

# Tech Capitalizes On Mistakes To Thump Aggies in Giveaway

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LUBBOCK — Whoever coined the phrase "opportunity knocks only once" didn't see Saturday night's A&M-Texas Tech football game.

The Aggies gave the Raiders gifts almost too numerous to mention and certainly more than the hosts expected, in the form of two lost fumbles and four intercepted passes. The opportunistic Raiders cashed these Aggie miscues into 22 gratis points that were the eventual factor in the 28-16 A&M loss.

A&M made it as easy on Tech as possible. The Raiders needed to mount one legitimate drive to capture the scoreboard. The other three Tech touchdowns came on spurts of nine, 28 and 13 yards after Tech gained possession on A&M errors.

The Aggies had pulled within a touchdown at 22-16 and were moving for what appeared to be the winning TD when Tech delivered the death blow and rubbed out all hopes of an Aggie comeback victory.

Starting with good field position at the Tech 49, A&M moved to the 36 on a Mike Jay to Richard Osborne pass completion. The Aggies then set up a screen pass to Alvin Bowers but Red Raider defensive end Tommy Cones intercepted and returned the ball to the A&M 13 before being hauled down by Jay.

Joe Barnes scored on a quarterback sneak three plays after Tech converted a fourth and one.

Barnes played well in the contest in which he threw for three touchdowns and ran for the other. Neither the senior signal caller nor his Tech teammates were guilty of a turnover.

The first half action was as flat as the surrounding West Texas plains. Neither team could mount a drive and both punters kept their respective team out of trouble.

After a scoreless first quarter, A&M's trouble began.

Tech punted and Carl Roaches fumbled on the Raider 28. It took Barnes just one play to capitalize as he hit Larry Williams in the A&M endzone. Barnes got the pass away as Ed Simonini fell in an attempt to sack the Tech QB. Don Grimes kicked the point after and Tech had a 7-0 lead with 8:21 remaining in the first half.

A&M kept the ensuing Tech kickoff for one first down to their own 32, before Jay had another pass picked off, this one

by linebacker Charlie Berry which he returned to the nine. This time it took Tech two plays to score as Barnes connected with fullback John Garner. Grimes missed the PAT and the half ended with Tech ahead 13-0.

The Aggie offense could get no closer to paydirt than the Tech 34 and it took two Raider 15-yard penalties to advance that far. A&M's total offense for the first two periods was but 62 yards.

A&M started the second half like a brand new ball club. They marched 80 yards in 12 plays and consumed 6 minutes before the drive stalled. Randy Haddox then kicked a 43 yard field goal to cut the lead to 13-3.

Tech bounced right back. After taking the kickoff back to their 41, they traveled the remaining 59 yards in seven plays with the clincher coming on a Barnes to Williams pass good for 12 yards. Pat Thomas, who Williams beat on the TD play, blocked the point after attempt and Tech held a 19-3 lead.

Second half action remained the complete opposite of the opening stanza as A&M scored on its next possession.

Skip Walker returned the kickoff 73 yards to the Tech 21 and then caught a 20-yard pass to move the ball to the one. