

# Aggies Escape Major Injuries In 14-14 Battle With Cougars

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The Aggies came through the rugged 14-14 tie with the University of Houston Cougars Saturday night with only a few minor bruises, and engaged in light drill Monday.

Played before 35,000 spectators, the game saw several scoring chances muffed by fumbles and dropped passes.

The Aggies lost the ball twice in the scoreless first quarter on fumbles, and four times out of five miscues during the game.

The Cougars were unable to move the ball up the field after the opening kick-off, and after Paul Carr punted, an Aggie fumble gave Houston the ball on the A&M 37, where they were again stopped with 2 yards in three tries.

Later in the quarter, another Aggie fumble on their own 28 was covered by Cougar Buddy Gillioz. After Houston had moved to the A&M 11, Joe Boring intercepted a pass in the end zone to end the threat.

In the second period, the Aggies started moving from the Houston 39, following Boring's recovery of a Cougar bobble, and were across the double stripe in 11 plays.

Don Kachtik hit the middle for 4, Don Ellis passed incomplete to Connie Magouirk, then hit Eric Miller for 17 yards and a first down. Kachtik picked up 6 over center and Boring was stopped for no gain.

Boring circled left end for 5 and a first down on the Cougar 7, Kachtik made 3 over right guard, but fumbled for a yard loss on the next play. After 2 incomplete passes, Ellis passed to Magouirk in the end zone and Boring added the extra point.

With the reserve backfield starting the second half, the Cougars started from their own 33, and in 9 plays had racked up a touchdown. McWhirter, Stegall and Shows stayed on the ground to register big yardage on optional keeper plays around the ends. Shows made it 7-7 with the conversion.

Recovering another Aggie fumble two plays later, McWhirter sparked the second Cougar touchdown drive which took only five plays.

From the A&M 34, Patterson hit the center for no gain, but

Shows picked up 4 on a keeper, McWhirter skirted end for 14 and a first down on the Aggie 12. From there, McWhirter swept around end again to score standing up, and the Shows point after made the score Houston 14, A&M 7.

In the final period, Ellis began to thread the needle with his passes. Starting on the Aggie 46,

Ellis passed to End Bill Schroeder for 11, hit Elwood Kettler for 32 more, then tossed to Bennie Sinclair for the touchdown in three plays. Kettler converted and the score was Aggies 14, Houston 14.

The Aggies recovered a Cougar fumble on their own 13 in the waning minutes of the game, and with Ellis passing with deadly precision,

moved into the Houston end of the field.

Ellis connected with Joe Schero on a 39 yard pass play that carried to the best authority, "We made too many mistakes to win." That is what Coach Ray George said in the press box after the game.

## 'You Can't Win If You Can't Hold On to the Ball'--George

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Aggie grid fans will moan long and loud about the difference a few more seconds might have made in Saturday's game, but take it from the best authority, "We made too many mistakes to win." That is what Coach Ray George said in the press box after the game.

"You can't win when you can't hold onto the ball," said George. "We dropped a lot of passes we should have caught, but I'm not saying they didn't make mistakes, too," he said.

"We knew we had had a contest and I think Houston will have a very fine football team," he added.

'Carr, Shows Did Fine'

Asked to single out University of Houston players who played well, George said, "Carr and Shows did a fine job. Houston is very fortunate. Their second club is as good as their first. I wish we had that problem."

Looking ahead to other games, George said, "I don't see any soft

ones ahead." Comparing the Cougars with Kentucky, he said, "We beat Kentucky by one point, so Houston must have been one point tougher."

"I wasn't disappointed in any of our linemen," said George. "Mike Michalske did a fine job." Jack Powell, Foster Teague and Bill Schroeder were some of the reserves receiving verbal pats on the back.

Pleased With Kettler

When asked about Elwood Kettler, who caught three passes for 41 yards, George just looked pleased and said, "Kettler did all right."

Backfield Coach Dalton Faircloth, comparing the Cougars with their fine 1952 team, said, "I think Houston had a better team this year than last year. I hope we don't play a better club." He added, "I think we'll cut out a lot of our fumbling against Georgia."

