden, FSU	36	322-91-4	.777
3.	Steve Spurrier, Fla.	15	141-40-2	.776
	Lloyd Carr, Michigan	7	66-19-0	.776
5.	Joe Paterno, PSU	36	327-96-3	.771
6.	R.C. Slocum, A&M	13	116-41-2	.736
7.	Dennis Erickson, Ore. St.	16	136-52-1	.722
8.	Rick Neuheisel, Wash.	7	59-23-0	.720
9.	Paul Pasqualoni, Syracuse	16	124-56-1	.688
10.	Bill Snyder, KSU	12	105-48-1	.685

SLOCUM IN GOOD COMPANY ---

R.C. Slocum's 109-37-2 record in his first 12 seasons ranks as the seventh-fastest start in Div. I-A history, and puts him on a list with some pretty heady company. George Woodruff of Pennsylvania, who won 142 games in his first 12 seasons, tops the list and is followed by Nebraska's Tom Osborne, Oklahoma's Barry Switzer and Oklahoma's Bud Wilkinson, Florida's Steve Spurrier, Penn State's Joe Paterno and Slocum

Div. I-A Best Career Starts by Wins (After 12 seasons)

Coach, Teams	Seasons	Record
George Woodruff <i>Pennsylvania</i>	1892-1901, 03, 05	142-25-2
Tom Osborne <i>Nebraska</i>	1973-84	118-27-2
Barry Switzer <i>Oklahoma</i>	1973-84	115-23-3
Bud Wilkinson <i>Oklahoma</i>	1947-58	114-10-3
Steve Spurrier <i>Florida, Duke</i>	1987-98	113-31-2
Joe Paterno <i>Penn State</i>	1966-77	112-24-1
R.C. Slocum Texas A&M	1989-00	109-37-2
Amos Alonzo Stagg <i>Chicago, Springfield</i>	1890-01	107-44-12
John Robinson <i>Southern Cal</i>	1976-82, 93-97	104-35-4
Dennis Erickson <i>Idaho, Wyoming, Washington St., Miami (Fla.)</i>	1982-93	103-38-1

Top Conference Records since 1989 (Slocum era)

Rk	School (Conference)	Record	Pct.
1.	Nebraska (Big 8/Big 12)	85-11-1	.881
2.	Florida (SEC)	87-15-0	.853
3.	Tennessee (SEC)	79-20-2	.792
4.	Michigan (Big 10)	82-21-2	.790
5.	Brigham Young (WAC/MWC)	81-21-1	.791
6.	Texas A&M (SWC/Big 12)	75-23-2	.766
7.	Washington (Pac 10)	76-27-1	.736
8.	Colorado (Big 8/Big 12)	70-24-3	.737
9.	Ohio State (Big 10)	74-28-3	.719
10.	Alabama (SEC)	69-31-1	.688

NATION'S WINNINGEST TEAMS DURING THE SLOCUM ERA (SINCE 1989)

RK	School	Conference	Record
1.	Florida State	ACC	137-20-1 <i>Bobby Bowden</i>
2.	Nebraska	Big 12	138-21-1 <i>Tom Osborne, Frank Solich</i>
3.	Florida	SEC	127-32-1 <i>Galen Hall, Gary Darnell, Steve Spurrier</i>
4.	Tennessee	SEC	126-29-3 <i>Johnny Majors, Phil Fulmer</i>
5.	Miami (Fla.)	Big East	123-29-0 <i>Dennis Ericksen, Butch Davis, Larry Coker</i>
6.	Michigan	Big 10	118-34-3 <i>Bo Schembechler, Gary Moeller, Lloyd Carr</i>
7.	TEXAS A&M	Big 12	116-41-2 R.C. Slocum
8.	Penn State	Big 10	115-41-1 <i>Joe Paterno</i>
9.	Ohio State	Big 10	113-41-3 <i>John Cooper, Jim Tressel</i>
10.	Colorado	Big 12	110-40-4 <i>Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett</i>

R.C. Slocum vs. the Top 25

2001

- #5 Texas def. **A&M**, 21-7 (College Station)
- #3 Oklahoma def. **A&M**, 31-10 (Norman)
- #20 Colorado def. #19 **A&M**, 31-21 (Boulder)

2000

- #12 Texas def. #22 **A&M**, 43-17 (Austin)
- #1 Oklahoma def. #23 **A&M**, 35-31 (Kyle Field)
- A&M** def. #8 Kansas State, 26-10 (Kyle Field)

1999

- #13 Penn State def. #18 **A&M**, 24-0 (San Antonio)
- #17 **A&M** def. #5 Texas, 20-16 (Kyle Field)
- #9 Nebraska def. #18 **A&M**, 37-0 (Lincoln, Neb.)

