

The Caissons Roll No More As Army Falls, 20-13

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Fall had arrived and so had the Texas Aggies Saturday afternoon in West Point, N. Y., as they met a favored Army team 20-13 in the falling multi-colored leaves of the beautiful Hudson River Valley.

Michie Stadium, perched high atop one of the many hills surrounding the United States Military Academy, was the scene of this clash between two famous teams. Thanks to expanded seating, the largest crowd ever to witness an Army home game (11,000) looked on as the Cadets' Army showed the Army legions that southern officers are not always gentlemen.

With a virtuoso performance from sophomore quarterback Rocky Self, the Aggies moved to the football better than even they hadn't thought they could against the tough, scrappy Cadets. Senior quarterback Larry Stegent accounted for 107 net yards rushing himself while the slippery and answeringly Self scrambled for 68 himself.

Self showed remarkable poise in his first starting role and subsequently went to the line of scrimmage only to change his mind and check off with a new

play when he spotted a weakness in the Army defense. Several times he took the ball and scooted over the middle on a sneak when he saw there was no linebacker to stop him.

The chill of the air lingered over the homecoming festivities for Army as they saw the Aggies march 61 yards in their first possession before finally settling for a 24-yard field goal by Mike Bellar. The sun broke through momentarily for the Cadets as fullback Lynn Moore sped 63 yards before Aggie halfback Dave Elmendorf bumped him out of bounds at the A&M 11. Three plays later Moore crashed through right guard for the score and Army led for the first and last time, 7-3, still in the first quarter.

The Aggies took command later in the initial quarter and the Black Knights of the Hudson would never see daylight again save for the short 10-10 tie which developed just before the half. The caissons just couldn't get rolling in the second half as the inspired Aggie defense shut down completely Moore's complement at halfback, Hank Andrzejczak. He finished the game with only 24 yards on 13 carries.

Though overshadowed by the performances of Self and Stegent

on offense, the Aggie defensive unit had probably their best collective game of the year as they shut down the Cadet attack with but three first downs in the second half. The Maroon secondary also wreaked havoc on the passing of both starting Army quarterback Bernie Wall and reserve Bob Mohn as they swiped three stray Cadet aeriels and permitted but three completions in 20 attempts.

This was the day of many heroes for A&M, many of them sophomores, and Coach Gene Stallings just has to be smiling as the Aggies displayed a lot of improvement over their two opening losses to LSU and Nebraska. The sophomores, which dominate the A&M roster, showed a lot of class and for the first time the whole team seemed to jell and play together.

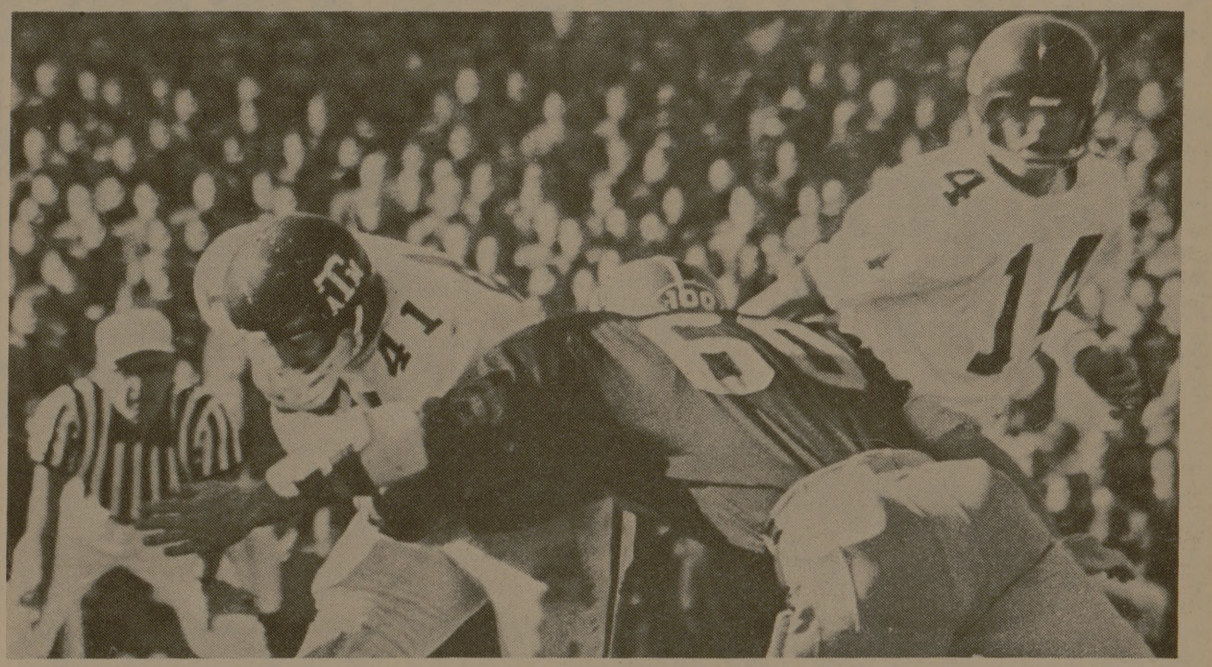
The big plays of the game were provided by the A&M defensive backs bringing down an interception, all in the fourth quarter and each snuffing out an Army drive. The biggest came with 8 minutes left in the game with the score 13-10 following Bellar's second field goal, this one from 22 yards. David Hoot slipped and

