

Field Day Against Texas Tech Gives Aggie Statistics Boost

A&M's 38-7 drubbing of Texas Tech Saturday gave the Cadets a big boost in statistics, especially in the passing department, as Aggie passers hit 12 of 15 for 174 yards and three touchdowns.

Junior Quarterback Ronnie Brice emerged from the game as A&M's

leading passer with a spectacular 1,000 percentage mark. The 183-lb. Andrews product hit five of five against Tech for 75 yards and two touchdowns.

Following close behind Brice is John Erickson who has hit eight of 15 for 48 yards and one TD.

Sophomore Jim Linnstaedter continues to lead in rushing, having gained 103 yards in 21 carries for an average of 4.9 yards per carry. Second in rushing is Fullback Lee Roy Caffey, who has 85 yards in 19 carries for a 4.5 average. Jim Murphy, senior left halfback, sports the best average, 5.2, with 52 yards in 10 trips.

Phil Peter, soph right halfback, jumped into the top pass receiving position against Tech. The 6-3, 196-lb. sophomore has caught three passes for 62 yards and one touch-

down. Close behind Peter is Halfback Bob Caskey, who has grabbed off three for 36 yards and one touchdown.

Center Jerry Hopkins leads the stout Aggie pass defense with two interceptions, returning them 13 yards. The Cadets, who have intercepted five enemy aeriels in three games, lead the Southwest Conference in pass defense, allowing only 34.7 yards per game.

Babe Craig, Aggie punting specialist, upped his average to 38.3 against the Raiders, booming one for 55 yards. He has punted 19 times for 727 yards.

George Hargett, soph left half, leads the Farmers in punt and kickoff returns. Hargett has returned four punts for 36 yards, and two kickoffs for 51 yards.

Seven Cadets entered the scor-

ing column against Tech. Caskey, Reagan, Murphy, Peter, and End Franklin Fisher each scored one TD in Saturday's game. Reagan, who scored another touchdown against LSU, leads the scoring with 12 points. End Daryle Keeling, who kicked five PAT's against the Raiders, is second with seven points. Mike Clark, field goal specialist, kicked the first field goal of the year Saturday.

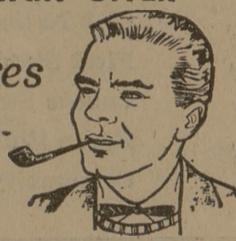
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Texas' Saxton Setting Swift Rushing Pace

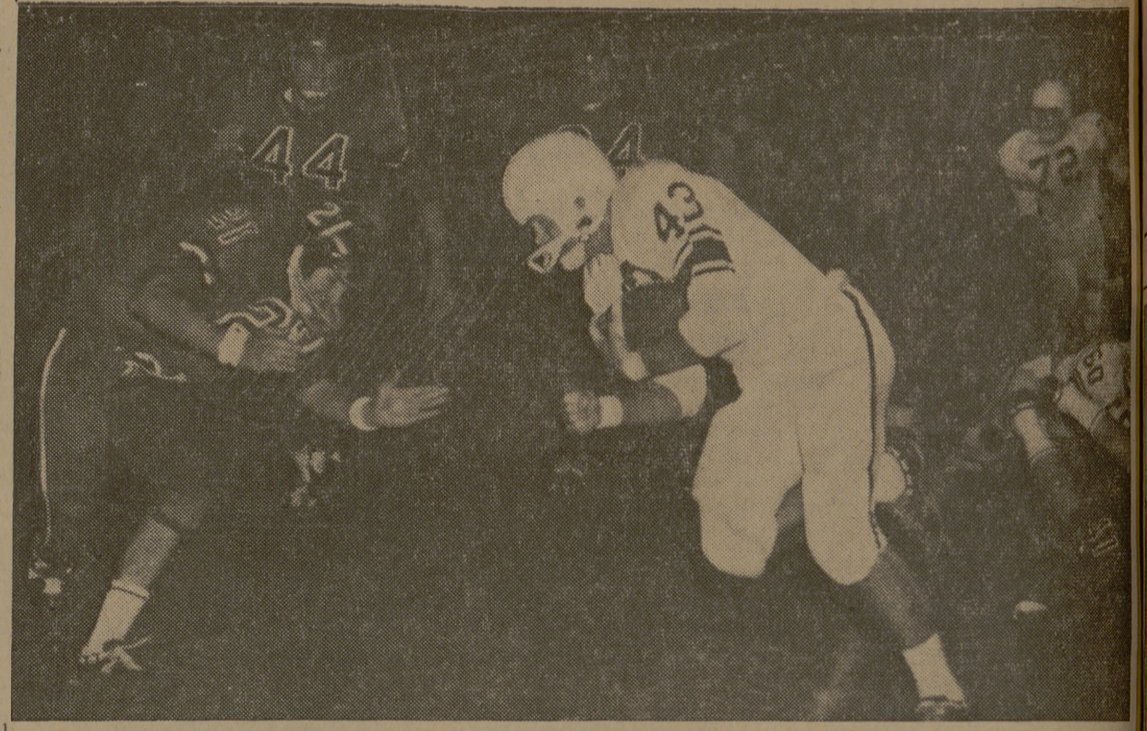
Texas' Johnny Saxton, who skips across gridirons with a water-bug change of pace and direction, has taken over the ball-carrying leadership of the Southwest Conference with a typical performance. The swift senior from Palestine wrested the honor from Teammate Jerry Cook as the Longhorns took over the 1-2-3-4 positions in individual rushing.

