

A&M a man short when winning field goal was kicked Saturday

By JOHN CURYLO

Not only was a new record made by Pat McDermott's 53 yard field goal, but an old Aggie tradition was almost changed.

The standing A&M student body, known as the Twelfth Man, could have helped out on this play, because only 10 men were on the field for the Aggies.

When a field goal is being attempted, Coach Gene Stallings sends John Gardner in to hold and McDermott or another place kicker in to kick. The wingback and the quarterback come out, with the fullback and tailback moving into the up-back spots next to the ends.

However, with Robert Gerasi-mowicz out of action with an injury, Ted Smith was to center for the field goal, replacing Skip Kuehn, so Gardner went in a play early. By college rules, no more than two players can be substituted at a time unless the ball has changed hands.

When Smith and McDermott went in, right up-back Marc Black thought that someone was coming in for him, so he ran off the field to avoid a penalty for having too many men on the field.

"I was yelling for time out,"

Stallings said, "but nobody on the field could hear me with that wind. They put on a heavy rush, but it was to our protected side. I guess our luck's changing."

McDermott, a junior from Dallas Bishop Dunne, bumped Randy Sims from the Aggie record book with the 53 yard kick. The 5-9, 160 pounder learned the soccer-

style kick while in high school from his brother, who was attending Michigan State.

"I didn't know how far it was when I lined it up," McDermott

said. "I just put the tee six yards behind the line of scrimmage. It went real high, so I thought it had a chance. When it was over the 20 yard line, it looked good,

but then it dropped fast. When I saw how close it was, it scared me."

At his postgame press conference, Stallings said that with the wind, he knew A&M could kick the field goal, but he didn't know whether McDermott or Roberto Payan would be the one to do it.

"Roberto can kick it farther," he explained, "but he hasn't had the experience against the rushing line that Pat has. Besides, Roberto wasn't at practice Thursday to work on his kicking; he was having his visa renewed." Payan is a native of Bogota, Colombia.

Joe Mac King, the senior quarterback, said that what looked like broken plays were really missed audible signals at the line of scrimmage. He blamed this on

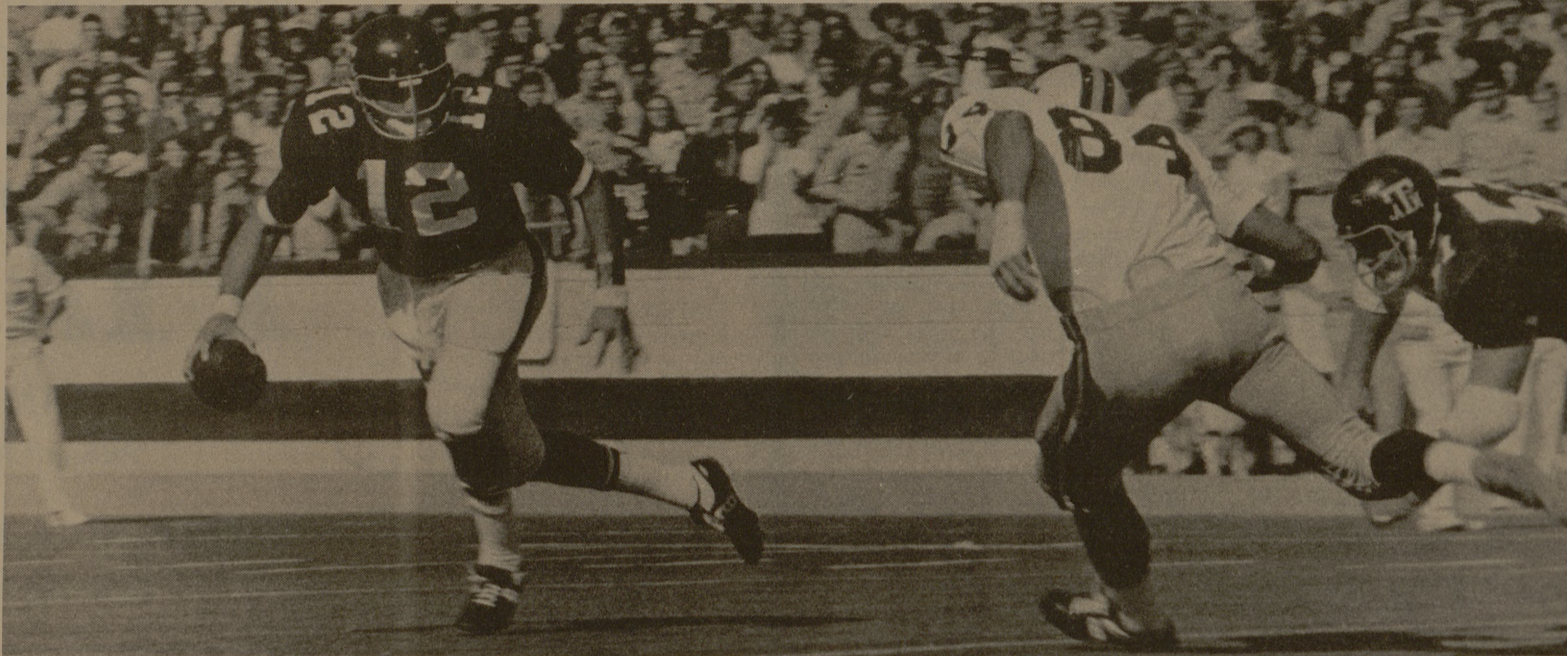
the wind, but Stallings gave another reason.

