Aggies Win Home Debut, 10-7

By LARRY R. JERDEN **Battalion Sports Editor**

Alert, rugged defense and a 26-yard field goal proved to be the margin of victory for the Aggies Saturday night as they evened their season record at 2-2 by outlasting Houston's Cougars, 10-7, in Kyle Field.

The victory was the first in two years for A&M on their home field and made them the winners of the current Houston series 6-5-3. The Cadets had last won in Kyle Field in '63 when they defeated the Cougars, 23-13.



The winning score came in the third quarter after the Ags had been stalled on their own 35 fol-

lowing reception of the kick-off. Phil Scoggin, who averaged 44.4 yards per punt for the evening, booted to the Houston 20. Tom Paciorek gathered in the punt, but the pigskin popped into the arms of center Jim Singleton and the Aggies owned the ball

on Houston's 18. Lloyd Curington carried for four, Harry Ledbetter kept for three to the 11 and Bill Sallee was held for no gain to set up fourth and three. Glynn Lindsey was called in and booted the three - pointed for the winning

The Aggies drew first blood in the opening quarter on a one-yard plunge by Sallee. The Cadets had taken the opening kickoff on the 33 and moved 21 yards in eight plays before the Cougar defense held. Scoggins punted into the UH end zone and Houston took over on the 20.

On third and eight Tom Murrah made the first of his two fumble recoveries for the evening and A&M was within striking distance of the Cougar goal line.

The Maroon rolled in for the score from the 21 in six plays against a determined Houston defense. Sallee hit paydirt with 8:20 left in the quarter.

Late in the first quarter the Cougars owned the football with first and 10 on the Aggie 23. They threw two incomplete passes, one broken up by Jerry Nichols, and were held to one yard

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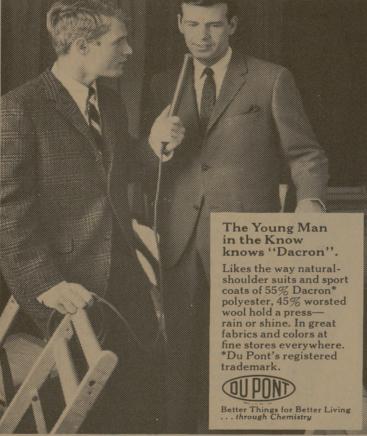
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rushing. With fourth down they time, and the score remained tried a field goal, but it and the 10-7. scoring threat fell short.

After moving to their own 37, the Aggies were forced to punt and Houston began its 73-yard march to the goal line.

The Cougars covered the distance in 16 plays and made four first downs. One was the result of a penalty after the Aggie defense had held them to fourth and seven on the A&M 41.

Dick Post got the drive off to a big start when he scampered for 29 yards with second and 10. After the first down by penalty Houston picked up one rushing but was penalized 15 yards to set up a first and 25 situation. The Aggie defense couldn't contain Post, however, and he broke loose on the first down play for 19 yards to the eight. From there the Cougars ran five plays before punching it over from the Fullback George Nordgren from the one.

The Cougars mustered three

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In the third quarter Houston pushed to the A&M 27 and went for a possible victory on fourth and five. A pass to Nordgren netted only two yards and the drive was stalled.

At the close of the third quarter Houston intercepted a Led-

A&M 47 and drove to the 26 be-

After an exchange of punts, Houston owned the pigskin on their own 15 where they were forced to kick again. Jerry Nich-

fore being halted. A field goal attempt was off to the left and the Ags had a crack at it.

ols returned the punt two yards

Matson To Play Basketball

Texas A&M world record shot- ketball for some time but that putter Randy Matson will begin Matson was reluctant because he workouts with the Aggie basketball team this week.

The Houston Post reported Tuesday that Matson told basketball coach Shelby Metcalf he had decided to play and would begin workouts with the team

Matson was an all-state basketball player in high school in addition to being an all-district blasted in for the six pointer fullback and state shot and discus champ his senior year.

