



HAPPY DAYS HERE AGAIN FOR STALLINGS
Aggie head coach Gene Stallings enjoyed one of the few "breathers" he has had as head coach Saturday as the Aggies breezed to a 35-3 victory over Tulane. On the way back to the dressing room after the rout (picture at left) Stallings begins to relax. Once in the dressing room (center picture) the A&M athletic director shares a laugh with Tom Sooy, left, Curley Hallman, and Ivan Jones, right. Finally making it to a chair in the dressing room (picture at right) Stallings' enjoys a refreshing cold drink. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Ags' Ground Game Drowns Tulane, 35-3



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By JOHN PLATZER

A long awaited "breather" finally came to the Aggie football team Saturday night as they broke a short one-game losing skein in spectacular fashion with a 35-3 rout of the Tulane Green Wave.

No Aggie team in six years has put more points on the scoreboard than Coach Gene Stallings' team did Saturday in New Orleans. In 1961 a Jim Myers coached Aggie squad ran up a 55-0 score against Trinity in their fourth game of the season.

Coach Stallings' 1966 squad twice tied the point production against Tulane with a 35-14 win over Texas Tech and a 35-7 victory over TCU. The win over the Green Wave also marked the first triumph by a Stallings coached team over a Louisiana school.

Larry Stegent, the Aggies' brilliant junior tailback, sparked A&M's rejuvenated ground attack with a three touchdown performance. The former high school all-American from Houston St. Thomas gained 111 yards on 12 carries including touchdown

scampers of 15, 8 and 55 yards. Two games deep into the 1968 season, Stegent is averaging 6.4 yards per carry.

A&M finished the night with a 382 yard total offense mark including 241 yards on the ground. As a team the Aggies used 38 running plays for a fantastic 6.3 average per rush.

One of the things that made the Aggies' running game go was the blocking of fullback Ross Brupbacher. Brupbacher, a Louisiana boy who started out his college career at fullback and then was switched to defensive halfback before returning to offense last week, threw the key block to spring Aggie runners time after time.

Brupbacher, who took the injured Wendell Housley's spot in the lineup, didn't forsake his defensive duties in the game as he returned an intercepted pass 80 yards for A&M's final touchdown in the game.

Edd Hargett, the quarterback that ignites A&M's offensive fuse, hit on 9 of 15 tosses in the game for 141 yards and ran for an additional 56 yards in the

contest. One of Hargett's passes was a 55-yard touchdown strike to Bob Long that marked the tenth straight game in which Hargett has thrown for a touchdown.

An unbelievable catch was made on the play by Long who caught the ball with one hand at the Tulane 25 and never broke stride while racing for the endzone.

Aggies 17th In AP Poll

(AP)—The top 20, with first-place votes and total points awarded for first 15 picks on basis of 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7, etc.:

1. Purdue	42	2-0	894
2. Southern Calif.	2	2-0	797
3. Penn State	1	2-0	568
4. Florida		2-0	441
5. Notre Dame		1-1	430
6. Ohio State		1-0	398
7. Nebraska		3-0	395
8. Kansas		2-0	393
9. UCLA		2-0	342
10. Louisiana State		2-0	213
11. Alabama		2-0	196
12. Houston		1-0-1	163
13. Miami, Florida		2-0	152
14. Arizona State		2-0	104
15. Tennessee		1-0-1	100
16. Georgia		1-0-1	64
17. Texas A&M		1-1	49
18. California		2-0	43
19. Michigan State		2-0	39
20. Arkansas		2-0	37

Sports Desk

Tigers In Five

by John Platzer

Everything seems to point to an easy victory for the St. Louis Cardinals over the Detroit Tigers in the 1968 World Series which begins Wednesday in St. Louis.

The defending world champions have more speed, more consistent hitting and better relief as well as starting pitching than their American League opponents. Manager Red Schoendienst's baseballers will also have the home field advantage four times if the series should go the full seven games.

In fact the odds seem to be so overwhelming in favor of St. Louis that in order to win the crown they may just have to show up at four of the games.

When the odds favor one team so overwhelmingly, however, the underdogs pull off an amazing number of upsets. Because of this, the Tigers will win this year's series in a short five-game set.

Manager Mayo Smith's team has fooled the "experts" with more regularity over the past five years than any other team in either league. Each year since 1963 the writers covering the major league training camps vote Detroit the pre-season favorites role.

The Tigers could never live up to their ratings until this season, however, as minor problems constantly plagued the team and kept them from taking the top prize.

Denny McLain, Detroit's 31-game winner, this season could hold the key to the Tiger success during the series. McLain, a 24-year-old who had never put it all together before this season, will face the Cardinals' Bob Gibson in two of the five games and must win at least one.

Al Kaline, the old pro on the Tigers, is this corner choice as the possible star of the series. Kaline, who was the youngest player in history to win a batting crown, has had a career of ups and downs that has kept the status of a super-star just out of his reach.

Tigers Fall To Cards, 7-6,

By RICHARD CAMPBELL

The A&M Consolidated Tigers made a determined run for the money Friday night against the Del Valle Cardinals but for the third time this season came up on the short end of the scoreboard.

The Cardinals staged a second-half comeback to down the hapless Cats, 7-6, after threatening several times in the first half. The huge Cards fell victim to two timely pass interceptions by Tiger halfback Mike Litterst. Litterst also scampers 80 yards with a punt return to account for the only Tiger points for the night.

After pushing their running at-

tack up and down the field for three quarters, the Redbirds finally got on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter with a 30-yard drive culminating in a touchdown and the all-important point after.

The game ended on a very weird play as the Tiger quarterback Paul Madeley pitched to Litterst but he could not get out of bounds and the clock ran out. But the officials spotted an infraction on the play and the Tigers got another chance, this time attempting a 33-yard field goal. It was wide to the right and the score stood with the Tigers suffering their third straight defeat of the young season.

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