was lying on the ground behind the intended Army receiver who tipped the pass and it hit Hoot on the knee and he recovered in time and made the interception.

After a fine scramble by Self of 11 yards the Aggies were in business at the Cadet 27. On the next play Self hit tight end Ross Brupbacher on the 20 and Brupbacher put a move on two of the Army defenders and burst for the goal line. Just before he scored he dived into the end zone with what proved to be the winning margin.

Moore broke loose for an 80-yard kickoff return late in the last quarter when the tide might have turned but again it was Elmendorf there to knock him out of bounds at the A&M 10. The Aggie defense rose to the occasion again to force the Cadets into a field goal and they were never close again. The Aggie ground game worked all afternoon and was particularly effective in the last two minutes as they marched to run the clock out.

It was that kind of day for the Cadets. It was their first loss to a Texas team in Michie Stadium and also ruined their homecoming.



AGGIE RUNNING GAME
Marc Black, sophomore fullback, picks up four yards around left end before Army's defensive end Dave Smith can put the collar on him. Black gained 44 yards on 12 carries as the Aggies notched their first win of 1969 Saturday, 20-13 over the Cadets. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Met Fans Are On Cloud 9; Wonder Boys Take Pennant

NEW YORK (AP)—Even after they stole home plate they wouldn't go home.

They—the long-suffering, still somewhat incredulous, absolutely amazing fans of the New York Mets—a baseball team that borders on the supernatural—meandered up and down the turf of Shea Stadium so recently hallowed by their heroes for an hour after the last putout in the National League championship game.

They scooped out enough divots to make up a lifetime supply for Arnold Palmer, and took them home.

Big chunks of infield and out-

field were stripped down to bare earth.

Of the bases, home plate was the last to go.

Some fellow stole third base before the throw on the final putout reached first. Second and first went next, followed by the pitcher's rubber.

They wrote their names all over the outfield wall, and capped it with the slogan: "Met power."

"I still don't believe it," one fan said to another, as he wandered happily around the area where second base used to be.

"I never thought I'd live to see it."

"Who cares about the World Series?" asked another. "This is the greatest day in the history of the world."

"Don't worry about the Series," insisted another. "This team is so psyched up it could beat the 1927 Yankees."

The fact that they were in the playoff at all is miraculous, let alone victorious.

This is a team that was so bad its first year, 1962, that it set a losing record that will probably never be challenged.

In fact, one cynic, obviously a veteran of the dark years after the Dodgers and Giants went West and left New York without a National League team, suggested a horrible thing.

"The Mets are getting so good," he said, "I hear they are thinking of moving them to California."

Intramurals Topped By Basketball

A basketball upset by the White Band fish and one-point Company G-2 victory plus Milner Hall's continued winning tradition in bowling highlighted last week's intramural activities.

Company G-2, led by Frank Stolpman's 19 points, eked a 37-36 win over F-2 on the maple. White band freshmen Scott and Hardin hit 10 points each in a 27-13 E-1 reversal. Company C-2 also was a basketball winner.

Rob Nolen contributed a 200 game to Milner's 55-pin victory over Davis-Gary Hall in Class C bowling. Puryear A's 547 series is still tops for the year however. Other winners to date are Leggett, Hughes, Walton B, Phi Delta Sigma and Lutheran Students Association A.

Squadron 1 routed B-2 in Class A bowling with a 543 series boosted by Doug Piper's 223 game. First match wins also were taken by Squadrons 11 and 13 and Companies M-1, B-1, F-1 and H-2.

Rejects posted the biggest rout of the young intramural grid season in a 30-zip thumping of the Alamos. Moses and Leggett Halls played to an 8-8 tie that also was deadlocked on penetrations. Hart, Walton and Mitchell Halls, Entomology Department, Chemistry and McInnis B also won.

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