Emil Mamaliga, Matson's more scoring threats, but the weight coach, said he has tried stout Aggie defense held each to influence him to resume bas-

should be in top form for the

up his weights program at the same time. The star weightman would be a welcome addition to the Aggie squad, which returns six letter-

was unsure of being able to keep

men from last year's team. It is likely Matson will try to make the squad as a center.

Ags Bow To UH, **Arlington Next**

The Aggie cross-country team will meet Arlington State, TCU and North Texas State in Arlington Saturday afternoon at 1:30

A strong University of Houston team handed A&M its first defeat Friday and evened the Cadets' record to 1-1. Don Rowe, the Ags No. 1 man was the highest placing Aggie in the meet.

The Farmers look to be stronger this week as Willy Rodriguez and Ed Vezey return to action after being out last week with injuries.

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Student and date tickets for the A&M-TCU game go off sale at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the G. Rollie White Coliseum ticket win-

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better to Ken McLean pass on the but fumbled and Larry Lantzy covered for Houston.

The Cougars moved 20 yards to A&M's 10 with 4:29 left before Joe Wellborn intercepted a Bo Burris pass on the eight.

Statistically the Ags came out on the short side with 86 rushing yards and 62 passing to Houston's 125 and 93. The Cougars gained 12 first downs to A&M's 11, but lost three fumbles to the Aggies single lost bobble.

Ledbetter hit six of 15 intellifor 62 yards, including fating for Ken (Dude) McLean for a ked for better all better also rushed for 28 nese of but was set back 25 for a HA NO

Sallee led Aggie rushing n Tron 16 carries for 48 yards with Schneider was second with Schneider was second with carries for 17 yards. Joe id. born led the defensive For hin with six tackles, 11 assin Lt. Tr broke up one pass play, nths an

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end, the Aggies ought to be ecgame. They have a pair of rushstatic after this last one! A ing threats in Steve Landon and great town hall, a wild midnight Kenny Post. Landon has netted yell practice, hundreds of sweet 249 yards in 42 carries and Post young things, great parties if you has 219 in 61 attempts. Frank could find them, and a win in Horak, the Froggies' kickoff re-Kyle Field made it a weekend to turn expert, leads the conference remember. But, oh, that Monday in that department with 333 morning! yards in 14 carries. Head Coach Gene Stallings wants the press to compliment the student body on its conduct at the game . . . and The Batt would like to humbly pass on the

If happiness is a great week-

word, and add "let's keep it up." It wouldn't be ol' Army if there were nothing to gripe about, and brother, I just can't say enough

about that Kyle Field seating. I think I'll write a book and call it "Four Years In The End Zone" by Ima Leatherlegs. Another small point that received Aggie comment was the Cougar football team warming up on the field while the Aggie Band (and Ranger) were still performing.

Aggies are beginning to really show up in the SWC stats, and that Ken (Dude) McLean-Harry Ledbetter combination gets this writer's vote for All-America, along with Joe Wellborn.

Ledbetter has moved up to secwith 496 yards and is holding third in passing with 447 yards on 37 passes, including three McLean is third in pass receiv-

ing with 22 catches for 271 yards. He's only two passes out of first place and has a 12.3 average.

In the specialty departments Phil Scoggin, Jerry Nichols and Lloyd Curington are holding up Aggie honors. Scoggin now has a 40.8 kicking average for 32 punts to place him second in the

Nichols is fourth in punt returns with 72 yards in seven runs. Curington is fourth in kickoff returns with 139 yards gained in five dashes.

Another big weekend is in store with the climax set in Amon Carter Stadium in Fort Worth. The Aggies will meet TCU in the first Corps Trip night game. The Corps will march at 10 a.m. Saturday and the band will make its first out-of-town appearance that evening at halftime.

TCU made a good showing losing to Texas Tech, 28-24, and

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