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# Ag Rally Falls Short

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Twice in the last three minutes the Texas Aggies attempted to repeat history against the Texas Tech Red Raiders in Kyle Field Saturday, but the massive Raiders turned back both threats for a 21-16 victory.

A crowd of 43,470 looked on as Tech upped their season record to 3-0-1 and their Southwest Conference mark to 2-0. Coach Gene Stallings' Aggies are now 1-3 for the season and 0-1 in conference.

Last season at this point A&M had an 0-4 season mark and a 0-1 SWC record, before defeating the Red Raiders on the last play of the game on the way to the SWC championship. Thus things have been this black record-wise before, but seldom has A&M come out of a game in worse shape physically.

"It was a tough game, we came out of it in worse shape physically than any game since I've been here, worse than last season's Purdue game," Stallings said in his post-game press conference.

"Both teams hit just real well." No fewer than eight Aggie starters were out of action either before, during or after the game. Jimmy Sheffield, a sophomore tailback, was on the sidelines in street clothes for the first half before getting the call to action from Stallings and responding

with 30 yards on six carries including a touchdown.

Sheffield entered the game after prize tailback Larry Stegent was forced from the game with a knocked down shoulder. Stegent is expected to be out of action for two weeks.

Hardest hit by the injury bug was the Aggie offensive line. Carl Gough, strong guard, had a knee operation Sunday, and will miss the rest of the season while Gary Gruben, weak guard, suffered a foot injury and Allan Hanson, weak guard, missed the first conference game with infected stitches.

Billy Hobbs reinjured his back during the game and both quarterback Edd Hargett and wingback Bob Long had their "bells rung" and missed much of the game.

The injuries to Hargett and Stegent may have been the difference in the game, according to Stallings.

"You can see how it fouled up our game plan. Hargett never did get fully squared away, he was still groggy at the end of the game, the Aggie athletic director said.

Trailing 21-10 in the final quarter the Aggies battled back just as they had so many times last season. Hargett threw a 37-yard scoring strike to Tommy Maxwell with 3:43 left to put A&M back in the game at 21-16.

The Aggie defense came through when it had to as they held Tech without a first down in their final four possessions to give the offense its chances.

On the first play of their next series Hargett once again hit Maxwell, this time for 21-yards and a first down at the Tech 34. The Aggie two-way star fumbled on the play, however, to end the threat.

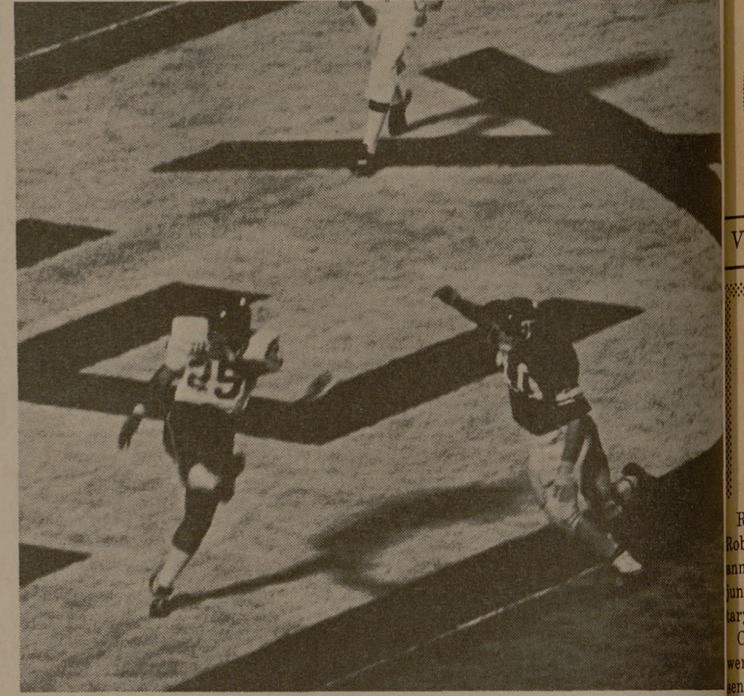
A&M got to the Tech 36 on a 37-yard bomb from Hargett to Barney Harris in game's final minute but the Red Raiders stiffened to throw Hargett for 14 and 6 yard losses and take over the ball.

Two of the game's brightest spots for the Aggies was the return of senior fullback Wendell Housley and the continued brilliant punting of Steve O'Neal. O'Neal kept the Raiders penned in their own territory throughout the third quarter with his precision placements.

"Housley did a pretty good job. He hasn't played one play at tailback since early last season," Stallings said.

"He did an exceptional job just to know all the plays."

Housley, playing his first game of the season after suffering an injury in pre-season practice, was the Aggies' leading ball-carrier with 69 yards on 19 carries. Hargett completed 9 of 20 passes for 142 yards and a touchdown while Harris grabbed three for 61 yards.



**GOOD RECOVERY**

Texas Tech punter Kenny Vinyard just barely eludes the grasp of Aggie defensive end Jim Piper and gets off a fine recovery punt for the Raiders after the ball was hiked over his head into the end zone in the third quarter Saturday night. (Photo by W. R. Wright)



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## Matson Wins First U.S. Gold Medal

Texas A&M's Randy Matson won America's first gold medal in the Mexico City Olympics Monday with a winning toss of 67 feet 4 3/4 inches in the shot put.

