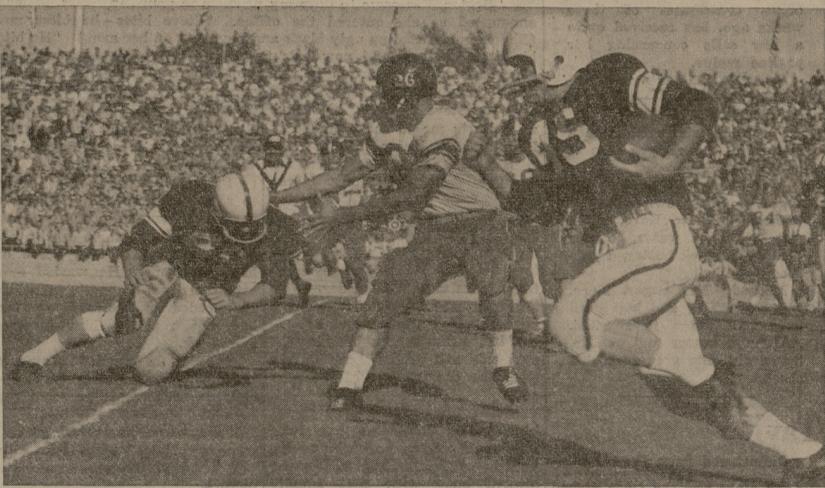


# Aggies Cinch Tie for SWC Crown



**TURNING ON THE POWER**—that makes him the finest back in the Southwest Conference, Jarrin' John Crow runs over one Rice tackler before being stopped by the Owls' James Briggs (88). Crow picked up 73 yards in 17 carries to finish second behind Taylor as the game's leading rushers. —Photo by Don Bisett.



**THE ROSWELL ROCKET**—Little Loyd Taylor rips off 22 yards around left end for A&M's third score in their 21-7 victory over the Rice Owls Saturday. At left John Tracey (80) goes after a Rice defender to clear the way for Taylor. —Photo by Don Bisett



**OFF AGAIN**—for 21 yards this time is Loyd Taylor, who ran for 86 yards in 11 carries to lead all runners against Rice. Taylor was knocked out of bounds on this run on the Owl three to set up the second Aggie touchdown early in the second quarter. —Photo by Don Bisett

## Old Taylor, Old Crow Lead A&M Past Rice Owls, 21-7

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As if they were completely satisfied with only three touchdowns, the Aggies scored early, then played cat and mouse with the Rice Owls to cinch at least a tie for the Southwest Conference title, winning 21-7 on Kyle Field Saturday.

Only the University of Texas Longhorns stand between Paul (Bear) Bryant's Cadets and their first league crown since 1941.

Before 36,000 fans watching in perfect football weather, A&M leaped to a 21-0 halftime lead, then were content to play just hard enough in the second 30 minutes to allow the Owls one touchdown.

Despite working behind second-team quarterback Bobby Conrad, the Aggies were as efficient as they ever have been in the first two periods, running up 171 yards on their way to three touchdowns. For the day A&M rushed for 254 yards to Rice's 127, although the Owls out-passed the Maroon, 147 yards to nine.

**LOYD TAYLOR**, the little junior halfback who blasted Rice clear out of Houston in 1955, scoring 14 points in 58 seconds, again haunted Jess Neely's group. Taylor scooted for 86 yards in 11 carries, 71 of that total in the first half.

John Crow, week after week demonstrating his claim to all-American fame, strode for 73 yards in 17 rushes to move his

season's total to 473 yards, good for seventh in the conference.

Although gaining only 31 yards in 11 carries, Jack Pardee blasted across the double stripe twice and turned in another brilliant defensive game from his linebacker post.

**AN EXCHANGE** of punts gave the Aggies the ball on their own 37 early in the opening quarter. Pardee and Conrad picked up three apiece and Taylor galloped 16 yards on a pitchout around left end to the Rice 41. Pardee smashed for four and Conrad kept for a pair before Crow made six and the first down on the dive over Charlie Krueger at left tackle.

Pardee made seven at a tackle then Taylor dove for the first on the Rice 19. Little Loyd made another first with 11 and Crow hit to the four. Pardee then cut back over tackle, bursting through a pair of Rice defenders for the touchdown with 5:55 left in the first period. Taylor's kick was perfect.

Early in the second quarter Roddy Osborne kicked dead on the Owl two. Three tries at the Aggie forward wall netted the Houston bunch four yards and Quarterback King Hill punted 37 yards to Crow, who returned it 15 to the Rice 25. Pardee managed one over the middle, then Taylor sprinted around left end for 21 big yards before he was knocked out of bounds on the Owl 3.

Pardee lost one and Jimmy Wright, in at quarterback in place of Osborne, picked up three to the one. On third and goal Pardee climbed the backs of Lloyd Hale, Dennis Goehring and Dee Powell into the end zone. Taylor again kicked true, and the scoreboard read 14-0 with 10:48 remaining in the first half.

**RICE TOOK CONRAD'S** kickoff and managed six yards in two tries before Ken Williams fumbled and Hale recovered on the Rice 35. The Aggies were penalized 15 yards for illegal use of the hands on the offense, but Richard Gay got that back plus one more on a dash around right end. Gay picked up another pair then Conrad kept twice for nine yards and a first down on the Rice 22.

With first and 10, Taylor rushed around left end on the identical play on which he had gained 21 earlier, but this time drove into the end zone for the touchdown with 7:06 left in the half. His third try for point was good and the Aggies led at the intermission, 21-0.

The deepest the Owls could penetrate in the opening 30 minutes was to the Aggie 15, but Gene (Bebes) Stallings picked off Frank Ryan's pass to thwart any scoring try.

**A&M WAS THROUGH** scoring (See TAYLOR, Page 4)

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