

14-14 TIE

Aggies Match Frogs

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About ten minutes past two on a cloudy Saturday afternoon in Ft. Worth, TCU fans were chortling with glee and ready to settle down for a long afternoon of scoring by the mighty Horned Frogs.

Aggie fans hitched up their pants, batted down the hatches and put their minds on the post-game parties, also expecting a long afternoon.

BUT ALL surprises are not hatched in Dallas and its sister city to the west was about to be shook by a mild tremor in the good old Southwest Conference tradition.

TCU let the Aggies run four plays to open the ball game and then moved 40 yards in eight plays for a quick 7-0 lead. Frog rooters sighed in contentment and the only question in their minds was

how many points TCU would rack up — a question that grew and festered as the Aggies tied the score and took the lead.

A&M WIGGLED back in the game early in the second period on a one yard burst by fullback Jerry Rogers for the touchdown. The scoring drive originated on the TCU 49-yard line and featured a tremendous 31-yard sideline dance by halfback George Hargett. Hargett was pulled down on the TCU 2 after being hit by the majority of the TCU team. The senior halfback's tightrope act was the longest run from scrimmage for the Aggies this year.

TCU got nowhere on two more series of downs before A&M's shock troops struck with a blitz that would have turned Hitler Maroon with envy.

THE FROG's Garry Thomas dropped back to punt with the

ball on the TCU 44. The pass from center was high and the attempted punt bounced off the arm of A&M tackle Bill Ward. Ward and four other Aggies who had broken through the TCU line raced for the loose ball. Ward picked it up on the 17 and rumbled into the end zone to give the Maroon-and-White a 13-7 lead. Bob Lee, who had kicked the first A&M conversion, made it two and the Farmers led 14-7 at halftime.

Halftime festivities consisted of the presentation of Nanette Gabriel, Aggie Sweetheart for 1963-64. Miss Gabriel was appropriately greeted by Cadet Colonel of the Corps Paul Dresser and so ended the Aggie kissing until after the final gun.

TCU STORMED back onto the field, determined not to be the victim of another upset. With the exception of 10 plays, the entire second half was played in A&M territory.

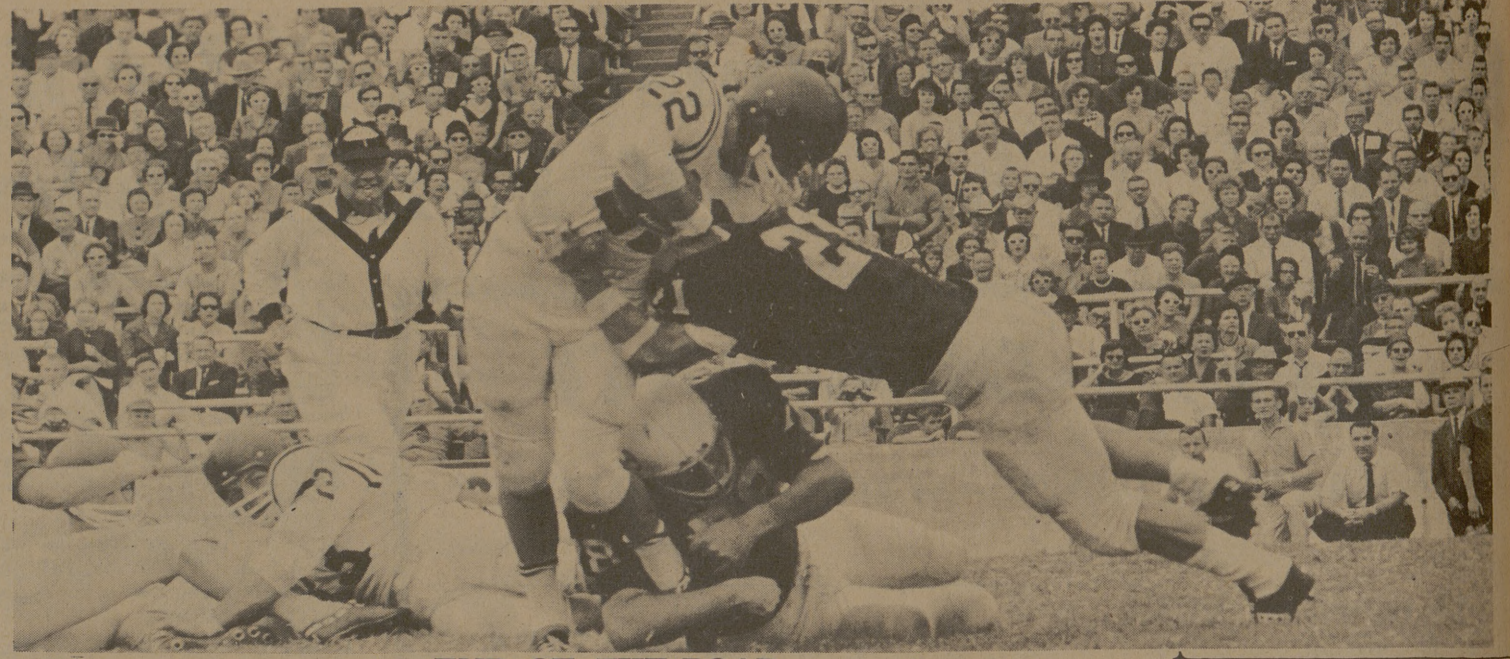
But the Aggie defense scrambled, hustled and contained the Frogs almost to perfection. The lone breach came in the fourth quarter when TCU drove 85 yards in 16 plays to knot the score.