1998

- #3 Ohio State def. #8 **A&M**, 24-14 (New Orleans, La.)
- #10 **A&M** def. #1 Kansas State, 36-33 [ot] (St. Louis, Mo.)
- #6 **A&M** def. #13 Missouri, 17-14 (Kyle Field)
- #8 **A&M** def. #25 Texas Tech, 17-10 (Kyle Field)
- #18 **A&M** def. #2 Nebraska, 28-21 (Kyle Field)
- #2 Florida State def. #14 **A&M**, 23-14 (East Rutherford, N.J.)

1997

- #5 UCLA def. #19 **A&M**, 29-23 (Dallas)
- #2 Nebraska def. #14 **A&M**, 54-15 (San Antonio)
- #25 **A&M** def. #19 Oklahoma St., 28-25 OT (Kyle Field)
- #20 Kansas State def. #14 **A&M**, 36-17 (Manhattan, Kan.)
- #21 **A&M** def. #16 Colorado, 16-10 (Boulder, Colo.)

1996

- #19 Kansas State def. **A&M**, 23-20 (Kyle Field)
- #12 Colorado def. **A&M**, 24-10 (Kyle Field)

1995

- #18 **A&M** def. #13 Michigan, 22-20 (San Antonio)
- #6 Texas def. #13 **A&M**, 16-6 (Kyle Field)

- #7 Colorado def. #3 **A&M**, 29-21 (Boulder, Colo.)
- #19 **A&M** def. #21 Baylor, 24-9 (Waco)

1994

- #16 **A&M** def. #15 Oklahoma, 36-14 (Kyle Field)
- #7 **A&M** def. #19 Baylor, 41-21 (Kyle Field)

1993

- #16 Oklahoma def. #5 **A&M**, 44-14 (Norman, Okla.)
- #8 **A&M** def. #20 Louisville, 42-7 (Kyle Field)
- #4 Notre Dame def. #6 **A&M**, 24-21 (Dallas)

1992

- #7 **A&M** def. #20 Stanford, 10-7 (Anaheim, Calif.)
- #5 Notre Dame def. #4 **A&M**, 28-3 (Dallas)

1991

- #19 **A&M** def. #16 Baylor, 34-12 (Waco)
- #5 Florida State def. #9 **A&M**, 10-2 (Dallas)

1990

- #12 Houston def. #20 **A&M**, 36-31 (Houston)
- #5 Texas def. **A&M**, 28-27 (Austin)
- A&M** def. #13 BYU, 65-14 (San Diego, Calif.)

1989

- A&M** def. #7 Louisiana State, 28-16 (Kyle Field)
- A&M** def. #8 Houston, 17-13 (Kyle Field)
- #9 Arkansas def. #14 **A&M**, 23-22 (Kyle Field)
- #23 Pittsburgh def. #16 **A&M**, 31-28 (El Paso)

Slocum Record ...

vs. Top 25	18-23	at home vs. Top 25	11-5
vs. Top 10	6-14	on the road vs. Top 25	3-9
at home vs. Top 10	5-3	at neutral sites vs. Top 25	4-9

