

It's Another Gloomy Saturday As Owls Out-Pass Ags, 21-7

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It was another gloomy Saturday afternoon in the series of '61 football for the Aggies as they fell to the passing of Randall Kerbow and Billy Cox and the Rice Owls, 21-7.

This marked the fourth defeat for the Aggies this season with four wins and one tie. They held down the fourth spot in the South-

west Conference with a 3-2 record. The Aggies seemed like they simply were not ready for the Owls and A&M just couldn't adjust to Rice's passing attack until it was too late. The Owls attempted 25 passes in the course of the afternoon and completed 11 of them.

Spectacular Punting
Other than the spectacular punting of Babe Craig, who kicked

five times for an average of 42.6 and the outstanding defensive play of Wayne Freiling, Lee Roy Caffey, Jerry Pizzitola, and Russell Hill, the Aggies were just another team playing out their season schedule. Even though the Aggies out-gained the Owls on the ground, 153-98, it was the aerial game that spelled defeat. Rice gained 135 yards to 24 yards for the Ags in the air.

For awhile, the contest was just a game of mistakes. The Aggies lost three of four fumbles while Rice lost three of three and had two passes intercepted.

Rice Scores
With Rice's Cox at the quarterback spot, the Owls jumped off to a 7-0 lead early in the second period as they went 71 yards in 13 plays for the touchdown. The scoring play was a 13-yard toss from Cox to Gary Poage. Butch Blume added the extra point from placement.

The next time Rice got the ball, they moved 51 yards in four plays for the score. Kerbow passed 25 yards to Gene Raesz for the touchdown. Blume converted.

In the third quarter, the Cadets came out a little more fired up. Freiling rushed Kerbow, causing a fumble, and the Ags took charge on the Rice 13. From the two, Ronnie Brice made an exciting, twisting run around left end for the score. Mike Clark kicked the extra point and made the score 14-7 midway in the third period.

From there on out, each team threatened mildly until 45 seconds remaining in the game when Rice scored their last TD. Mike Bowen blasted one yard for the score.

Wasn't Hard Earned
This last Rice touchdown was not hard earned as the Aggies were trying desperately for the tying TD. A&M lost the ball on their own 4-yard line when the big Rice linemen smothered John Erickson as he was trying to pass on fourth down and needing 24 yards for the first down.

The Ags weren't ready for the Owls, but some people say that they were looking ahead to the Texas Longhorns.

Pre-Season Favorites Mark Stat 'Firsts' Last Saturday

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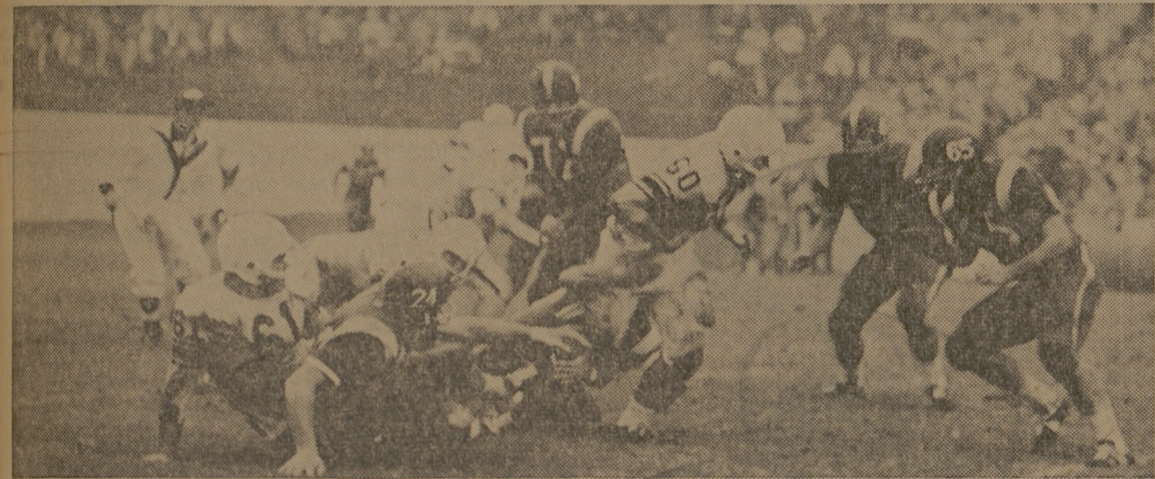
Rivals that were mentioned in the same breath with Texas in pre-season estimates shared the statistics spotlight Saturday as TCU shackled the stampeding Herd for the first time this fall.

Baylor, Arkansas and Rice, rated co-favorites along with Texas, before the season's first kickoff, marked their week-end victories with statistics "firsts". Air-minded Baylor grabbed rushing and total offense honors for the day and retained its runner-up position to Texas for the season in net yardage gained per game.

Arkansas was the aerial king for the day with a gain of 163 yards through the air against SMU and trailed the Bears by only nine yards in total offense for the day. Consistently stingy with yardage, the Razorbacks moved ahead of the Longhorns in per-game defense for the year by limiting SMU to only 120 yards while TCU was gaining 208 against Texas.

Although Arkansas gained more yardage overhead, Rice threw the most passes for the day (25) and also completed the most (11) as it scored two touchdowns against A&M in the air. Baylor also scored twice on passes, moving up even with Texas in scoring aeriels for the full route (10).

Rice also retained its season leadership in punting but the margin over runner-up Texas Tech is only a tenth of a yard (37.8 to 37.7) and A&M, which averaged 42.6 for the day, is challenging with 37.5. The Aggies continued to be the top ball hawks, running their interception total to 18 by picking off two against Rice.



Freiling Carries

Wayne Freiling (60) carries the ball for the first time in his collegiate career against the Rice Owls. Freiling took the ball out of the air when Rice's Billy Cox fumbled in the second quarter. Keith Huggins (61) takes out Cox (24) as Kenny Simmons moves in for the tackle on Freiling.



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says Chuck Bednarik
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AUSTIN (AP)—Coach Darrell Royal said Monday his Texas Longhorns don't have their chins on their chests over Saturday's 6-0 loss to Texas Christian and should be in good shape for their game Thursday against Texas A&M.

"We shouldn't need as much preparation for the A&M game as for the third or fourth game of the season," Royal said. "We could play today and that would be a hell of a football game."

The coach added, however, he's "gravely concerned" about the A&M game Thursday.

"A&M has just as good a line as we do, maybe a little better. Our running backs may have a little edge," he said. "If there is anybody that deserves credit for being competitors and coming back weekend after weekend it would have to be the Aggies. They've scrapped in every game."

Royal said doctors have given James Saxton, star Longhorn back, a clean bill of health after he was knocked out twice in Saturday's game. He said the team doctor checked Saxton Saturday night and told him he was all right.

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