Jim Hines of Texas Southern took the other gold medal for United States with a 9.9 in the 100-meter dash.

Americans captured two other medals with George Woods of Los Angeles taking the silver in the shot put behind Matson and Charlie Greene of Seattle finishing third for the bronze behind Hines.

Matson's winning heave was better than a foot over teammate Woods.

The 6-foot-6 1/2, 365-pound giant who finished second to America's Dallas Long at Tokyo four years

ago, had shattered the Olympic record with a qualifying heave of 67-10 1/4 Sunday. He holds the world record at 71-5 1/2, which he set at College Station last year.

Woods, a 300-pounder, was second with a toss of 66 feet, 1/4 inch. Russia's Eduard Gusehin took the bronze medal with 65-11 accounting for his country's first medal of the Games.

Dave Maggard of Mountain View, California, America's other shot put qualifier, finished fifth with a 63-9.

Hines thrilled a crowd of 65,000 packed into the Olympic Stadium with his spectacular performance. He beat Lennox Miller, a Southern California student from Jamaica, who was second, and Greene.

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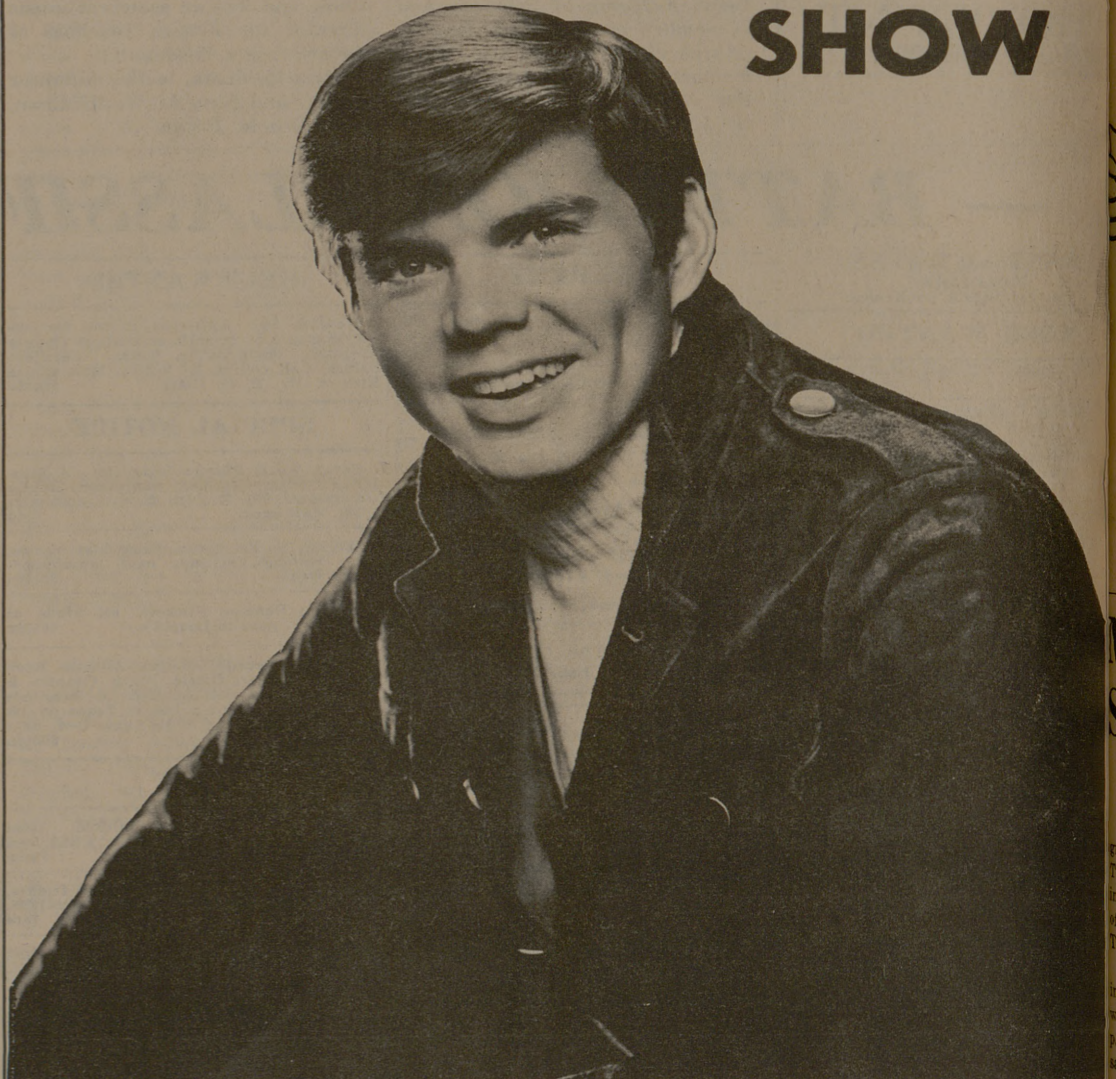
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