

Ags Drop Dazzling Finish 20-16



LEDBETTER HITS THE TRAIL

Behind the blocking of the Aggie offensive line and backs Dan Schneider (40) and Dan Westerfield (46), quarterback Harry Ledbetter scoots around end for yardage against Texas Tech. Raiders Guy Griffis (15) and Joe Hurley (83) close in.



ANDERSON BOTTLED UP BY AGS

Tech halfback Donny Anderson is stopped close in for assists. Tech's tackle John Porter (74) watches action from the prone position. End Gary Allen (89) and tackle John Nilson (71)

It couldn't have happened to a less deserving team.

The Aggies, coupling a bruising defense with a solid passing attack, had shown 43,000 wildly partisan spectators in Lubbock's Jones Stadium they meant business for the first time in several years.

They worked up a quick 10-0 lead at halftime while the stumbling and bumbling Raiders resembled sandlot rejects.

But Tech quarterback Tom Wilson began successfully probing the Aggie secondary midway through the third period, and with 2:44 left in the game the Raiders captured the lead, 13-10.

The Aggies screamed back with two long passes and retook the lead they had held throughout the game with 1:38 left.

Ready to sack up their second consecutive victory, the Cadets fell victim to some razzle-dazzle prompted by Georgia's stunning upset of Alabama two weeks earlier.

Facing third and 10 from the Aggie 49, Wilson hit end Jerry Shipley over the middle at the 42.

Shipley, heading to the right as a swarm of white shirts converged on him, latered back to halfback Donny Anderson, who covered the last 37 yards untouched for a 20-16 victory.

It was a bitter finish for Gene Stallings' Cadets, who dominated the game, before that final play, a flea-flicker devised in the Tech huddle.

A&M drove 43 yards for a touchdown after junior guard Tom Murrah jarred Wilson loose from the ball and recovered with nearly nine minutes gone in the first quarter.

The big gainer in the drive was a 14 yard pass to ace end Ken McLean on the Tech 20.

Lloyd Curington got the last three yards on a fourth down pass from quarterback Harry Ledbetter and the conversion made it 7-0.

The Aggies struck again on their next possession after getting the ball on the Tech 36

when Jim Kauffman was hit by an overaggressive Raider while making a fair catch at the Tech 49.

Ledbetter kept to the ground on this drive, alternating fullback Dan Schneider and left half Bill Sallee down to the four.

The Tech defense toughened there, and on fourth down Sallee was dropped at the two and the Raiders took over.

Anderson punted three plays later and Nichols returned to the Tech 45, where Ledbetter passed the Aggies back down to the three.

A running play and incompleteness failed to pick up the first down and Glynn Lindsey kicked a 22-yard field goal with 9:13 left in the half.

Tech got an early second-half break when the Aggies lost a fourth-down gamble from their own 45. The Raiders couldn't move but an exchange of punts set them up at the Aggie 39.

From there it took Tech seven plays to score, with Anderson taking a pass in the left flat, sliding off linebacker Robert Cortez and scoring easily.

The aroused Raiders moved to the Aggie 22 before being stopped, and penetrated to the Aggie 32 on their next series. Ken Gill's field goal try hit the crossbar and bounced back, leaving A&M with a 10-7 lead.

Tech scored the go-ahead tally after moving 59 yards in 12 plays. Soph halfback Mike Leinert took a one-yard pass from Wilson and the Raiders were ahead with 2:44 left, 18-10.

The Aggies needed but four plays to score after the kickoff. Ledbetter passed incomplete for McLean, then hit his favorite target for 38 yards to the Tech 41.

After another incompleteness, Ledbetter faded and lofted a pass toward senior halfback Jim Stabler.

Stabler took the pass on the five and raced into the end zone unmolested with 1:38 left in the game.

But the Raiders came back in three plays and 21 seconds to ice the game with the Wilson-to-Shipley-to-Anderson combination.

The Aggies had one last chance but the comeback try failed when Tech halfback Boy Yancer picked off a Ledbetter pass with 25 seconds remaining.