Saxton raced 56 yards for one touchdown and scored another against Washington State as he accounted for 96 yards in only six attempts. Through three games he is averaging 12.4 yards per carry, an unprecedented figure in conference annals. Rice's Dicky Moegle averaged 10.8 through his first three games in 1954, while Ken Wineburg had 10.4 in 1956 and Jim Swink had 9.6 the previous season after their first three tests at TCU.

Fullback Ray Poage and Sophomore Tommy Ford, both of Texas, round out the third and fourth spots in rushing.

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Ags, 'Horns, Porkers Are Early 1961 SWC Leaders

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Early leaders in the 1961 Southwest Conference football campaign—A&M, Texas and Arkansas—exploded with offensive fireworks last week that sent statisticians scurrying to the record books.

Texas' 545-yard spree against Washington State gave the Longhorns a 3-game total offense of 1,512 yards (1065 rushing and 447 passing), an unprecedented figure in the history of Southwest Conference statistics service. The nearest approach was the 1,461 yards accounted by the last team Dana X. Bible tutored at Texas, the 1946 eleven that ran rampant over Missouri (42-0), Colorado (76-0) and Oklahoma State (54-6).

Arkansas and Texas A&M pulled abreast of Texas in the conference race by whamming TCU, 28-3, and Texas Tech, 38-7,

respectively. The 28-point rampage by the Razorbacks was the most scored against TCU in conference competition since 1954, when the Frogs fell to the Longhorns, 35-34.

A&M's 38-point stampede over the Red Raiders was the highest score A&M has made in league play since winning over Arkansas, 42-13, in 1950. It was the most points scored by the Aggies in a single game since 1956, when they won from Tech, 40-7.

Exceptionally sharp overhead, completing 12 of 15 passes, the Aggies had a total offense of 361 yards against Tech. That's the biggest statistical spurge by the Cadets since Nov. 1, 1958, when they totaled 384 yards in losing to Arkansas. A&M threw three touchdown passes, one more than it managed all last season.

Arkansas combined a standout

rushing fame (280 yards), overhead efficiency (5 of 7 for 64 yards) and sterling defense to whip TCU. The Razorbacks kept TCU from crossing their goal line for a third straight year and limited the Frogs to a total offense of 162 yards. TCU had gained 284 in upsetting Kansas and 230 in tying Ohio State.

Texas leads per-game averages in rushing (355), and passing (149 to 126 by Baylor), but late Baylor moved out front with best defensive record (187.5 to 189 by the Longhorns. A&M continues to have the best defense against passes, yielding only 34.7 yards per game.