Faircloth was pleased by the second half passing of Don Ellis. Held to three completions in nine attempts for 26 yards in the first half, Ellis connected on 12 of 17

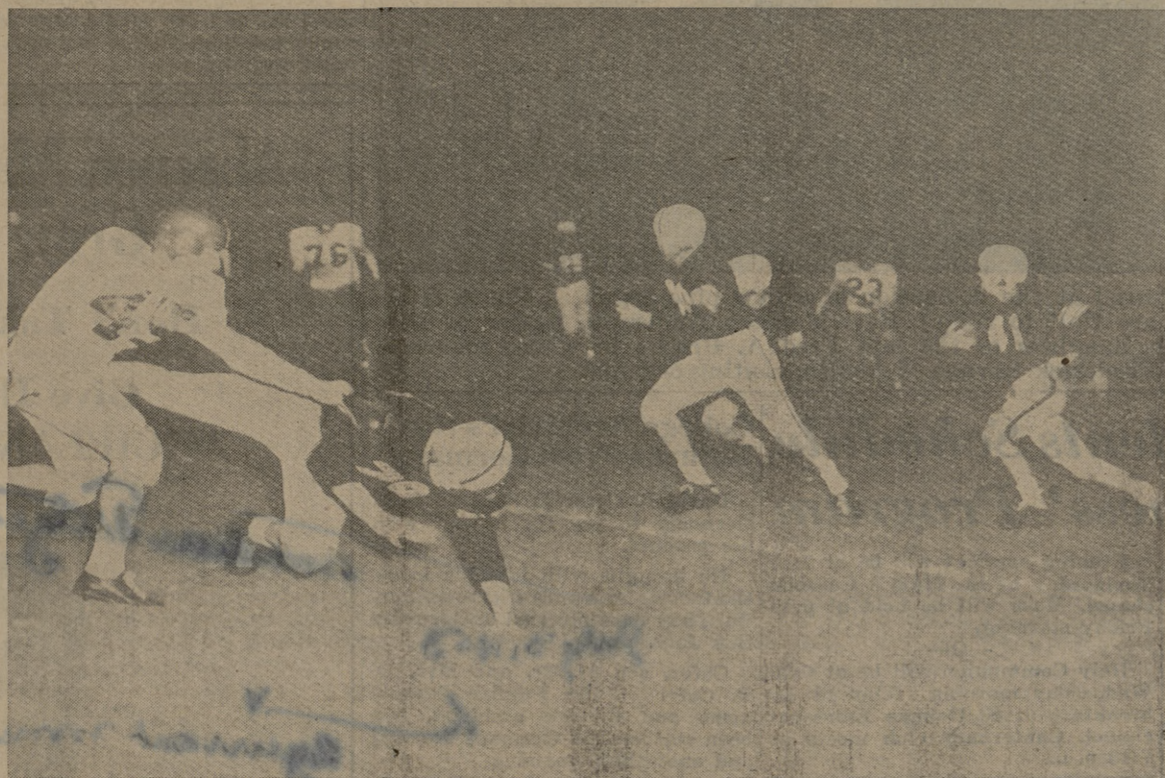
for 144 yards in the final 30 minutes.

Ellis Leads Conference

Now the conference leader in individual total offense, Ellis has gained 299 yards for a 4.2 yard average per try. He has completed 22 of 39 passes for 248 yards and a glittering 56.4 percent completion average. Each completion has gone for an 11.3 average.

Schroeder has caught five passes for 49 yards, Joe Schero three for 48, Kettler three for 41 and Benny Sinclair four for 40 yards.

Kettler has picked up 59 yards in eight carries for a 7.4 yard average per carry.



**BORING ON THE WAY**—Joe Boring (41) seats up the sidelines for 39 yards with a punt to the Houston 23 in the third quarter. Lawrence Winkler (78) takes out Patterson (45) the punter. Bill Schroeder (80) and an unidentified Aggie lead the way.

## 'Mural Tank Events Begin Today in Pool

Preliminaries in three events will open the 1953 intramural season today as the swimming meet takes over P. L. Downs Jr. Natatorium. Trials in the 440 foot relay, 300 foot free style and 200 foot breast stroke will be held today. Finals in all events are slated for Monday.

