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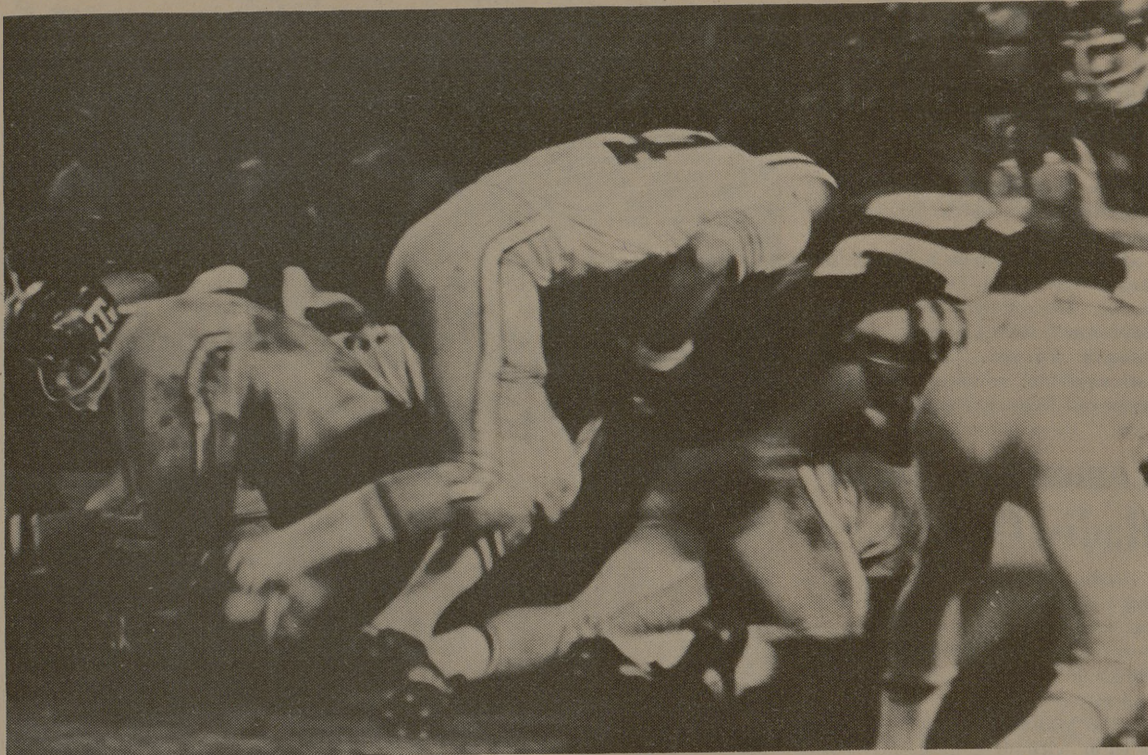


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AGGIE ROADBLOCK

Seminole quarterback Bill Cappleman found the going rough Saturday night as he failed to pick up a first down on fourth-and-six inches on the Aggie six-yard line early in the third quarter. Rolf Krueger (74), Lynn Odom, and Bill Hobbs made the stop for the Aggies. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Ags' Air Game Crashes

Texas A&M's infantry made huge dents in its enemy's positions to win a battle Saturday night, but the Florida State defensive backfield destroyed the Aggies' air force to win the war 20-14 before 35,494 fans in Tallahassee, Florida.

The Aggie ground forces got help from an unexpected source as well as an expected source in the game as A&M rushed for a fantastic 289 yards.

Dave Elmendorf, a 190-pound sophomore from Houston Westbury, provided the Aggies with a new tactical weapon while Larry Stegent, a 194-pound junior from Houston St. Thomas, turned in his usual brilliant performance. Elmendorf carried the ball 17 times for 129 yards and two touchdowns while Stegent gained 122 yards on 21 carries.

STEGENT, the Southwest Conference's sophomore-of-the-year last season, has already gained 281 yards on 46 carries for a 6.1 average and three touchdowns as A&M has posted a 1-2 record. In the entire championship season Stegent gained 568 yards on 161 carries for a 3.5 average and five touchdowns.