Texas A&M Depth Chart

Offense

Defense

X	5	Terrence Murphy, 6-0, 176, Fr-HS, Tyler, Texas (Chapel Hill)
	83	Mickey Jones, 5-10, 175, Sr-2L, Tyler, Texas (John Tyler/Trinity Valley)
RT	76	Michael Mahan , 6-6, 293, Jr-2L, Homer, La. (High)
	65	André Brooks, 6-4, 298, So-1L, Brazoswood, Texas (Brazoswood)
RG	51	Taylor Whitley , 6-4, 305, Jr-2L, Sudan, Texas (High)
	71	Quentin Holman, 6-2, 359, Fr-HS, Jacksonville, Texas (High)
C	77	Seth McKinney , 6-3, 302, Sr-3L, Austin, Texas (Westlake)
	66	Geoff Hangartner, 6-5, 287, Fr-RS, New Braunfels, Texas (High)
LG	72	Billy Yates, 6-2, 283, Jr-2L, Corsicana, Texas (High)
	50	John Kirk, 6-4, 286, So-1L, Athens, Texas (High)
LT	75	Jami Hightower, 6-3, 323, Fr-HS, Jacksonville, Texas (High)
	73	Alan Reuber, 6-6, 294, So-1L, Plano, Texas (High)
TE	98	Thomas Carriger, 6-3, 261, Fr-HS, Skidmore, TX (Skidmore-Tynan)
	89	Haven Massey, 6-2, 218, Fr-RS, Denton, Texas (High)
Z	82	Jamaar Taylor, 6-1, 203, So-SQ, Mission, Texas (High/Notre Dame)
	4	Dwain Goynes, 5-10, 179, So-1L, LaMarque, Texas (High)
QB	10	Mark Farris , 6-2, 206, Jr-2L, Angleton, Texas (High)
	8	Vance Smith, 6-4, 240, Jr-2L, Grand Prairie, Texas (FW Christian)
FB	28	Joe Weber, 6-0, 230, So-1L, Jr-2L, San Bernadino, Calif. (Pacific)
	38	Stacy Jones, 5-11, 229, So-1L, Midland, Texas (Lee)
RB	1	Derek Farmer, 5-11, 190, Fr-HS, Tyler, Texas (Lee)
	34	Keith Joseph, 6-2, 221, Fr-RS, Houston, Texas (Lamar)
	or 32	Oschler Flemming, 5-10, 204, So-1L, Denton, Texas (Ryan)
PK	20	Cody Scates, 6-0, 194, So-1L, Tyler, Texas (Lee)
	25	Matt Douglas, 5-8, 168, So-TR, White Oak, Texas (High/Kilgore JC)
P	20	Cody Scates , 6-0, 194, So-1L, Tyler, Texas (Lee)
SNP	63	Chance Pearce , 6-2, 246, Jr-2L, Brownwood, Texas (High)
	69	Don Muhlbach, 6-4, 267, So-1L, Lufkin, Texas (High)

LE	95	Rocky Bernard, 6-3, 289, Sr-3L, Baytown, Texas (Sterling)
	99	David Ross, 6-2, 264, Fr-HS, Forney, Texas (High)
NG	94	Ty Warren , 6-4, 295, Jr-2L, Bryan, Texas (High)
	91	Marcus Jasmin, 6-4, 310, Fr-RS, New Orleans, La. (De La Salle)
RE	93	Evan Perroni, 6-5, 268, Sr-3L, Houston, Texas (Clear Lake)
	88	Linnis Smith, 6-4, 262, So-1L, Tyler, Texas (John Tyler)
LOLB	2	Christian Rodriguez, 6-3, 231, Sr-3L, Mesquite, Texas (North)
	27	Jesse Hunnicutt, 6-3, 238, Jr-2L, Amarillo, Texas (Canyon Randall)
ILB	45	Jared Morris, 6-3, 240, So-1L, Brownwood, Texas (High) --injured
	41	Harold Robertson, 6-3, 218, Sr-3L, Dallas, Texas (Lincoln)---starter for bowl
ILB	17	Brian Gamble , 6-2, 225, Jr-2L, Alto, Texas (High)
	52	Amon Simon, 6-1, 224, Sr-3L, Houston, Texas (Smiley)
ROLB	43	Jarrold Penright, 6-2, 240, Jr-2L, Aldine, Texas (Eisenhower)
	42	Everett Smith, 6-2, 211, So-1L, Compton, Calif. (Dominguez)
LCB	31	Sean Weston , 5-9, 171, So-1L, Inglewood, Calif. (Gardena Serra)
	11	Byron Jones, 5-10, 171, Fr-HS, Bay City, Texas (High)
RCB	22	Sammy Davis , 6-0, 183, Jr-2L, Humble, Texas (High)
	26	Jonté Buhl, 5-9, 165, So-1L, Pflugerville, Texas (Connally)
FS	21	Jay Brooks, 5-10, 193, Sr-3L, Killeen, Texas (Ellison)
	39	Eric Crutchfield, 6-1, 188, Fr-RS, Galena Park, Texas (North Shore)
SS	48	Terrence Kiel , 5-11, 201, Jr-2L, Lufkin, Texas (High)
	30	Wes Bautovich, 6-2, 210, Sr-1L, Kennedale, Texas (High/A&M-Kingsville)

