

# Orange Express Rolls On As Aggies Tumble, 49-12

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The Texas Longhorns were going ahead to their clash this Saturday with the Arkansas Razorbacks, they definitely did show it Thanksgiving Day as they ground out a 49-12 victory over the outgunned Texas Aggies.

The largest crowd in the history of Kyle Field, 51,160, saw the number one team in the nation in the care of the Aggies in the calculating, machine-like that they have used on eight previous opponents. This loss left the Aggies with a 3-7 season and conference slate while the Longhorns are now 9-0 with an 18-game winning streak.

This win now focuses the eyes of everyone on the monumental clash in Fayetteville between the ranked Steers and the second ranked Arkansas Razorbacks. It is up to be the battle of the century by everyone, the game has on new meaning as both teams and Arkansas have come to the realization that the winner undoubtedly take the national title if not tripped up in the Cotton Bowl against Notre Dame.

The damp overcast skies and intermittent showers symbolized the hopes for Thursday's game as they committed numerous mistakes including four interceptions and two fumbles.

bolstered by the best offensive blocking that the Aggies have seen this year, the Longhorns took off their usual slow start at Kyle Field. With less than two minutes gone in the first period, sophomore Jim Bertelsen broke through a large hole on the left side, lost his balance, put his hand down to support himself

and cut back to the left side to jaunt 63 yards untouched for the Steers' opening score. From there the Longhorn offensive machine, which has averaged 376.2 yards per contest on the ground, swamped the smaller Aggies at will, moving the ball for five more scores before the half.

The Aggies did not throw in the towel in the second half against Texas' second team however and got on the scoreboard twice to outscore the Steer subs, 12-10. Tight end Ross Brupbacher caught a three-yard aerial from soph quarterback Rocky Self and Jim Piper picked up a blocked punt by Mike DeNiro and rambled four yards to put A&M's name in lights.

Both teams toyed with surprises during the contest with the Longhorns again gaining the edge. The Orange Express ran an end-around pass play which worked to perfection when Cotton Speyer connected with tight end Randy Peschel for a 37-yard score. The Aggies tried to give the Steers a dose of their own medicine when they came out with a mild form of the Texas Wishbone T offense.

"We were trying to get Stegent (Larry) and Burks (Steve) into the game at the same time," Aggie Coach Gene Stallings said. "But it's what you do up front that gets you going and we didn't have near the blocking they did."

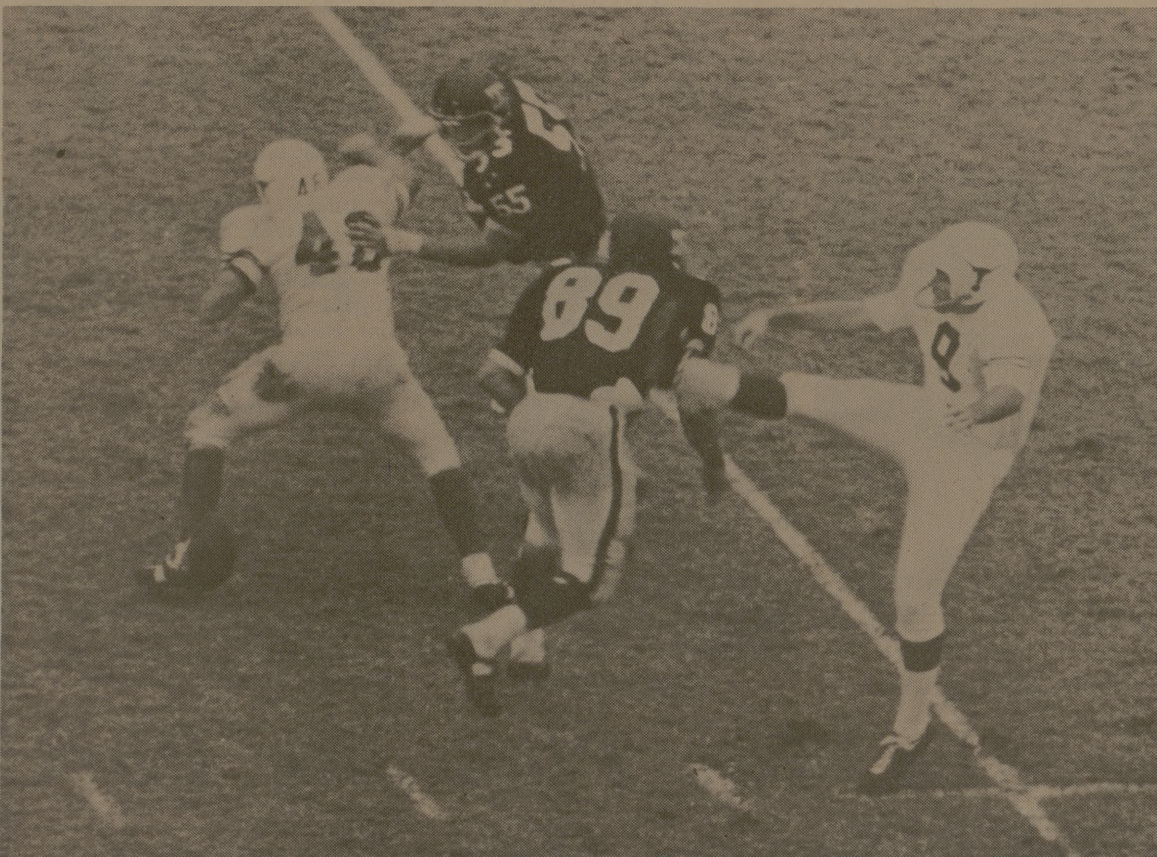
That proved to be an understatement as the fired-up Horns stopped the Aggie rushers for 88 yards on 52 carries. Glen Halsell, the Longhorn linebacker voted as the defensive player of the week by the Dallas Morning News, said "they ran our Wishbone T and I

think that we play better against it than anything."