An offensive line anchored by tackles Tom Buckman and Jim Parker, guards Carl Gough and Allan Hanson and center Jack Kovar, opened the holes that allowed Stegent and Elmendorf to enjoy their productive nights.

On passing plays the line broke down as did the rest of the Aggie offensive machinery, however. Edd Hargett, one of the nation's best quarterbacks, was forced to run and throw off balance most of the game and, as a result, suffered through his least productive performance in three years.

HARGETT completed 6 of 24 passes for 61 yards and did not throw for a touchdown for the first time since the Louisiana State game of last year. Four of the senior quarterback's tosses were intercepted (all inside the Seminole's 10-yard line) to stop possible Aggie scoring drives.

Twice in the game's last five minutes Coach Gene Stallings' crew drove down the field to within range of the winning touchdown only to be stopped by the great Florida State secondary with key interceptions.

Elmendorf started off the Aggies' first threat in the last quar-

ter with five yards in two carries to set up a third and 5 situation at the Aggie 46. Stegent gained the necessary yardage for the first down in the next two plays. After Elmendorf had carried for an additional three, the Aggies got a break when the Seminoles got a pass interference penalty at their own 35. Stegent then lost four yards on a sweep, before John Crowe ended the threat with an interception on the six.

EIGHT PLAYS later the Aggies began another goalward march to an apparent victory. Hargett completed two passes, one of 18 yards to Stegent, as A&M came up with a second down and ten situation from the Florida State 25. On the next play Hargett once again threw off balance to Bob Long who had a step on his defender in the endzone. The pass was short, however, and Walt Sumner intercepted at the five to kill off A&M's last chance with 46 seconds left in the contest.

The Aggie defense paced by Jim Piper, Lynn Odom and Buster Adams combined with such stalwarts as Bill Hobbs, Rolf Krueger and Mike DeNiro to play brilliant goal-line defense.

With Florida State leading 17-14 at the beginning of the third quarter, the Seminoles had a third and inches situation at the Aggie six but the A&M defense repelled two quarterback sneaks by Bill Cappleman to take over the ball.

The loss marked the end of non-conference games for the Aggies this season, as they open their SWC and home season this weekend against Texas Tech

Consol Claws C-F For First Victory

By RICHARD CAMPBELL Assistant Sports Editor
The A&M Consolidated Tigers scored early and then used big defensive plays to hold on for their first victory of the year, 7-6, over the Cypress-Fairbanks Bobcats.

Tiger halfback Mike Litterst rambled 19 yards on the first play of the game and then carried the final six yards for the Bengal touchdown with 5:42 left in the first quarter. Rob Schleider added the extra point and the Bengals led 7-0.

Cy-Fair came right back with an 80-yard march climaxed by a 17-yard touchdown run by fullback Fred Perkins. Jerry Mercer missed the all-important PAT when the boot was blocked by middle guard William Roy and the scoring for the night was over.

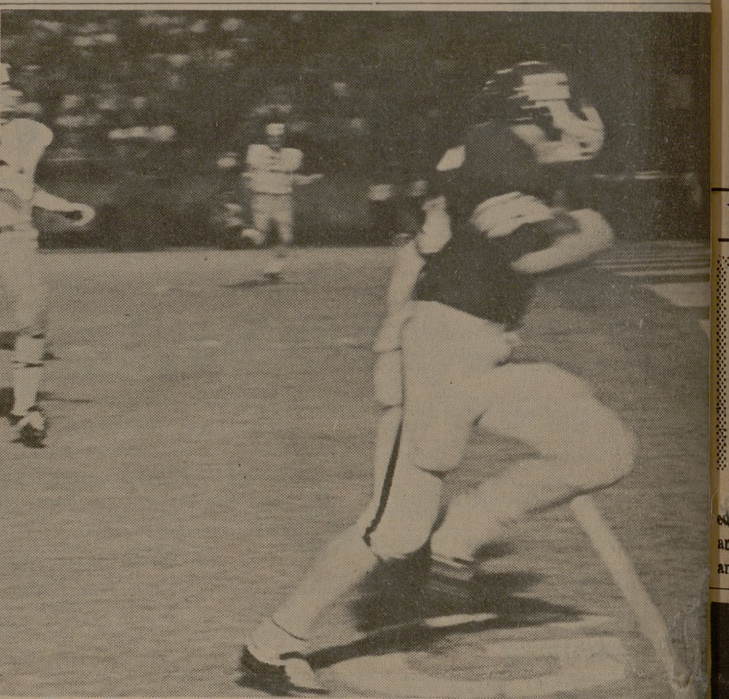
The Bobcats made several drives in the second half but the Tigers defense led by Joe Griffin, Jimbo Butler, and Jim Woods stiffened time and time again to stop the winless hosts. And while the Bobcats were busy misplacing four fumbles, Tiger punter Leroy Clark kept them constantly in the hole with his booming spirals which averaged 46.5 for the night.