Specialists

PR	3	Terrence Thomas, 5-9, 164, Fr-HS, Houston, Texas (Washington)
	31	Sean Weston, 5-9, 171, So-1L, Inglewood, Calif. (Gardena Serra)
KOR	22	Sammy Davis, 6-0, 183, Jr-2L, Humble, Texas (High)
	3	Terrence Thomas, 5-9, 164, Fr-HS, Houston, Texas (Washington)
	5	Terrence Murphy, 6-0, 176, Fr-HS, Tyler, Texas (Chapel Hill)
HOLD	30	Wes Bautovich, 6-2, 210, Sr-1L, Kennedale, Texas (High/A&M-Kingsville)

LAST 10 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Game	QB	"A"	"B"	WR	WR	TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
'01/McNeese St.	Farris	Joseph	Jo. Weber	D. Goynes	B. Johnson	de la Torre	Mahan	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	A. Brooks
'01/at Wyoming	Farris	Whitaker	J. Taylor%	D. Goynes	B. Johnson	de la Torre	Mahan	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	A. Brooks
'01/Oklahoma State	Farris	Joseph	J. Taylor%	D. Goynes	Murphy	de la Torre	Mahan	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	A. Brooks
'01/Notre Dame	Farris	Farmer	Jo. Weber	J. Taylor	Murphy	de la Torre	Mahan	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	A. Brooks
'01/Baylor	Farris	Farmer	M. Jones%	J. Taylor	Murphy	de la Torre	Mahan	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	Reuber
'01/Colorado	Farris	Farmer	Jo. Weber	J. Taylor	Murphy	de la Torre	Mahan	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	A. Brooks
'01/Kansas State	Farris	Farmer	Jo. Weber	J. Taylor	Murphy	Carriger	Hightower	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	Reuber
'01/Iowa State	Farris	Farmer	M. Jones%	J. Taylor	Goynes	Carriger	Hightower	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	Mahan
'01/Texas Tech	Farris	Farmer	M. Jones%	J. Taylor	Goynes	Carriger	Hightower	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	Mahan
'01/Oklahoma	Farris	Flemming	Thomas%	J. Taylor	Murphy	Carriger	Hightower	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	Mahan
'01/Texas	Farris	Joseph	Jo. Weber	D. Goynes	Murphy	Carriger	Hightower	Yates	McKinney	Whitley	Mahan
Consecutive Career	23	1	1	1	2	5	5	12	49	23	4
	23	3	7	13	7	5	5	13	49	23	25
Game	LE	NG	RE	OLB	ILB	ILB	OLB	CB	CB	SS	FS
'01/McNeese State	Bernard	Warren	Smith	Rodriguez	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	J. Brooks
'01/at Wyoming	Bernard	Warren	Perroni	Rodriguez	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	J. Brooks
'01/Oklahoma State	Bernard	Warren	Perroni	Rodriguez	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	J. Brooks
'01/Notre Dame	Bernard	Warren	Perroni	Rodriguez	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	J. Brooks
'01/Baylor	Bernard	Jasmin	Perroni	Hunnicutt	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	J. Brooks
'01/Colorado	Bernard	Warren	Perroni	Hunnicutt	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	J. Brooks
'01/Kansas State	Bernard	Warren	Perroni	Rodriguez	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	Bautovich
'01/Iowa State	Bernard	Jasmin	Warren	Rodriguez	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	Bautovich
'01/Texas Tech	Bernard	Jasmin	Warren	Rodriguez	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	Bautovich
'01/Oklahoma	Bernard	Jasmin	Warren	Rodriguez	Gamble	Robertson	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	Bautovich
'01/Texas	Bernard	Warren	Perroni	Rodriguez	Gamble	Morris	Penright	Weston	Davis	Kiel	J. Brooks
Consecutive Career	11	6	1	5	33	1	11	22	23	14	1
	33	18	11	13	34	10	12	22	25	22	18

%—Started in multiple-wide receiver set # — started as second tight end \$ — started as fifth DB

