

# A & M Loses Opener to Villanova 34-14



Tackle JIM FLOWERS of Texas A&M (74) (feet in air), just after he tackled halfback Joe Rogers (30) of Villanova, in the first-quarter action of the game in Philadelphia. In the play also are Aggie fullback BOB GOODE (35) (on the ground); end John Bogan (84) of Villanova, and back RALPH DANIEL (46) of A & M. Flowers wasn't hurt on the play but was injured later in the game.

## Villanova Formations, Experience Partial Cause for Loss Saturday

By ART HOWARD

Over three fourths of the quarterback entries picked A&M as the winner last week, and so did the sports staff.

But Villanova turned out to be a stronger team than everyone expected. Dub King, the new sports publicity director for A&M, said that eastern sports writers rated the Wildcats as one of the strongest teams in that region after Saturday's contest.

From the radio account, the Aggie ends sounded very weak when they were unable to stop Villanova's end sweeps. King stated that the Wildcats pulled a flanker formation, which threw the Aggies off balanced in the second half. The easterners were not expected to rise this formation, and Coach Stiteler had not drilled the team on a defense for it.

Even with the flanking halfbacks wide, Villanova threatened the center of the line with their bruising fullback, Ralph Pasquariello. King estimated the 225 lb. fullback was as fast as any man on our team. If the Aggie ends moved in, the Wildcats shoveled the ball to their flank-

ers; if the ends moved out to guard the flankers Pasquariello tore through the middle.

The Philadelphians also started practice two weeks before we did, and they got in a practice game with Columbia last week.

Added to that was the fact that the Aggie players saw their first college action Saturday, while Villanova had 20 seasoned lettermen.

This does not mean that this writer is making excuses for the A&M team. We got beat, beat rather badly. The score shows that. But the mistakes which were made Saturday are not likely to be repeated.

Coach Stiteler is just beginning to find out which of his men are the best. The only place where he can find that out is in an actual game. It will take several more games, and maybe several more losses, before he can get the Aggie team clicking smoothly.

Single game attendance record for the Arizona U. football stadium is 14,739 set last year when the Wildcats played New Mexico U.

## A&M Athletes Televised

The Aggie football squad and their coaches were the subject of two television programs Thursday and Friday nights. Station WFIL-TV put on both shows.

Thursday night Aggie footballers Odell Stautzenburger, Andy Hillhouse, and Jim Winkler were on a program along with Coach Bob Gary and Publicity Director William "Dub" King.

At the Friday practice session movies were taken and then played over the air waves through television. The shots were of the team running plays, and other shots of individual players and the coaches.

There are plenty of television sets in the east, and interest in this new form of news coverage seems to be high.

The game was televised by the same station, along with pre-game activities including "Dog Dawson," Walt Perrine, and William "Dub" King.

More than 200 cowboys have entered the various contests to be held at the 23rd annual Madison Square Garden rodeo, Sept. 29-Oct. 24.

## Wildcats Break Halftime Tie With Two TDs In Third Period

By DON ENGELKING

Led by a speedy 225 fullback named Ralph Pasquariello and a 155 pound quarterback named William Doherty, the Villanova Wildcats came from behind to romp passed the Texas Aggies, 34 to 14 here on Franklin Field.

A pass interception by Aggie End Wray Whittaker on the third play of the game gave the Aggies an early lead.

Whittaker snatched Andy Gordon's short aerial on the Villanova 48 yard line and scampered to pay dirt after only one minute and 54 seconds of the first period.

The Aggies proceeded to show the way during most of the first half by surprising the easterners with a much better ground attack than expected. The Villanovians had labeled the Aggies as a passing outfit and were a bit unprepared when the Farmers unleashed their running game in the first half.

The Wildcats soon came to life, however, and were able to tie the score late in the first half when an Aggie fumble by Bobby Goff on the Aggie 17 was recovered by Vincent O'Sullivan, Villanova's second string tackle.