The Bobcats had possession of

the ball only ten times in the third period with most of the action in the Tigers' end of the field. But halfway through the fourth quarter, the Bobcats moved the ball from their 27 on the slashing runs of fullback Perkins to the Tiger 35 with three minutes left. But the drive was stalled as Schleider came up with his second fumble recovery of the night and the Tigers controlled.

The Bengals could not move it and Clark was forced to punt. He got off a 55-yard beauty but it was returned to the Mar 25 with 1:18 remaining. The Bobcats had their claws bared in the fourth and five from the Tiger 20. And Jimbo Butler rushed 'Cat quarterback Larry Matthews and his pass in the end zone went astray with seconds left and the Tigers won their first win of the season.

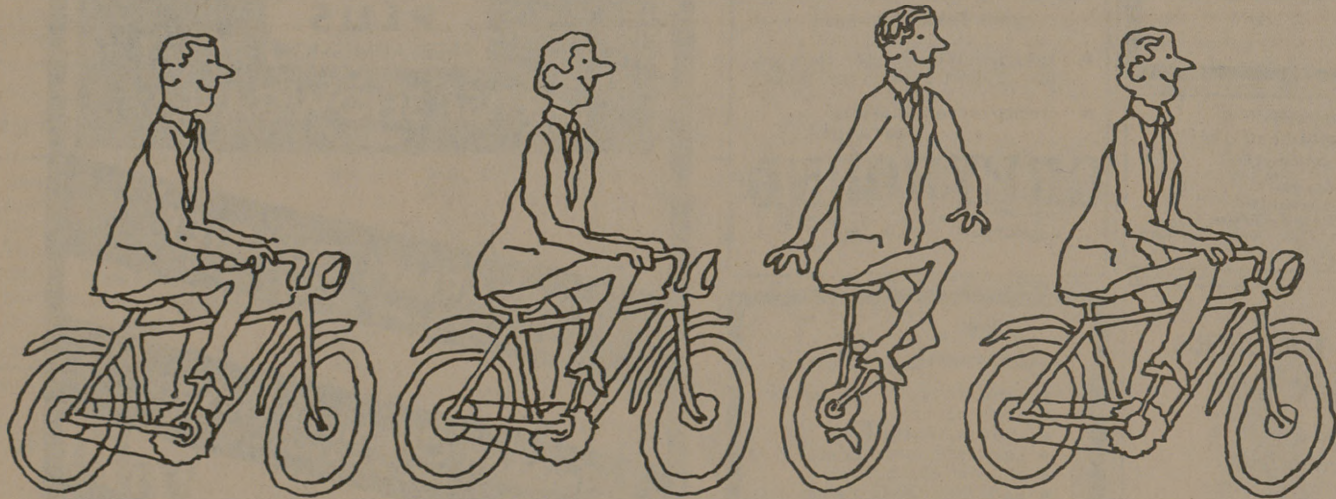
The Tigers had one other game opportunity to score in the first quarter when a Litterst Clark reverse clicked for 45 yards to the Bobcat 20. But Cy-Fair tough and pushed the Tigers to the 35 where Schleider attempted a field goal. It was never again in the shadow of the Bobcat goal line.



RUNNING WILD

Dave Elmendorf, Texas A&M sophomore fullback, seampurs 20 yards to paydirt in second quarter action in the Aggies frustrating 20-14 loss to Florida State in Tallahassee Saturday night.

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