2001 Texas A&M Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl-Exp	Hometown (High School/JC)
1	Farmer, Derek	RB	5-11	190	Fr-HS	Tyler, TX (Lee)
2	Rodriguez, Christian	LB	6-3	231	Sr-3L	Mesquite, TX (North Mesquite)
3	Thomas, Terrence	WR	5-9	164	Fr-HS	Houston, TX (Washington)
4	Goynes, Dwain	WR	5-10	179	Jr-2L	LaMarque, TX (High)
5	Murphy, Terrence	WR	6-0	176	Fr-HS	Tyler, TX (Chapel Hill)
6	Singleton, Bryant	WR	5-11	165	Fr-HS	Galveston, TX (Ball)
7	Roberson, John	WR	5-9	163	Fr-HS	Bay City, TX (High)
8	Smith, Vance	QB	6-4	240	Jr-2L	Grand Prairie, TX (FW Christian)
9	Johnson, Bethel	WR	5-11	188	Sr-2L	Corsicana, TX (High)
10	Farris, Mark	QB	6-2	206	Jr-2L	Angleton, TX (High)
11	Jones, Byron	DB	5-10	171	Fr-HS	Bay City, TX (High)
13	Carter, Jason	QB	6-0	188	Fr-HS	Caldwell, TX (High)
14	Gentry, Dawon	DB	5-11	196	So-1L	Denison, TX (High)
15	Black, Adam	DB	5-10	178	So-1L	Houston, TX (Cy Falls)
17	Gamble, Brian	LB	6-2	225	Jr-2L	Alto, TX (High)
18	Long, Dustin	QB	6-2	194	Fr-RS	Port Neches, TX (PN-Groves)
20	Scates, Cody	P	6-0	194	So-1L	Tyler, TX (Lee)
21	Brooks, Jay	DB	5-10	193	Sr-3L	Killeen, TX (Ellison)
22	Davis, Sammy	DB	6-0	183	Jr-2L	Humble, TX (High)
23	Jones, Ronald	DB	5-10	172	Fr-HS	Dallas, TX (Skyline)
24	Whitaker, Richard	RB	5-10	197	So-1L	Jacksonville, TX (High)
26	Buhl, Jonté	DB	5-9	165	So-1L	Pflugerville, TX (Connally)
27	Hunnicuttt, Jesse	LB	6-3	238	Jr-2L	Amarillo, TX (Canyon Randall)
28	Weber, Joe	RB	6-0	230	Jr-2L	San Bernadino, CA (Pacific)
29	Mays, Jarvis	DB	6-2	175	Fr-HS	Dallas, TX (Kimball)
30	Bautovich, Wes	DB	6-2	210	Sr-1L	Kennedale, TX (High/A&M-Kingsville)
31	Weston, Sean	DB	5-9	171	So-1L	Inglewood, CA (Serra)
32	Flemming, Oschlor	RB	5-10	204	So-1L	Denton, TX (Ryan)
33	Jackson, Keelan	DB	6-1	197	Fr-RS	Garland, TX (High)
34	Joseph, Keith	RB	6-2	221	Fr-RS	Houston, TX (Lamar)
36	Appel, Jaxson	DB	5-10	186	Fr-HS	Friendswood, TX (High)
37	Weber, Jerome	DB	5-8	171	Fr-RS	San Bernadino, CA (Pacific)
38	Jones, Stacy	RB	5-11	229	Jr-2L	Midland, TX (Lee)
39	Crutchfield, Eric	DB	6-1	188	Fr-RS	Galena Park, TX (North Shore)
40	Mangum, Kevin	DB	5-11	182	Fr-RS	LaMarque, TX (High)
41	Robertson, Harold	LB	6-3	218	Sr-3L	Dallas, TX (Lincoln)
42	Smith, Everett	LB	6-2	211	So-1L	Compton, CA (Dominguez)
43	Penright, Jarrod	LB	6-2	240	Jr-2L	Aldine, TX (Eisenhower)
44	Porter, Greg	WR	6-5	230	Jr-2L	Keller, TX (High)
45	Morris, Jared	LB	6-3	240	So-1L	Brownwood, TX (High)
48	Kiel, Terrence	DB	5-11	201	Jr-2L	Lufkin, TX (High)
50	Kirk, John	OL	6-4	286	So-1L	Athens, TX (High)
51	Whitley, Taylor	OL	6-4	305	Jr-2L	Sudan, TX (High)
52	Simon, Amon	LB	6-1	224	Sr-3L	Houston, TX (Smiley)
53	Wooldridge, Toron	LB	6-0	220	So-SQ	Houston, TX (Lamar)
54	Milkavich, James	OL	6-2	277	So-SQ	Alief, TX (Elsik)
55	Webb, Randall	LB	6-3	211	Fr-HS	Mesquite, TX (North)
56	Johnson, Brandon	LB	6-1	229	Fr-HS	Bryan, TX (High)
57	Boutte, John	LB	6-1	220	Fr-HS	Lake Charles, LA (Boston)
59	Thompson, Brian	LB	6-0	219	Fr-RS	Tyler, TX (Lee)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl-Exp	Hometown (High School/JC)
61	Bailey, Robert	DL	6-4	281	Jr-SQ	Pasadena, TX (High)
63	Pearce, Chance	DS	6-2	246	Jr-2L	Brownwood, TX (High)
65	Brooks, André	OL	6-4	298	So-1L	Brazoswood, TX (High)