Coach Stallings characterized this Texas team as "the best I've

ever played against. They're as great as I've seen." Take into account that Stallings himself played on some pretty fair teams

at A&M and saw a few good ones while coaching under Bear Bryant at Alabama and the real impact comes through.



AGGIE ON THE SPOT

Aggie defensive end Mike DeNiro crashes through the Longhorn defense to block a Scott Monzingo punt in the fourth quarter. Aggie end Jim Piper picked up the loose ball and stepped four yards for the touchdown. Steve Luebbehusen prepares to block Texas's Rick Troberman. (Photo by Pat Harris)

## Longhorns, Hogs Dominate News' All-SWC Selections

The Texas Longhorns and Arkansas Razorbacks dominated the balloting just as expected for the annual Dallas Morning News' All-Southwest Conference football team.

The Longhorns, unbeaten in 18 straight games and ranked number one in the nation, placed 10 on the mythical squad while the number two Hogs, also undefeated, had seven representatives.

Darrell Royal was the runaway winner as the Coach of the Year and big Bill Atessis of the Longhorns was virtually uncontested as the defensive player of the year.

James Street, the gutsy senior from Longview, won the quarterback slot as an overwhelming choice but Chuck Hixson of SMU beat him out as the offensive player of the year.

The Aggies placed two on the first team squad, defensive end Mike DeNiro and safety Dave Elmendorf, both juniors. Six other Aggies gained honorable mention, all of them seniors. Larry Stegent, Barney Harris, Ross Brupbacher, and Jack Kovar were chosen on the offensive unit while Buster Adami and Lynn Odum made the defensive squad.

### REZONING

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ported that the highway department planned at least \$200,000 construction, Gardner said.

"I think we should have some role in the plans of the highway department," Gardner said.

Wells agreed to contact the area highway department engineer.

FROM THE PRESSBOX  
 by Richard Campbell

Everyone's probably heard already, but for the record, the A&M-Texas game was the last football game in Kyle Field on grass. In February, the University will begin taking bids for the installation of artificial turf for both the football stadium and the practice field.

In a press conference following the Arkansas game, Coach Stallings commented very kindly on their AstroTurf field and hinted that "it (AstroTurf) is definitely the stuff of the future." Even though he said that it did take time to get used to playing on the artificial surface, it's worth it in the long run because of the injury reduction factor. He speculated that most schools would probably have it as soon as the price was right. Evidently our Athletic Council and Board of Directors decided the present price was right.

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The Texas Aggie-A&M Fish basketball scrimmage was interesting Monday night because of several things. The Fish proved that they are definitely a scrappy bunch with a lot of talent. Although the final score was 73-58 in favor of the varsity, Coach Metcalf just has to be pleased with the way that some of the Fish performed.

Jeff Overhouse, a 6-7, 205-pounder from Clear Creek, was the tallest man on the Fish team and he had to battle both 6-8 Rick Duplantis and 7-0 Steve Niles on the boards and did a good job grabbing 11 rebounds to lead both squads. Mike Heitmann led all scorers with 24 points while hitting nine of 12 from the field and Wayne Howard of the Fish had 17 with nine rebounds.

Both teams did a fine job of playing defense but the Fish had a cold night from the floor hitting only 20 of 67 for 30 percent while the varsity hit 25 of 48 for 52 percent. The Fish also had trouble from the free throw line connecting on only 18 of 32 to account for much of the point difference. Other than that, it was a pretty even game.

## RALPH'S PIZZA

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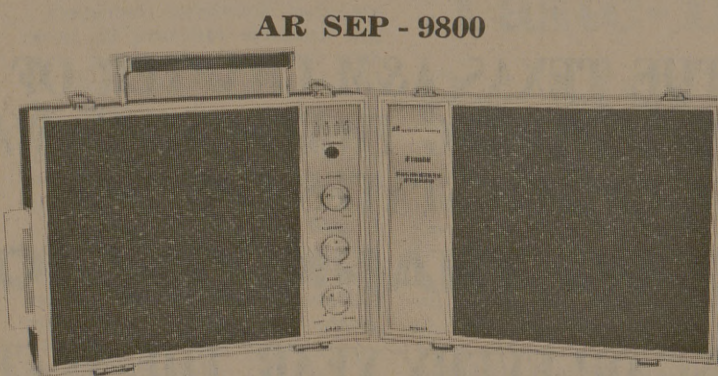
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