"One of the hands was while we were over the ball. When asked if he was which one it was, the coach grinned.

The Aggies are now 2-3. Arkansas next on the schedule. Tailback Mark Green, who scored the touchdown for A&M on the first victory since Wichita State game.

"It's great to win again. I think we'll get it again now."

There was joy in the locker room, and to look at a mass of parents, friends and men, one wouldn't have thought that two teams at the stadium the standing had just played



TRYING TO ELUDE Baylor Bear Pat Nunn (84) is Aggie quarterback Joe Mac King (12). King kept the ball 12 times for 37 yards. He completed four of 12 passes for 39 yards, as A&M beat Baylor, 10-9. (Photo by Mike Rice)

McMurry drops sports grants; may form new football league

ABILENE (AP) — McMurry College said Monday it is dropping scholarships for intercollegiate football and track in favor of strict amateur competition.

Dr. Thomas Kim, president of the Methodist college, also said McMurry is exploring the possibility of forming a new football conference that "will play purely non-subsidized amateur intercollegiate football."

McMurry is a member of the Lone Star Conference.

Dr. Kim said he acted on instructions from McMurry trustees at their fall session.

The board passed a recommendation of its athletic committee "that we declare a moratorium on new football and track scholarships and study the possibility of moving into a new conference that would be interested in playing non-scholarship athletics."

The recommendation was approved unanimously by the athletic committee of the board.

"I wish to emphasize that this action of the board absolutely does not mean that McMurry College will discontinue intercollegiate football competition," Dr. Kim said.

"McMurry will continue to play intercollegiate football with teams which have a philosophy similar to that enunciated by our board of trustees," he said.

He also said that existing scholarships will be honored.

The McMurry board said the college's intercollegiate basketball program was exempt from the scholarship moratorium.

McMurry coaches informed the school's athletes of the new program Monday morning. Dr. Kim told the faculty through the mail at the same time.

Dr. Kim said "Active exploration and negotiations are now underway among several colleges to form a geographically compact league which will play purely non-subsidized amateur intercollegiate football."

Tech's Jim Carlen is not complaining about referee's controversial call

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech Jim Carlen said Monday he had no real beef on a controversial safety call Saturday involving Marc Dove in Southern Methodist's 18-17 victory over the Red Raiders.

Carlen said, "there is no way I would question an official's judgment on a close call."

He said one referee told him on the sidelines that Dove caught the ball in the end zone but the reason it was a safety was because he threw the ball out of the end zone.

Carlen said "you coach kids if it's anything over the 10-yard line you let it go."

But he said the reason Dove intercepts passes and returns so well is that he breaks on the ball.

"I can't jump on Dove because I can't take his incentive away," Carlen said.

On recruiting matter, Carlen

said Oklahoma is hitting West Texas hard now. "They contact them when they are juniors and we can't even contact a kid until the last game of his senior season," Carlen said. "It's hard to catch up when they get a six-month running start."

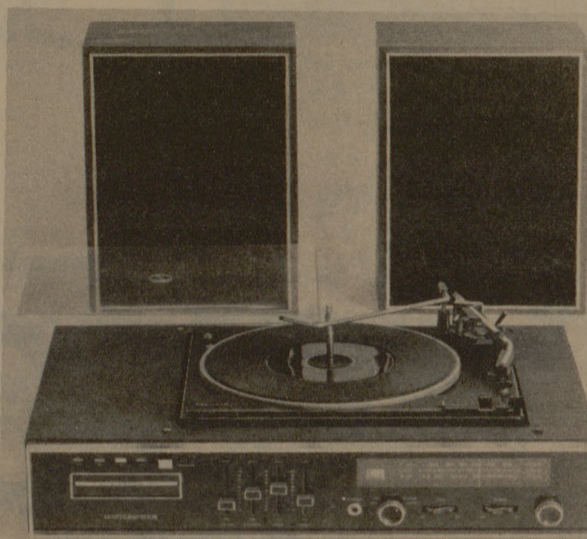
Charles Napper and Joe Barnes both got hurt against SMU.

"Right now our quarterback thing is a question and I may not know who will start," Carlen said of Saturday's game with Rice.

Carlen said "Rice is a better football team than SMU. They are the best throwing team we have met so far. Texas just took the ball and kept it against them."

He said Stahle Vincent was a better all-around runner than SMU's Alvin Maxson because he's stronger.

"I congratulate Hayden Fry at SMU because he has done one heckuva fine job with his ball club," Carlen said.



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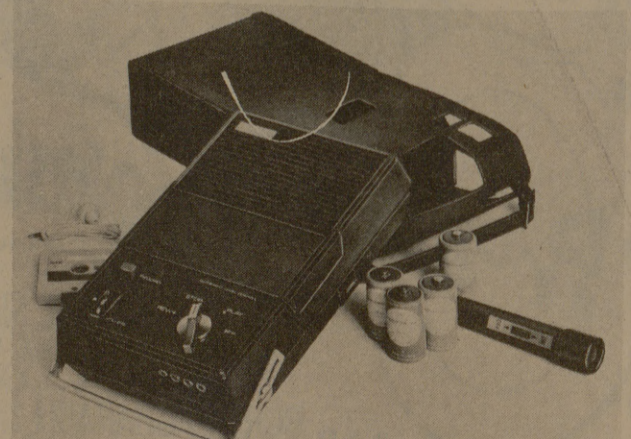
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