A&M STOPPED three other Frog threats. Mike Pitman recovered a Tommy Crutcher fumble caused by Ray Kubala; Jim Keller intercepted a TCU pass on the Aggie six; and TCU's ace field goal kicker Jim McAteer missed a 33-yard three-pointer.

The 14-14 tie put A&M's record for the season at three losses, one win and one tie. TCU is now 3-1-1.

A&M PLAYERS relaxed in Ft. Worth Saturday night and started preparing Monday for Baylor whom they host next Saturday in Kyle Field. The Baptists will be leading the Southwest Conference (tied with Texas) when they invade College Station. The Bears barely beat Texas Tech, 21-17, Saturday night.

Texas remained undefeated with a 17-13 victory over Arkansas and Rice edged SMU, 13-7.



END OF THE ROAD
A&M's Budgie Ford (22) is stopped by TCU's Jim Fauver (21).

Hank—'We Wanted To Win' But Pleased With Outcome

The Aggie dressing room, after TCU had been hard put to emerge from the game with a 14-14 tie, wasn't exactly a scene of raucous jubilation with champagne flowing from the shower spigots. Subdued relief and contentment was more the theme as the Cadets pulled off sweaty jerseys and unlaced shoulder pads. Smiles were the order of the day for the second straight weekend.

There was no doubt about the feeling, as Head Coach Hank Foldberg put it, "We wanted to win!"

BUT FOLDBERG was pleased with the scoreboard tied and moral victory for the Farmers who went into the game as two touchdown underdogs. "Our boys played a good game, put out a lot of effort," Foldberg said. "TCU is a fine team."

Was TCU stronger in the second half?

"I don't think so. We were hurt by bad field position. And Fauver's (Jim) running kept us in a hole. We just didn't contain them well in the second half."

MEANWHILE, sophomore tackle Bill Ward was sitting on a bench, sipping a soda pop. Ward had made a lineman's dream come true by scoring A&M's second TD after blocking a TCU punt and fielding the ball for a 20-yard jaunt into the end zone.

The big sophomore from Austin, happily related the circumstances. "The ball hit my arm and bounced away. I saw Brotherton (John) looking for it and I saw it in front of me. The ball bounced toward me and I picked it up. All I thought about was getting across the goal."

THE SIX-POINTER was the first touchdown for Ward. "I came close in high school on a 75-yard run, but it was called back. I'm just glad one of us was able to do it," Ward added.

Ward was one of several heroes for the Cadets. Mighty Mite George Hargett set up the first Aggie score with a 31-yard pinball machine run down the sidelines in the second quarter. Hargett was hit by the majority of the Horned Frog team before being brought down just short of the goal line.

"I WAS afraid I was going out of bounds," Hargett said. "I think TCU thought I had gone out and relaxed a little bit. I could see the goal but I couldn't quite reach it."

Field General Jim Keller continued his consistent play and picked off a Horned Frog pass in the fourth quarter.

"I wasn't thinking about going all the way with it especially," Keller said. "I was just trying to get it back as far as I could."

AGGIE CAPTAIN Ray Kubala did an outstanding job defensively making several big plays to thwart TCU drives. Kubala led the Cadets in unassisted tackles with seven. Junior tackle Ray Gene Hinze, another defensive stalwart who spent most of his time in the TCU backfield, was right behind Kubala with six tackles.

Foldberg credited fullback Jerry Rogers with the best job of line-backing against the Horned Frogs that the Aggies have had this season. Rogers was credited with five unassisted tackles.

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