The Aggie defense limited Tech to 79 yards on the grounds with the touted Anderson averaging only 1.4 yards per carry.

Passing made the difference, however, as Shipley caught seven for 120 yards and Anderson averaged 101.

McLean led Aggie receivers with six grabs for 95 yards.

Ags Feel Letdown After Tech Loss

By TOMMY DeFRANK
There were no smiles from the Aggies late Saturday night in Lubbock.

The spunky Cadets had whipped Texas Tech all night long and come back to retake the lead they lost with 2:44 left, only to see the dreams of their first conference win wiped out by a freak pass play.

Most of the players talked silently in small groups. Some appeared dazed. Few spoke. Some wept.

One of the most crestfallen was wingback Jim Stabler, who caught the pass that nearly iced the game with 1:38 left.

"We let you guys down," Stabler said. "We let you down." The Dallas senior had streaked down the right sideline, gotten behind the defensive halfback and took the touchdown pass all alone at the five.

"Dude (McLean) ran a hook and pulled the halfback in," he explained, "and I slipped behind him. It was a perfect pass. I thought we had them."

"I've never beat those guys," he continued. "I hope they (the coaches) work our tails off."

Senior linebacker Joe Wellborn was trying to explain what happened on that nightmarish play to his mother after the game.

"Everybody went for the ball," he explained. "That's the way

we're taught and that's the way we can win.

"I just wish I were a sophomore now, or I wish he'd (Stablers) have come in when I was a freshman.

"That was my last chance to beat those guys," he said, fighting back the tears.

Defensive halfback Eddie McKaughan said that field position made the difference in the second half, when Tech scored its points.

"We had it in the first half but couldn't get in the second," he said.

Raider Coach J T King boarded the team bus to praise the Aggies before they left for the airport.

"Men, you played a hell of a game and I wish you all the best in the world," he said. "I just got lucky on you."

But that didn't ease the sting much, especially for the seniors.

"You don't play a good game when you don't win," added Stabler, "not under this coach."

Somebody tried to cheer a little Lloyd Curington, who as a kickoff back 63 yards as well as taking a pass for the Aggie tally.

"Let's see a smile, Curington," the man said.

But there were no smiles from the Aggies this night.

Consolidated Evens Mark, Overpowers Navasota 20-7

By BOB JONES
A&M Consolidated evened its pre-district record at two wins and an equal number of losses Friday night by bombing the Navasota Rattlers 20-7 on Tiger Field.

Head Coach Edsel Jones' eleven trailed 7-6 at halftime before making a fourth quarter comeback that left the Rattlers high and dry. The Tigers' comeback was led by the cool quarterback-

ing of Jimbo Robison and the smooth running of halfbacks Steve Boring and Terry Logan.

Logan went into the second half without a single yard rushing and ended the top rushed for the night with 109 yards.

While Consolidated was evening its record, Friday's opponent, Hearne, received its third loss of the year to two wins. The Eagles were left holding the short end of a 32-6 score with the Taylor Ducks.

The Tigers and the Eagles were long time rivals of District 19-AA before the Bengals moved up to 3A ball last year and the Eagles shifted into District 17-AA. The annual bout remains, but is now a nondistrict contest. The Eagles dealt the Tigers a 14-13 loss last year.

David Alexander recovered a Navasota fumble on the first play from scrimmage to set up Con-

solidated's initial score against the Rattlers. Fullback Paul Becker, starting for the first time since the Maroon's opener with Forest Park, picked up 27 yards in two carries leaving the Tigers on the Navasota 5-yard line. Steve Boring carried the ball over for the score.

The Bengals next score came on a fourth and five situation when Terry Logan, back to punt, fired a pass to end David Terral on the Rattler 37. Logan carried the remaining 37 yards on the next play.

In the last of the fourth period Logan capped a 62-yard drive with a 13-yard sweep around the right end for the final Tiger score. Robison hit Ed Goldsmith for the two-point conversion.

Hearne will host the Tigers Friday night with kick off at 8 p.m. in the final nondistrict game for both teams.

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7 - 8 White Band
8 - 11 Maroon Band
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