66	Hangartner, Geoff	OL	6-5	287	Fr-RS	New Braunfels, TX (High)
69	Muhlbach, Don	DS	6-4	267	So-1L	Lufkin, TX (High)
70	Steamer, Dominique	OL	6-3	333	Fr-HS	Temple, TX (High)
71	Holman, Quentin	OL	6-2	359	Fr-HS	Jacksonville, TX (High)
72	Yates, Billy	OL	6-2	283	Jr-2L	Corsicana, TX (High)
73	Reuber, Alan	OL	6-6	294	So-1L	Plano, TX (High)
75	Hightower, Jami	OL	6-3	323	Fr-HS	Jacksonville, TX (High)
76	Mahan, Michael	OL	6-6	293	Jr-2L	Homer, LA (High)
77	McKinney, Seth	OL	6-3	302	Sr-3L	Austin, TX (Westlake)
78	Cheshier, Kasey	OL	6-4	279	Fr-RS	Duncanville, TX (High)
79	Smith, Cole	OL	6-2	268	Fr-HS	Grand Prairie, TX (FW Christian)
81	Perot, Joey	TE	6-3	257	Fr-RS	Petal, MS (High)
82	Taylor, Jamaar	WR	6-1	203	So-SQ	Mission, TX (John/Notre Dame)
83	Jones, Mickey	WR	5-10	178	Sr-2L	Tyler, TX (John Tyler/Trinity Valley)
84	Woods, Jesse	WR	6-4	189	Fr-HS	Katy, TX (Taylor)
85	Madison, Lonnie	TE	6-3	247	Sr-3L	The Woodlands, TX (High)
86	Spiller, Fred	TE	6-3	252	So-1L	Aldine, TX (Nimitz)
87	de la Torre, Michael	TE	6-5	244	Jr-2L	Katy, TX (High)
88	Smith, Linnis	DL	6-4	262	So-1L	Tyler, TX (John Tyler)
89	Hooper, Lawrence	DL	6-3	256	Fr-HS	Aldine, TX (High)
91	Jasmin, Marcus	DL	6-4	310	Fr-RS	New Orleans, LA (De La Salle)
93	Perroni, Evan	DL	6-5	268	Sr-3L	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)
94	Warren, Ty	DL	6-4	295	Jr-2L	Bryan, TX (High)
95	Bernard, Rocky	DL	6-3	289	Sr-3L	Baytown, TX (Sterling)
96	Stringer, Donny	DL	6-4	236	Fr-HS	Garland, TX (Forest)
98	Carriger, Thomas	DL	6-3	261	Fr-HS	Skidmore, TX (Skidmore-Tynan)
99	Ross, David	DL	6-2	264	Fr-HS	Forney, TX (High)
12th Man Roster						
11	Born, Josh	WR	6-1	196	So-SQ	Grapevine, TX (High)
33	Born, Mike	RB	6-1	258	So-TR	El Paso, TX (Andress/UTEP)
60	Brookman, Stephen	LB	6-0	202	So-SQ	New Braunfels, TX (Canyon)
40	Campbell, Stowe	RB	5-9	228	Jr-SQ	Lewisville, TX (Trinity Christian)
64	Carlock, Ryan	OL	6-2	236	Fr-HS	Fort Worth, TX (Country Day)
25	Douglas, Matt	PK	5-8	168	So-TR	White Oak, Texas (High/Kilgore JC)
57	Eardley, Ryan	DL	6-3	261	Fr-HS	Gonzales, TX (High)
88	Harper, Heath	WR	6-1	193	Sr-SQ	Sudan, TX (High)
47	Jordan, Robert	DB	5-9	186	Sr-1L	Brenham, TX (High/Blinn JC)
58	Kendrick, Blake	LB	6-1	212	Fr-RS	Willis, TX (High)
23	Kimbrough, Jesse	WR	6-0	170	Fr-HS	Mexia, TX (High)
60	Korem, Erik	OL	6-2	268	So-SQ	Richardson, TX (Berkner)
92	Losada, Nick	DS/DL	6-2	255	So-SQ	Arlington, TX (Lamar)
89	Massey, Haven	TE	6-2	218	Fr-RS	Denton, TX (High)
64	Mayfield, Jon	LB	6-2	207	Fr-RS	College Station, TX (A&M Consolidated)
46	Mitchell, Chad	TE	6-4	227	Jr-SQ	The Woodlands, TX (Diboll)
67	Nicholson, John David	OL	6-6	285	Fr-HS	Montgomery, TX (High)
19	Pankratz, Mike	QB	6-3	205	Fr-HS	Katy, TX (Taylor)
	Pierson, John	PK	6-0	170	Fr-HS	Missouri City, Texas (Elkins)
44	Perry, Thomas	LB	6-0	234	Jr-TR	Tyler, TX (Lee/Tyler JC)
27	Plagens, Chase	WR	6-1	197	Fr-RS	Goldthwaite, TX (High)
36	Post, Tyre	RB	5-11	203	So-TR	Victoria, TX (St. Joseph's/TCU)
74	Skinner, Ryan	OL/DL	6-1	252	Fr-HS	Sour Lake, TX (Hardin-Jefferson)
59	Sproule, Colin	OL	6-3	241	Fr-RS	Houston, TX (Spring Woods)
29	Squillante, Anthony	WR	6-0	189	Fr-RS	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
19	Stanford, Eric	DB	6-2	195	Jr-2L	Waco, TX (Robinson)