In breaking its losing streak with a 9-7 conquest of the Air Force Academy, SMU was out-gained but continues to lead the SWC in punting with a 38.3 average.

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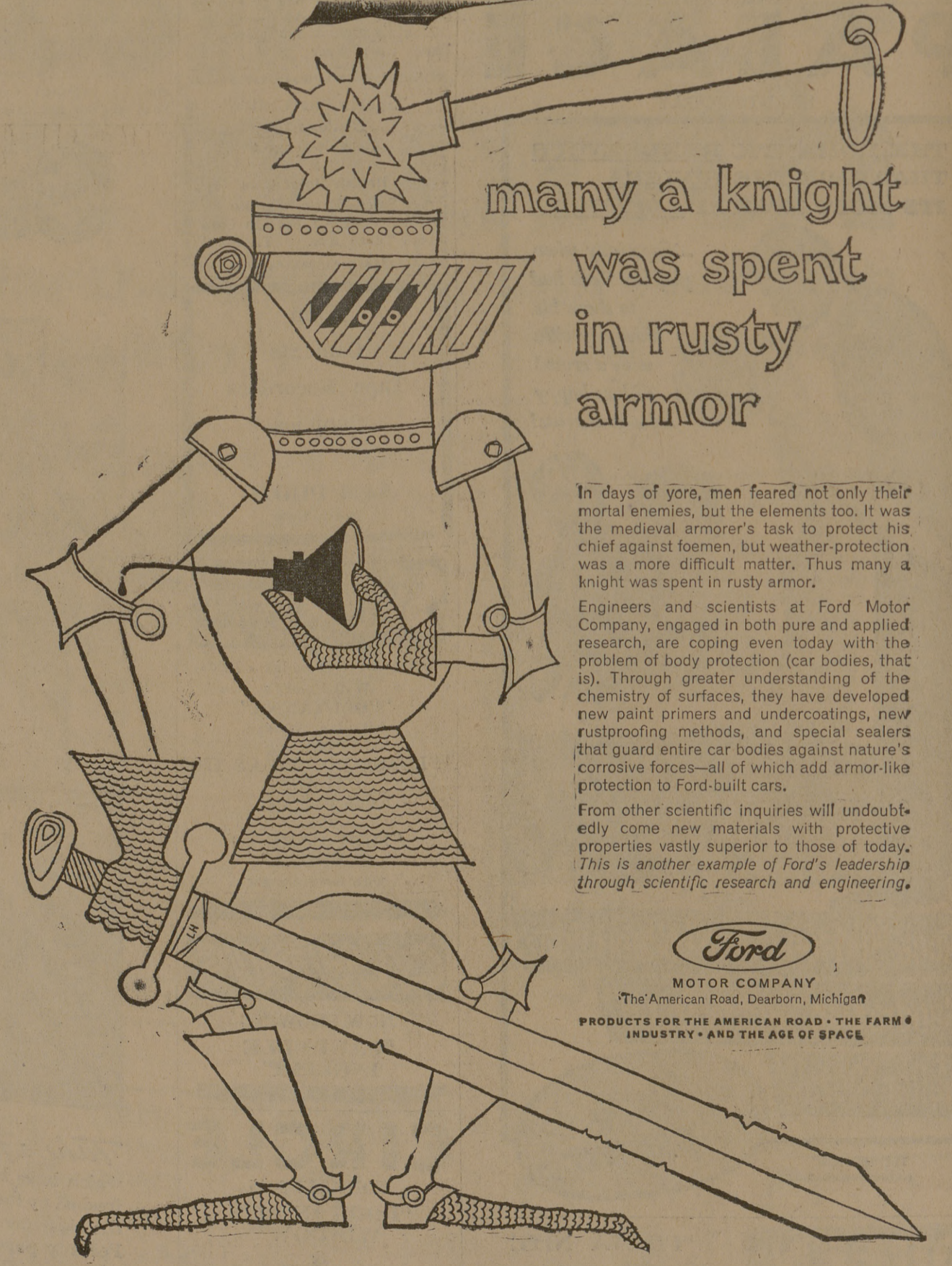
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