



A&M SOPHOMORE halfback Brad Dusek (44) is tripped up after another good gain Saturday by the Wichita State Shocker defense. Mitch Robertson (82) tight end for the

Aggies clears the way for Dusek although it seems to be too late as he heads turfward. Dusek gained 83 yards in his varsity debut. (Photo by Steve Bryant)

## Sailing team slates meeting

A meeting for all persons interested in trying out for the A&M Sailing team will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Room 206 of the Civil Engineering Building, according to a spokesman for the team.

The purpose of the meeting will be for all persons trying out for the team to be informed of selection of procedures and to acquaint themselves with the practice schedule of the A&M team.

The team will have its first meet in a couple of weeks, the spokesman said, when they host a regatta at Ft. Worth.

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# Ag offensive explosion buries Wichita

By CLIFFORD BROYLES  
The Texas Aggies romped to a school record of 550 yards offensively and kept Wichita State in check defensively throughout most of the night to come away with a 41-14 win over the Shockers and the first home-opening win for the Aggies since they glistered Villanova 19-0 in the first game of the 1956 season.

Van Odom and linebacker Mike Lord led the charge defensively for A&M.

The first ray of bright offensive hope came early for A&M as Dave Elmendorf hooked onto Bob Fenner's punt and returned it 34 yards to the exact yard line where the play started from, the WSU 34. Kent Finley laid the key block on the play, but A&M failed to move offensively and Pat McDermott's first field goal try of the year from the 40 had the distance but was wide.

The 10-play 56-yard march gave A&M its first taste of scoring this season with Junior Steve Burks, the Aggie leading rusher with 95 yards, ripping through the center of the WSU defense for 10 yards with 6:24 remaining in the opening period.

A&M actually had been stopped on that drive and was forced

to try a 45-yard field goal that sailed wide of the crossbar, but Wichita was guilty of holding and the ball was moved 15 yards closer to give the Aggies a first down on the 16.

Quarterback Lex James hit another first-year man, Brad Dusek, with a key pass on third down and six for the Aggies at their 48. The play went for 22 yards to the Wichita 30.

The two teams then traded fumbles with Wichita picking up two straight first downs, thanks to the running of fullback Randy Jackson, who was the game's leading rusher with 99 yards on 18 carries. Renner then missed connections on a handoff and sophomore defensive end Max Bird pounced on the loose ball. It was the first of two fumble recoveries for Bird during the game.

It took the Aggies one play to return the compliment as a mixup in the backfield produced a fumble and defensive tackle Jack Vetter fell on the pigskin.

The Aggies next drive was thwarted when the snap from center was bobbed on a 24-yard field goal try after they had moved from their 20 to the Wichita 9. Rocky Self grabbed the loose ball but his pass went incomplete in the end zone.

A&M's next offensive drive ended in paydirt after Renner's punt rolled to the 17, a distance of 63 yards from the line of scrimmage.

Dusek got the score when A&M went for the TD on a fourth and goal from the four with 3:21 remaining in the half. The blocking was so good on that play that Doug Neill who went in front of Dusek on James' pitch-out didn't have to block. McDermott added the PAT, his second of five straight to give A&M a 14-0 lead.

Wichita got on the scoreboard for the first time immediately thereafter with Jackson blasting over from the two with 1:57 to play in the half. Renner hit Tom Owen for a 36 yard gain in the drive. That play set up the Shockers score two plays later.

A&M then moved down the field with some last-minute heroics led by split end McElroy who scam-

pered 25 yards with an end around after the Ags were facing a second down and 19 from their 41.

James found the Houston Worthing product a prime target once more in the drive as he hit him for 25 yards on a pass to the Shocker 9 with only three seconds remaining on the clock.

The Aggies settled for a field goal from the 25 and when the ball sailed through the uprights, the gun sounded ending the first half and A&M was sitting on a 10 point lead that was much more comfortable than the seven point margin of three seconds before.

A&M put forth the longest offensive drive of the contest early in the second half when it moved the ball 92 yards after Wichita State had fumbled on the A&M eight.

That drive, a 13-play march, was stymied by two penalties against A&M, but James sneaked over from the one with 3:27 remaining to cap the drive.

McDermott booted his second field goal of the contest from the 31 early in the fourth period and after that Coach Stallings used his bench with regularity.

Joe Mac King took over at quarterback on the next series and moved the Ags to score the next two possessions, with the first coming on a 12-yard pass to Thomas Burke and the other on

a 49-yard pass from King to Tommy Goodwin.

Wichita followed that scoring pass with its most sustained drive of the evening, climaxing it with a 16-yard run by sophomore tailback Marvin Brown. The 80-yard drive took 14 plays with Brown running for 31 and catching a pass for 12 more in the series.

The A&M offensive explosion was highlighted with the pass from King to Goodwin, which put the Aggies over the hump at 534 yards. The old mark was 489 yards against SMU in 1968 and the new record was established with an equal effectiveness, both rushing and passing.

Nine different backs carried the ball as A&M gained 322 yards. The passing of King and James netted 228 yards.

A real bright spot on the part of the Aggies was their ability to move the ball effectively without a mistake.

The Aggies moved the ball for 56, 83, 92, 55 and 52 yard drives for the touchdowns and added to that jaunts of 71, 61 and 63 yards, ending in field goal tries.

That kind of offense, plus a defense that limited the Shockers to 272 yards total offense, got the Aggies off to a good start.

They will be out to continue that good start when they face the LSU Tigers at Baton Rouge Saturday night.

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