SETH MCKINNEY

SENIOR OFFENSIVE CENTER

Austin, Texas (Westlake)

TEXAS A&M



In his fourth season as a starter, senior center Seth McKinney will start the 50th game of his career when he takes the field against TCU in the Galleryfurniture.com Bowl. McKinney redshirted his first season at A&M before starting every possible game of his career over the past four seasons.

The 6-foot-3, 302-pound McKinney, who is the younger brother of Indianapolis Colts O-line starter Steve McKinney, earned first-team All-Big 12 honors for the second consecutive season in 2001 and runner-up for the Rimington Trophy (top center). He was also named to the Verizon Academic All-America team.

Named A&M's Scholar-Athlete of the Year last spring, McKinney has already earned his bachelor's degree and is well on his way to earning his master's degree.

"Seth's (McKinney) character reminds me a lot of another Aggie of ours, Dat Nguyen. He is a family man who has a lot of class. Teams can win with players like him. Centers have to be great leaders and he does that well. He is extremely productive."

---WALTER JULIFF, DALLAS COWBOYS SCOUT

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SAMMY DAVIS

JUNIOR CORNERBACK

Humble, Texas (High)

**THE CANDYMAN
CAN!!**



An All-Big 12 selection last season, junior cornerback Sammy Davis took his game to new heights in 2001.

With five interceptions this season, Davis tied for second-most in the Big 12 Conference while earning first-team All-Big 12 honors.

Perhaps the defense's most valuable player, Davis also leads the team in passes broken up with 10 and leads the team in kickoff return yardage (162 yards). In run support, Davis has contributed 74 tackles, including 58 solo stops.

Last season Davis tied for the team lead with 4 pickoffs and broke up 10 other passes, while making 38 tackles.

"Sammy has become a complete player this year. He's always been an excellent cover guy, but he's gotten a lot stronger against the run and he's making plays in the kicking game."

— MIKE HANKWITZ
A&M DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Davis' 2001 Statistics

DEFENSE	TT	Solo	Ast.	INT	PBU
McNeese St.	4	3	1	2-26	1
Wyoming	5	1	4	1-18	0
Oklahoma St.	10	10	0	0-0	0
Notre Dame	8	6	2	1-0	0
Baylor	6	5	1	0-0	3
Colorado	3	3	0	0-0	1
Kansas State	9	6	3	0-0	1
Iowa State	5	4	1	1-8	2
Texas Tech	5	4	1	0-0	0
Oklahoma	10	7	3	0-0	0
Texas	9	9	0	0-0	2
Season	74	58	16	5-52	10

