



VAN ODOM (66) and Todd Christopher (96) of the Aggies put rush on LSU second-team quarterback Bert Jones during the Ags' 20-18 upset of the Tigers. Jones, touted as the

best potential passer at LSU since Y. A. Tittle, completed only one of three passes and was dropped for a minus five yards rushing. (Photo by Steve Bryant)

## Ags force 6 Tiger turnovers

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 completions on 54 attempts for 58 percent. That's for 542 yards and two touchdowns and only one interception.

Any time a quarterback can have only one interception every 54 passes thrown, it's quite an achievement.

Had the Aggies not have had this type passing game, it could have been a horrendous night, the way LSU was stopping the rush. "I'm in ecstasy. I'm still floating. LSU had a great defense and their pursuit was just great," James said after the contest.

A&M trailed at one point 12-0 and didn't get on the scoreboard until the third quarter.

The comeback was indicative of the 1970 Aggies. Coach Stallings says the Aggies win shows they have class.

The win is especially great for the youngsters because the Aggies' sophomores could very easily have gotten down on themselves mentally had they lost.

The A&M defense was tremendous all night and the way they picked up LSU mistakes was encouraging.

The Aggies recovered three Tiger fumbles and intercepted three Bengal passes, giving them five fumble recoveries and five inter-

### OSU not napping

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State's top-ranked Buckeyes are maintaining a light practice schedule this week while tuning up for their football opener against Texas A&M Saturday.

But Coach Woody Hayes has taken away the players' afternoon naps and moved practice closer to actual game time.

ceptions in two games.

LSU scored on its second offensive play with quarterback Buddy Lee hitting Andy Hamilton for a 73-yard touchdown pass.

After that the Aggie defense put a curtain on the LSU offense as it managed only three field goals and two more points on a safety.

A&M seemed to have the defensive tricks when they needed them. Mike Lord, Clifton Thomas and Dave Elmendorf intercepted Tiger passes and Elmendorf re-

The Aggies' heroics didn't go unnoticed. Quarterback Lex James earned a spot on UPI's nationwide "Backfield of the Week." Linebacker Mike Lord was named The Dallas Morning News' "Defensive Player of the Week" and safety Dave Elmendorf received "honorable mention" in the same poll. Split end Hugh McElroy also won "honorable mention" honors in the Dallas News and was presented the game ball by his teammates.

covered two fumbles and Lord a third as the Tigers were thwarted time and again. Lord had a fantastic night as he returned to his hometown. The Aggie middle linebacker was credited for 11 tackles, and 12 assists to go along with his interceptions and fumble recovery.

Van Odom anchored the defensive line and played what one observer called his best game ever.

Elmendorf's two fumble recoveries came in the first half and stopped LSU drives at the 16 and 25 yard lines of the Ags. His interception came on the

final play of the game as the Tigers tried a desperation bomb, but the senior from Houston Sam Houston leaped high to grab the ball and seal A&M's first win over LSU in Baton Rouge since 1956.

Lord and Thomas thwarted LSU marches in the first half with their aerial thefts. Thomas' set up an Aggie field goal try from the 41 but Pat McDermott's soccer style kick sailed just wide of the crossbar.

But that miss was McDermott's only one of the night as the sophomore booted the Aggies to their first two scores with field goals from the 23 and 38. He then added the go-ahead PAT after A&M's first touchdown.

McDermott now leads the Southwest Conference in scoring with his seven straight PAT's and four of seven field goals for 19 points. Steve Worster of the University of Texas at Austin, and Bill Burnett of the University of Arkansas have 18 points each.

McDermott's clutch kicking continues to be a big plus for the Aggies who have lost many a close game because of the lack of good kicking. Mark Lumpkin, LSU kicker, also put on a show when he booted three field goals for the Tigers including two in the fourth period that put the Tigers ahead until the James to McElroy pass put the Aggies on Cloud 9.

Jimmy Sheffield, who sat out the Wichita State game because he wasn't needed, boomed six punts for a 39.7 average. That included a 17-yarder that went off the side of his foot. Subtract that one and his punting was for a superb 44 yard average on his other four kicks.

Add it all together and it was one of the biggest victories in A&M history.

"I'm very elated, naturally. I think this has to be one of the great victories in Texas A&M history. It is a tribute to our youngsters the way we came back to win. I think we were fortunate to win and I'm just glad this one is behind us," an elated Gene Stallings said after the game.

You couldn't have gotten a more dramatic finish as the Tigers drove for the go ahead field goal with just over three minutes to play. And when A&M failed to move the ball on four tries, LSU kicked another three-pointer with less than a minute left, leaving them with a five-point lead.

Only forty-five seconds remained and that wasn't enough time to move the team down the field methodically. There was only one way the Aggies could come back now.

And, by golly, they did it.

## Aggies stop LSU in exhibition tennis match

By JOHN CURYLO  
 Battalion Sports Writer

The Aggie tennis team defeated LSU 8-4 in a fall exhibition Saturday in Baton Rouge.

In the feature match of the afternoon, A&M's Jon Ragland beat Tommy Ducrest 7-6, 6-2. The modern scoring system was used in which a "sudden death" playoff occurs when the score is tied at seven each.

In an upset, freshman Mike Creetmore of LSU defeated Aggie Dick Fikes 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. In the third match, Tommy Connell, A&M, beat Wayne Diel 6-1, 6-3. The only other singles setback for the Aggies were Jere Overdyke's 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 win over Mike Hickey of A&M.

Other Aggie victories in singles play included Park over David Methvin 6-1, 6-1, David Chastain over Danny Forsythe 6-3, Mike Mills over Cedric Martin 6-4, 6-4, and Carl Jaedicke over Mark Tindle 6-2, 6-1.

Due to the time element, only one pro set was played in each doubles match. The first match was won by the A&M team of Fikes and Hickey. They defeated Ducrest and Overdike 8-4. The fourth match was also an Aggie victory, as Connell and Mills beat Martin and Forsythe 8-6.

LSU's victories included Creetmore and Methvis over Ragland and Park 8-5 in the second match and Biel and Tindle over Chastain and Jaedicke 8-6.

Coach Omar Smith will unveil his freshman team here Wednesday at 1:30 against Baylor. The top match will feature Dan Courson. Courson, from El Paso, was the state AAAA champion two years ago and a semifinalist last year.

Others will be Bill Pecor of Los Angeles, No. 2, Jeff Carter, No. 3, Mitch Barker, No. 4, and Dennis Hirschfield, No. 5. Doubles also will be played, but the teams have not been set.

### Reds blank Astros

CINCINNATI (AP) — Don Gullet, Clay Carroll and Wayne Granger combined on a four-hitter and Bobby Tolan stroked a run-scoring double Monday night, helping the Cincinnati Reds to a 2-0 triumph over Houston.

Gullett, 4-2, allowed two Astro hits in his five innings.

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