

Aggies visit SMU in quest of repeat

Nearly one year ago to the day the Texas Aggies won their last Southwest Conference game, and the victims were the SMU Mustangs. Saturday the two again

get together, with the Aggies mathematically out of the running for the SWC race and SMU still alive from a statistical standpoint although not logically.

The 12:50 p.m. game will be televised regionally from the Cotton Bowl as the Aggies go to work before the tube for the first time since they were stopped by Arkansas in Fayetteville last October.

The Mustangs, with a 1-2 league mark, will be rebounding from consecutive league setbacks to Texas Tech and the University of Texas at Austin. The Aggies have found the wrong end of the scoreboard belonging to them in games with Tech, TCU, Baylor and Arkansas.

The number one thing the Mustangs have is Chuck Hixson, their pass-minded senior quarterback, who has his name at the top of every statistical passing list in the SWC record book except the miscellaneous record of longest pass completion and the negative records involving inter-

ceptions. One record is in reach of the Mustang signal caller Saturday, since he needs only two touch-down passes to equal the record of 40 career scoring passes of the Aggies' Ed Hargett.

Hixson rates first in passing statistics in the conference, with A&M signal caller Lex James running second. Last year the Aggies managed a 20-10 victory on Kyle Field with Hixson hitting on 20 of 28 passes for 237 yards in the contest. Hixson used his strong-point, the short pass, to effectiveness in that game but interceptions by David Hoot and Steve Luebbehusen slowed him down.

His primary receivers are sophomore Raymond Mapps, who ranks second in the conference, and Gary Hammond, who is third. Hammond has been injured recently but still has rushed for 475 yards with more than 100 yards twice.

The Aggies will be out to solve a continuing mystery of fumbles and interceptions that has turned their conference picture into a Saturday night horror movie.

The Aggies lost four fumbles and had four interceptions against Arkansas and have turned the ball over 32 times in the first eight games. Another downfall of the Ags this fall has been the pass blocking, which reached its peak last weekend with James being dropped 11 times for 118 yards. He has been dropped for losses totaling 424 yards in eight games and has been under constant pressure from opposing defenses.

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UT streak ends; new hope arises

The University of Texas Longhorns were snakebit by St. Mary's University's Rattlers last week, had to rally for a 2 to 2 tie, and suddenly the Texas Collegiate Soccer League, which had looked like a Longhorn garden party, is filled with plots and counterplots.

The most immediate beneficiaries of St. Mary's slowing of the Longhorn stampede—Texas hasn't lost a TCSL game since 1967—were the Trinity Tigers, who took advantage of the situation to slip by stubborn Rice in Houston, 3 to 2, and moved to the top of the TCSL standings. Trinity, 7-1, has 14 League points to Texas' 13, based on two points for a win and one for a tie.

In other League games Houston beat Texas Tech 4 to 3, and TCU downed Stephen F. Austin 5 to 1. Midwestern lost to non-League member North Texas State 6 to 2.

St. Mary's, 5-1-1, and Houston, 5-2-1, are in third place in the League, Texas A&M, 4-2-1, is in fourth place, and all of them will be doing a lot of "what if" thinking this week, most of it depending upon what happens Saturday in San Antonio when Trinity tries to figure out a way to get by the Longhorns on the Tigers' E. M. Stevens Field.

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Tech Picadors blast Fish

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The Aggie Fish came to play, but James Mosley's rushing for four touchdowns stopped them short of their first victory as the Picadors were victorious in the fourth annual Khiva Shrine Bowl before 22,500 fans in Lubbock last night, 43-21.

Mosley carried the ball for 152 yards for the Picadors, while Pat Herring carried for 95 yards for A&M.

Joe Barnes took Bill Nutt's first punt at the Tech 15 and ran it all the way to break Donnie Anderson's record of 83 yards when he was a freshman. Don Grimes' kick for the extra point was good, and Tech led 7-0 with 11:29 left in the first quarter.

When Nutt punted into the end zone, the Picadors set up at their own 20. John Garner went off the left side for 41 yards to the Aggie 11 on the third. On the next snap, Mosley carried into the end zone. Grimes' PAT put the Picadors ahead, 14-0.

The Fish then went 77 yards to get on the scoreboard. Herring took a handoff at four and was stopped at the two, but he slid off and fought into the end zone for his fourth score of the year. Jeff Pollicoff kicked his third conversion of the season, making the score 14-7. Brian Bernwager

picked off a Rigby aerial, stopping any hopes of a Fish drive at the Aggie 48.

A little later Mosley carried twice from the 18, once for 13 and then scored from the five. The kick for extra point was no good, and Tech led 20-7.

Following another Bill Nutt punt, Tech made a first down on a Fish penalty, but Marc Green intercepted a Carmichael pass at midfield. Gary Smith scored from inches away following a nine yard gain by the powerful Herring. Pollicoff put the Fish back in the game with another point, 20-14.

Randy Olson intercepted at the Aggie 43 for Tech to set up their next score as Mosley visited the end zone for the third time of the night. Grimes kicked his third conversion, and Tech stretched its lead to 27-14 in the third quarter.

The Fish set up at their own 20 following a kickoff into the end zone. Two plays netted two yards, and then Trimmier dropped back to pass. He found Roger Gaskamp open, and the Brenham tight end went 78 yards for the touchdown. With Pollicoff's point after, the score was 27-21.

On the first play from scrimmage, Green intercepted at the Fish 5 yard line, but it only delayed Tech's next points. The Fish could move the ball, and

Wallace returned Nutt's punt to the Aggie 44. A face mask penalty put the ball on A&M's 30. Barnes was free and headed for the goal line, but Green further delayed the score by stopping him at the 5. Barnes exploded into the end zone on the next play. With the extra point kick by Grimes, the score was increased to 34-21.

Dennis McCracken recovered a Fish fumble at the A&M 36 after the kickoff. Mosley ran for one before a pass interference penalty gave Tech a first down at the Aggie four. Mosley went in for his fourth touchdown on a one yard run and Grimes made it 41-21.

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