**JIM THORPE AWARD
CANDIDATE**

TEXAS A & M

JARROD PENRIGHT

JUNIOR OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

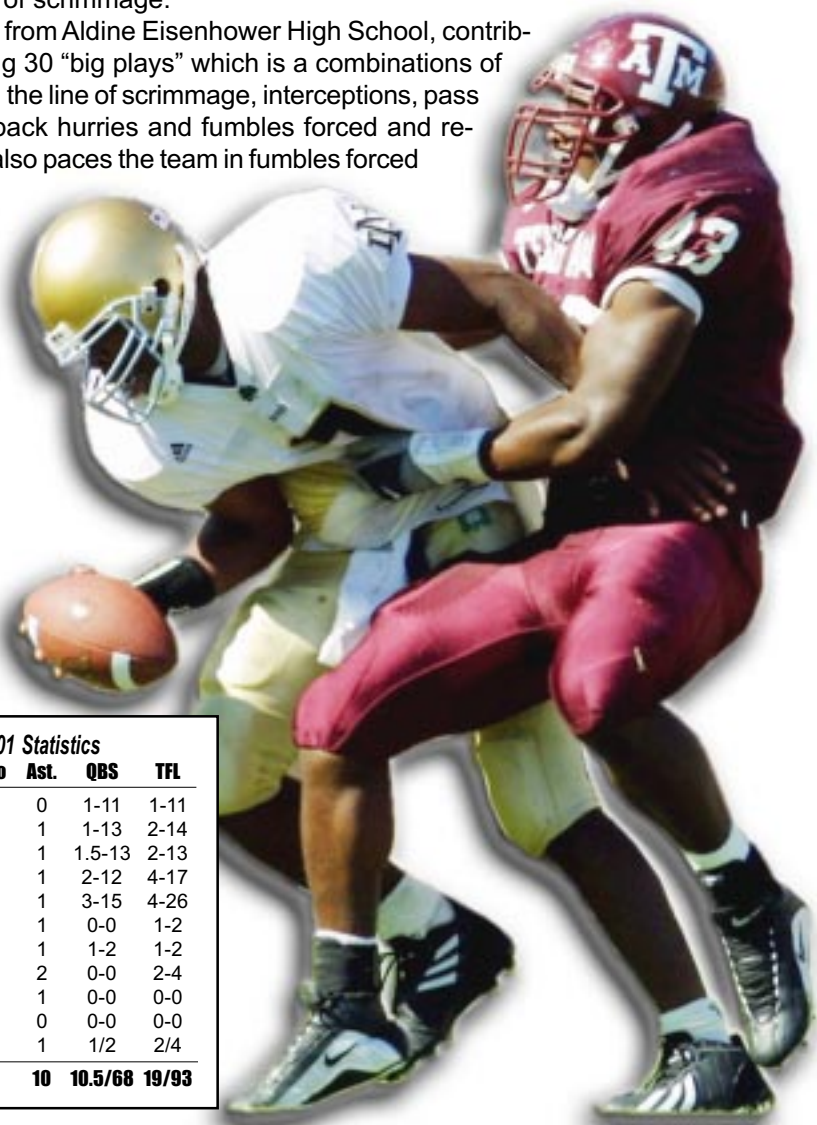
Aldine, Texas (Eisenhower)



After spending his first two seasons at Texas A&M biding his time behind three-year starter Roylin Bradley at outside linebacker, junior Jarrod Penright burst on to the national scene in his first season as a starter in 2001.

Penright developed into one of the Big 12 Conference's top pass rusher and perhaps its most dangerous defensive force with a 10.5 quarterback sacks and 19 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Penright, a junior from Aldine Eisenhower High School, contributed a team-leading 30 "big plays" which is a combinations of total tackles behind the line of scrimmage, interceptions, pass breakups, quarterback hurries and fumbles forced and recovered. Penright also paces the team in fumbles forced and recovered.



Penright's 2001 Statistics

DEFENSE	TT	Solo	Ast.	QBS	TFL
McNeese St.	5	5	0	1-11	1-11
Wyoming	5	4	1	1-13	2-14
Oklahoma St.	8	7	1	1.5-13	2-13
Notre Dame	7	6	1	2-12	4-17
Baylor	6	5	1	3-15	4-26
Colorado	4	3	1	0-0	1-2
Kansas State	6	5	1	1-2	1-2
Iowa State	8	6	2	0-0	2-4
Texas Tech	5	4	1	0-0	0-0
Oklahoma	5	5	0	0-0	0-0
Texas	7	6	1	1/2	2/4
Season	66	56	10	10.5/68	19/93

SACK LEADER