The rest of the schedule follows: Wednesday—100 foot backstroke, 300 foot medley.

Thursday—Diving preliminaries. All non-dorm students interested in competing in the open handball tournament must register not later than Wednesday.

Any club interested in entering intramural football and basketball should contact the intramural office immediately, said Barney Welch, intramural director.



**ERIC SNAGS ONE**—Eric Miller, Aggie left end, takes a second quarter Don Ellis pass good for 17 yards and first down on the University of Houston 18. A&M scored the game's first touchdown eight plays later.

Game at a Glance

|                    | A&M  | Hstn. |
|--------------------|------|-------|
| First downs        | 11   | 9     |
| Rushing yardage    | 51   | 184   |
| Passing yardage    | 170  | 14    |
| Passes attempted   | 26   | 5     |
| Passes completed   | 5    | 1     |
| Passes intercepted | 1    | 1     |
| Passes completed   | 15   | 1     |
| Punts              | 6    | 8     |
| Punting average    | 23.7 | 32    |
| Fumbles lost       | 4    | 2     |
| Yards penalized    | 35   | 15    |

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## Pistol Team to Hold Organization Meet

The A&M pistol team will hold an organizational meeting with its new coaches at 7:30 tonight at the rifle and pistol range under Kyle Field.

Students interested in trying out for the team are invited to attend, including freshmen, said Frank Neville, team captain.

Practice hours are scheduled for Friday afternoons and Tuesday nights.

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## Tigers Grind to 28-7 Win, Stay Unbeaten

Stung by the first touchdown of the year scored against them, A&M consolidated the Tigers ground out 327 yards on the ground and rolled over Navasota, 28-7, Friday night.

Both teams had been undefeated.

The Rattlers started with a rush as Richard Stone snatched a pitch-out and sprinted 74 yards around end on the first play from scrimmage. But Consolidated marched 80 yards on six plays a few moments later, with Bobby Joe Wade scoring from the five.

J. B. Carroll tied the score at 7-7, kicking the first of his four extra points.

Wade Goes 30 Yards

Four plays later Wade picked off a Navasota pass and squirmed 30 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. In the third quarter, Willie Arnold climaxed a 67 yard march by plunging over from two yards out.

David Bonnen, the leading ball carrier with 142 yards on 19 tries, scored the final touchdown on a 30 yard jaunt around right end.

The Tigers have now scored 152

points in three games. It was the third straight game in which they have gained over 300 yards.

Stone picked up 117 on nine carries for the Rattlers.

Statistics

|                    | Cons. | Nav. |
|--------------------|-------|------|
| First downs        | 14    | 6    |
| Yards rushing      | 345   | 154  |
| Yards passing      | 0     | 30   |
| Net y'dage gained  | 327   | 144  |
| Passes attempted   | 7     | 7    |
| Passes completed   | 0     | 1    |
| Passes intercepted | 3     | 2    |
| Punting average    | 30    | 28   |
| Yards penalized    | 45    | 25   |
| Fumbles lost       | 1     | 3    |

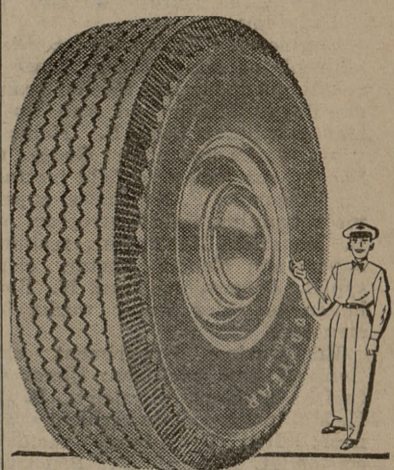
## Athletic Party For Faculty Wednesday

An informal party for members of the faculty will be given by the Athletic department in the Ball Room of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Purpose of the party is to give all faculty members a chance to become personally acquainted with the football staff and other coaches in the Athletic department.

The coaches will be introduced, a football film will be shown and coffee and cookies will be served.

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