

Scrappy Ags Defeated 15-14 By High-Powered Tech Eleven

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Sports Editor

A&M used everything but the kitchen sink Saturday night in the Cotton Bowl, but the artillery was not heavy enough as one of the

"passingest" teams in Aggie history went down in defeat, 15-14, before the Tech Red Raiders.

The Cadets had one touchdown called back for holding and failed on field goal attempts from the 37,

22 and 8, the latter a last ditch effort in the closing seconds of the game.

Still the Farmers gained 139 yards in the air on 12 completions in 26 attempts. The Aggies traveled by land 33 times for 79 yards against one of the weakest defenses in the SWC.

The first half was a comedy of errors with red flags flying after almost every play and Tech fumbling away the ball on the slippery turf of the Cotton Bowl.

A&M scored its first touchdown by taking advantage of a Raider fumble when the game was only five minutes deep. Gale Oliver, center, broke through the Tech line to block a punt on the Raider 8.

Carter Franklin, Aggie guard, trapped the ball and the Cadets were on the move.

Charlie Milstead got four yards around right end, then, in two plays he and fullback Gordon LeBoeuf pushed the ball to the one-foot line. LeBoeuf carried the ball over for the tally. Milstead's kick was wide.

In the second quarter Ed Dudley completed three straight passes to move A&M to the Raider 9-yard line. Three plays later Fullback Luther Hall crashed over the center of the line to paydirt, but the play was nullified by a 15-yard holding penalty.

Tech miscued again early in the third quarter and Oliver fell on the fumble to set up the Aggies third touchdown. The drive covered 31 yards climaxed by a touchdown pass to Wingback Powell Berry. Milstead threw to end Ralph Smith for the conversion and the Cadets led 14-0.

Tech spent most of the first half trying to get out of its own back yard. The Raiders held the A&M team on the 4-yard line, with fourth down and one yard to go for a first, in the first quarter. LeBoeuf was piled up at the line of scrimmage for no gain and the ball went over.

The Red Raiders scored their first touchdown after recovering an A&M fumble deep in the third period. Milstead, carrying the ball, was hit hard, fumbled and Tech recovered on the 7. Three plays later Quarterback Jerry Bell hit right guard for one foot and the touchdown, and then threw a pass for the 2-point bonus.

Early in the fourth quarter Tech end Gerald Seemann intercepted Dudley's pass and returned 34 yards to the Cadet's 41. There was no stopping the fired up Raiders and they scored on Right Half Floyd Dellinger's pass to Seemann and added the winning point on Dellinger's kick.

The Aggies, showing the never-say-die brand of football they are famous for, made a valiant attempt to pull the game out of the fire. They took the kickoff and soon were on the Tech 39 after a 15-yard penalty against Tech.

Milstead's pass to John Tracey and his 12-yard run carried to the Raider 4. He gained two more yards but a fumble lost six. Tracey caught Milstead's pass inches out of bounds in the end zone, automatically nullifying the score.

Charley Milstead gives his passing arm a rest in Saturday night's game against Tech rest in Saturday night's game against Tech four-yard line early in the 4th quarter!

The Enemy Camp

The Texas Aggies try to break into the win column Saturday as they journey to Houston to take on the University of Houston Cougars who will be making their 1958 debut.

The Cougars have the material to make things rough for the Aggies and will be trying to get revenge after their 28-6 loss to the Aggies last year at the hands of Crow, Krueger, et al.

Head Coach Hal Lahar has 18 returning lettermen to build his team around. Six were starters last year and five have two numbers to their credit.

They have three outstanding tri-captains in Don Brown of Dayton and Harold Lewis of Pampa, halfbacks, and Tackie Hogan Wharton of Orange. Brown was the team's leading ground gainer in 1957 with 378 yards on 86 carries. He was named to the all-Missouri Valley Conference team and was voted outstanding back of the UH team.

Lewis is one of the speediest men the Aggies will face all year. He has run a 9.7 hundred. He was an all-MVC selection last year and an honorable mention all-American choice.

Wharton is a six foot, two-inch 240-pounder. He was voted lineman of the year in the conference in 1957 and was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers, even though he was only a junior.

This by no means exhausts the list of proven gridironers who are to face the Aggies.

Claude King holds down the halfback position opposite Brown to give the Cougars a dangerous scoring punch. King was one of the most publicized prep school

merals to their credit.

Center is in the capable hands of Burr Davis, who was an all-conference selection last year.

Capable lettermen occupy every other position. Leading end candidates are Bob Borah, a two-year letterman, and Lidney Thompson and Charles Malina, who own one numeral each.

Letterman tackles are Oliver Murray, Charlie Brown, Jim Colvin and Wharton. Letterman guards are Charles Caffrey, Tom Pierce and Howard Evans, a converted center. Joe McDonald backs up Davis at center.

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