The Main Lancers needed only three plays to score in after O'Sullivan's recovery as Robert Polidor carried the ball to the six yard line and Pasquariello carried the ball over on his second try. This game tying score came with only 2 minutes and 15 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

Thomas Clavin booted the extra point, his first of four for the afternoon to send the game into a tie.

During the first half the Aggies looked like the team to win as they held possession of the ball the majority of the time.

The turning point of the game came during the second quarter after an Aggie touchdown drive had fizzled out on the five yard line.

Starting on their own 47 where Villanova kicked out of bounds the Aggies began the unsuccessful march. Aggie Quarterback Jimmie Cashion lateraled to Bobby Goff who slanted off tackle and went 21 yards before being brought down on the Villanova 32.

On the next play Jim Boswell went through the line for ten yards and another first down. Preston "PeeWee" Smith carried to the 18 and Boswell picked up two more off tackle.

With the ball resting on the 16 Cashion again lateraled to Goff who carried to a first down on the 8 yard strip.

Goff then went to the six and on second down Boswell lost two. On the third down Goff carried down to within four yards of pay dirt.

On fourth down Herb Turley came in to try for a field goal, but too much time cost the Farmers a five yard penalty. With the ball resting on the 9 Turley went back to kick but two Villanova line men rushed in and partially blocked the place kick.

Steve Romanik picked up the kick on the 5 and lateraled to Alfred Schmid who carried back to the Villanova 29.

Pasquariello then made a fancy run to the Aggie 42 before being hauled down from behind. Andy Gordon passed to Daniel Brown who went all the way to the Aggie 22 before being stopped. The Aggie defense then straightened out and held the Wildcats to only nine yards in the next three plays.

On the third play after the Aggies took over on downs Goff made that costly fumble which Villanova recovered on the Farmer seventeen. Three plays later the Wildcats made their first score of the game.

The second half was all Villanova's as the Wildcats scored after only three minutes were gone in the third quarter.

Doherty returned Goode's punt from his own 43 to the Aggie 38; Polidor rushed up three and Joe Rogers went all the way to the 20 yard strip.

Polidor made another first.



While Aggie end ANDY HILLHOUSE (89) looks on, linebacker HULIN SMITH (53) closes in to stop Joseph Rogers (20), halfback on the Villanova squad, after a five yard gain in Saturday's season opener of the 1948 Aggie football schedule.

down on the five and then Pasquariello made his second of three touchdowns as he carried over center for the score.

Clavin's second extra point sent the home team out in front, 14 to 7.

The Aggies could never get started in the second half as the much improved Villanova team kept possession of the ball most of the time.

The Wildcats looked like a championship team in the last two stanzas as William Doherty, Pasquariello and Co. ran the tired Aggies ragged.

Pasquariello culminated a 90 yard Villanova scoring drive in the third quarter with a beautiful 25 yard skirt through the entire Aggie team for his third touchdown of the day.

The fourth Villanova tally came in the early stages of the fourth quarter when Doherty passed to John Bogan in the end zone for a 40 yard scoring drive. The touchdown play accounted for 7 yards.

Little Charlie Royalty, 155 pound Aggie scat back, brought the 35,000 fans to their feet after eight minutes and 39 seconds of the last quarter, with a beautiful 93 yard punt return. Royalty went all the way behind perfect blocking with Goff getting in the key block.

Royalty's tally and Herb Turley's second extra point boot from placement made the score Villanova 27 A&M 14.

Villanova came right back and made their final score on a sustained drive that started from their own twenty after Goode's kickoff sailed out of the end zone.

Andy Gordon's screen pass to Rogers netted the final eighteen yards.

Goode and Goff were outstanding on both offense and defense for the Aggies. In the line Guard Max Griener and end Wray Whittaker looked good in the first half and Andy Hillhouse looked great during the second half.

