

THE BATTALION

# Hog Astroturf Not Too Friendly, 35-17

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Bill Montgomery is alive and well in Fayetteville, Ark. There was some doubt before Saturday's headknocker between the Texas Aggies and the Arkansas Razorbacks that the poised junior quarterback would be able to perform effectively enough to keep the Porkers' undefeated string intact. But rest assured that he is indeed intact and completely recovered from his malady of bruised ribs. He we well enough in fact to lead Arkansas to their sixth victory this season and 12th straight dating back to last year, staking the Porkers to a 35-17 win over the mistake-plagued Aggies.

The setting was perfect in the Ozarks with a 55 degree temperature reading and the leaves on the trees burning bright autumn colors clashing with the incongruity of the Razorback Stadium's lush carpet astroturf.

Funny how football is but the Aggies came onto the lush greenery ready to play and did play their best game offensively of the year. Unfortunately, it seemed like they were not even playing in the same ball game as the Razorbacks, who gave up 449 total yards to the Cadets, took advantage of several big breaks to roll up 21 of their points in the second quarter to break the game wide open.

A&M took the opening kickoff and served fair warning to the Hogs that yardage would come easily all day by marching 80 yards in 13 plays for the score. Larry Stegent, though still bothered by a pulled hamstring, made mince meat of the vaulted Hog defense by picking up 62 of the first 80 Aggie yards and capped the drive with a 28-yard burst into the end zone. Mike Bellar converted and A&M led, 7-0.

The Aggies kicked off and the Razorbacks moved the ball pretty well themselves until they got to the Maroon 27 where they bogged down. Bill McClard attempted a 42-yard field goal which went wide to the left. But, alas, one

of those big breaks popped up and the Aggies were penalized for a personal foul on the play and Hogs had new life at the Aggie 12. Tailback Bill Burnett dove over from the two four plays later. McClard kicked the extra point and tied the game 7-7.

Earlier on the same drive, sophomore rover Steve Luebbehusen perhaps best typified the upstart Aggies as he dropped a sure interception when Montgomery overthrew Bruce Maxwell. A&M seemed just as surprised as Luebbehusen to move the ball so well against the Razorbacks. But before they knew what had hit them, the Hogs were suddenly leading by a seemingly insurmountable 21 points.

Coach Gene Stallings, though usually not prone to name crucial plays in games, gave the nod to these two as the turning point in this one. From there on, it looked like the Razorbacks stole the momentum and it was never close again.

Bruce James, a senior defensive end, caused most of the dam-

age done to the Aggies by logging six unassisted tackles and recovering fumbles at the A&M 37- and 6-yard lines to set up the Razorbacks' third and fourth touchdowns.

Montgomery apparently was feeling no pain as he turned in a repeat performance of last year's game after returning to action following a two-week rest. The Aggies kept a defensive blanket on split end Chuck Dicus, but that didn't deter Montgomery as he showed his cool time after time dumping short passes off to his fullback Bruce Maxwell, tight end Pat Morrison, and flanker John Rees. Dicus ended the game with three catches for 39 yards including a 10-yard bullet for the second touchdown.

By halftime, the Hogs had sprinted to 28-7 lead and the Aggies seemed like they were in a daze and never did recover from the 21-point second quarter barrage.

The second half saw Montgomery, Burnett, and others only briefly, long enough for them to

march to their last touchdown on the second half kickoff. Rees caught passes of 13 and 11 yards and Maxwell snared one for 17 and scored on a 2-yard plunge to culminate the 73-yard drive. McClard kicked the PAT and it was 35-7. From there, Montgomery turned the reins over to second-teamer John Eichler, who took the Hog reserves close several times but couldn't score.

A&M mounted one last drive late in the game moving 83 yards in a quick six plays with the payoff coming on a 20-yard pass from Rocky Self to tight end Ross Brupbacher, who dragged two Arkansas defenders the last five yards.

Stegent finished as the game's leading rusher with 128 yards on 25 carries with sophomore Steve Burks reeling off 61 yards on only five toes with Marck Black adding 23 on four carries.

Self had one of his better games passing completing 16 of 30 for 238 yards and one touchdown. Barney Harris was the leading receiver with six catches for 110 yards. Brupbacher followed with four for 83 and the touchdown, Jimmy Adams had three for 31. Jimmy Sheffield again punted well with a 47.0 average on three kicks.

Statistically, it was the best game on offense for the Aggies this year as they rolled up 211

yards rushing and 238 yards passing with 22 first downs.

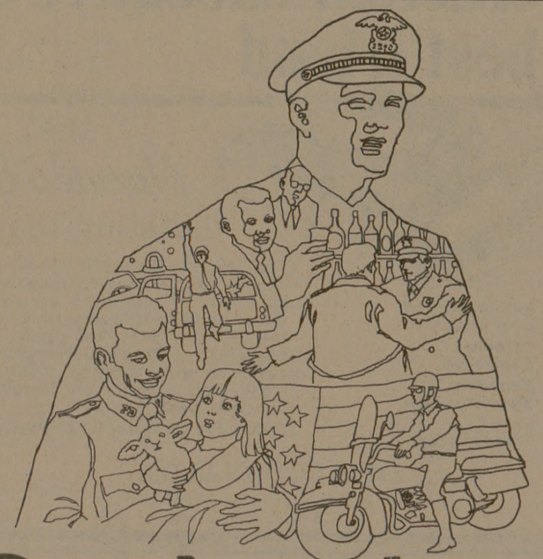


**BEATING TWO PORKERS**  
Barney Harris goes up between two Hog defenders to grab a 40-yard pass from Rocky Self late in the second period. Harris caught six passes for the day to gain 110 yards. Arkansas players are Jerry Moore (18) and Gus Rusher (17). (Photo by Mike Wright)

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OH COME ON, NORMAN. MR. SPENCER IS AWAY AND LAURA IS VISITING FRIENDS. YOU CAN SHOW ME HOW CLEVER YOU ARE AT MIXING. I'VE GOT A GREAT LAB.

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