

Aggie Fish earn commanding victory over Wogs, 24-13

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Texas A&M's tenacious defense,

coupled with fancy running by Sidney Fielder, gave the Fish their first conference victory of the 1971 season over the TCU Wogs, 24-13.

The first Fish score came on a 27-yard pass from Don Dean to Ricky Ford early in the second quarter. Less than five minutes later, the Fish scored again on a 73-yard run from scrimmage by Fielder. With only 21 seconds left in the half, the Fish struck off the toe of John Schluens from the five yard line to make the score at half 17-0.

Texas A&M did the only damage in the third quarter with a 49-yard drive in 7 plays.

For the Wogs, the fourth period was the only ray of sunshine. They scored early in the quarter with a seven yard run by Mike Luttrell. The drive started at the A&M 30-yard line after a Mike Newton interception.

Fielder took rushing honors for the game with 117 yards on 16 carries. TCU's Merry Drennan led the Wogs with 74 yards on 16 carries and Luttrell ran for 58 yards in 16 tries.

Don Dean led all passers by completing six of 13 passes for 86 yards. Drennan threw 13 times, completing four for 64 yards.

TCU got one first down on their second series on a five yard off-sides penalty by the Fish. The drive stalled on the Wog 17 where Greg Anderson got off a 48-yard punt to the Fish 43.

On the first play from scrimmage, Dean threw an interception to Chester Young and the Wogs had a big chance to score from the A&M 38.

The Fish defense held, driving the Wogs back to the 50-yard line. Rick Isel tried a 57-yard field goal but was short.

A&M took over at its own 10 and could not move the football. On a third and five situation, Jerry Honore broke out to the 21 for a first down. The very next play, Allen Anderson was given the call only to fumble and give TCU its third big chance to cross

the Fish goal.

TCU took over at the A&M 31 after a 31 yard return by Gary Crawford to start the second period. TCU could move only to the Fish 21 where field goal kicker Rick Isel tried from the 28. The kick was blocked by Fish linebacker Bill Casales.

A&M took over at the 26 and in three plays ended up with a fourth and 30 situation at the six. Steve Canter was called to do the kicking duties, punting for 35 yards to the 41, where Crawford of TCU returned it to the A&M 34, where he fumbled and Frank Vavala of A&M recovered.

The Aggies then drove from the A&M 34-yard line to the Wog 27, where the situation stood at fourth and three. The Fish went for it with a pass from Dean to Ricky Ford which resulted in a touchdown with 6:44 left in the half.

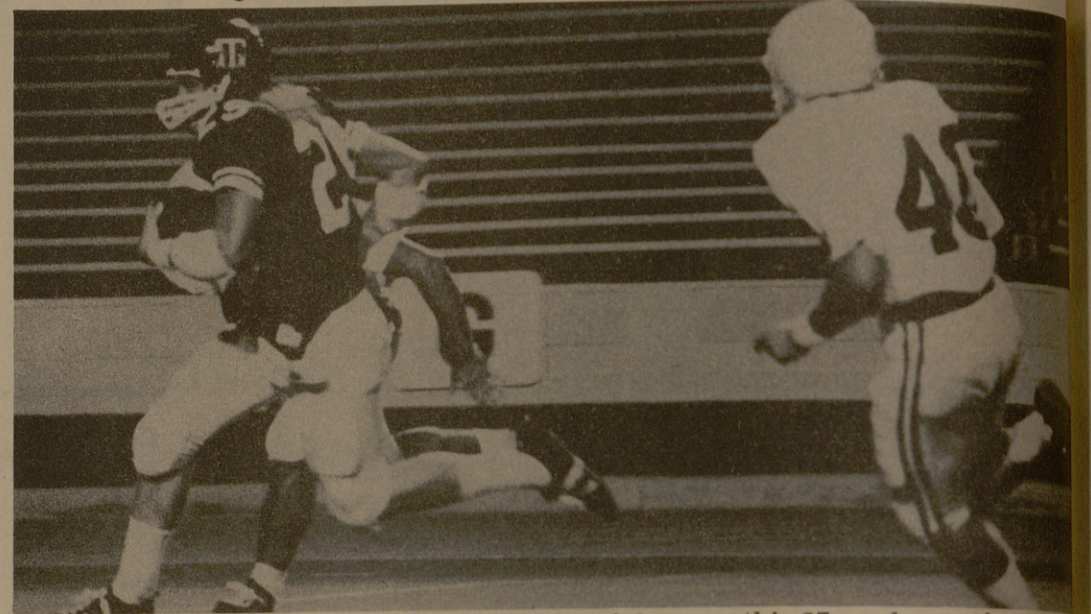
With third and 16 from the 27,

Dean gave the ball to Fielder on a draw play. Fielder weaved through a hole made by the right guard and traveled 73 yards for a touchdown. The kick was good by Schluens, with 1:56 left in the half.

On second down after the kick-off, Vic Morris threw an interception into the arms of A&M's Mike Newton. With 18 seconds left in the half, A&M kicked a field goal to make the score at halftime 17-0.

In the third quarter, A&M's Euger Deeta recovered another Luttrell fumble at the TCU 49. Seven plays later, Dean carried the ball in from the four for the third Fish score. The extra point was good by Schluens with 6:16 left in the third quarter.

The Wog offense looked the best of the game on a fourth quarter drive, going 30 yards in seven plays for its first score of the game.



RICKY FORD (29) scores the first Fish touchdown on this 27-yard pass play from Don Dean. The young Aggies downed the TCU Polliwogs 24-13 in the season opener in Field last night. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

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Phillips not well; Wigginton to start

AUSTIN (AP)—Quarterback Eddie Phillips will not play against Oklahoma Saturday, Texas coach Darrell Royal said near the end of Thursday's workout.

Phillips, the best-running quarterback Royal says he has coached, apparently recovered miraculously Wednesday from a hamstring muscle pull that has plagued him for weeks, and he started Thursday's light workout peppery and without a limp, but an hour later he began to favor it.

Royal watched Phillips like an eagle from atop his three-story tower, descended when he saw him begin to slow up and talked it over with him for several minutes on the field while Phillips massaged the back of his left thigh.

"He can't go," Royal said as he returned to the sideline. "That thing's bothering him up high where the pull is. And he hasn't even done anything. He's just trotting. We're definitely going to start Donnie."

He referred to his vestpocket second-string quarterback, Donnie Wigginton, 5-foot-8 and 163 pounds.

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