After the game most of the (See AGGIES, Page 4)

## Battalion SPORTS

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## Sidelights of Philadelphia As Seen by Battalion Writer

By SACK SPOEDE

A midnight yell practice and about seven thousand, nine hundred and fifty Aggies would have made Philadelphia the typical scene of a Corps trip the past weekend. The Warwick Hotel in this city of brotherly love had the football season look Saturday morning with Aggie eyes checking up on the team's chances for the game and the season.

Lucky accidents were caused in this seemingly standard old city by the sight of Aggie seniors in their boots. There were fifty Aggies present at the game. The Philadelphia, Washington, and New York A&M Clubs were well represented at the game.

James Otis, archaic Aggie fan, made the trip as usual.

Two elements usually seen at A&M games missing in Philadelphia were "Lou" Loupot and "Pony" Downs. Their absence was unexplained. All four of the Corps and Leaders made the trip.

The Villanova band came out before the game followed by their mascot—a wildcat—in a cage. It resembled the LSU tiger only not quite as large.

Both teams came out on the field at 2:27 p. m. Eastern daylight saving time. The Villanova squad was wearing white jerseys with blue numbers and gold trousers. The Aggies were in Maroon jerseys with white numbers and tan pants.

Franklin Field is a horse-shoe shaped, double tiered stadium with a seating capacity of 80,000. This game drew about 35,000 paid admissions. There were temporary bleachers at the west end of the field and on the track surrounding the playing field.

The Villanova band formed a T with a smaller A&M on each side of the T and then went into "Tn

an Old cowhand from the Rio Grande.

The Villanova music makers then went into the snare or an "A" for Alumni and played "The Old Gray Mare."

A "V" was then formed for the same team.

At the end of the game the team captain of Villanova was presented the Basca-Smith trophy. This award was named in honor of herbe Smuta of the '39 Aggie team and a former footballer at Villanova also killed during the war.

The Aggie football squad were guests of the Philadelphia A&M Club at the musical snow "Brigadoon" Saturday night.

## Consolidated Beats Madisonville 20-0

Fullback James Erewit sparked the Consolidated Tigers to a 20-0 defeat over Madisonville here Friday night. The favored Mustangs were able to make only 30 yards and one first-down the entire night while the Consolidated eleven traveled 204 yards on the ground for a total of 11 first downs.

Neither team completed a pass, but the Tigers intercepted three of Madisonville's tries.

Erewit started the one-sided score with a 22-yard return of the opening kickoff, and went over the double strike four plays later.

Minutes later the Tiger fullback intercepted a pass on his own 44-yard line. He then alternated carries with halfback Red Cooley to put the ball on the 12-yard line. A bounding punt put the Tigers back to the 27, but Cooley carried the ball over from there on a right end guller after taking a lateral from quarterback Red Cashion.

The other two scores came on extended drives as the Consolidated line repeatedly opened up holes for the runners.



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GAME AT A GLANCE

|                            | Villanova | A&M |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| First downs                | 11        | 9   |
| By rushing                 | 9         | 8   |
| By passing                 | 2         | 3   |
| Yards gained rushing       | 258       | 128 |
| Yards lost rushing         | 5         | 41  |
| Net yards gained rushing   | 248       | 87  |
| Passes attempted           | 18        | 10  |
| Passes completed           | 9         | 4   |
| Passes intercepted by      | 0         | 1   |
| Net yards gained passing   | 145       | 60  |
| Punts number               | 6         | 7   |
| Yard average               | 41        | 35  |
| Run-back yards             | 28        | 102 |
| Punts blocked              | 0         | 0   |
| Punts own recovered        | 0         | 0   |
| Opponent's recovered       | 0         | 0   |
| Kickoff returns            | 1         | 7   |
| Fumbles number             | 0         | 2   |
| Fumbles own recovered      | 0         | 0   |
| Fumbles opponent recovered | 2         | 0   |
| Yards lost—penalties       | 50        | 10  |



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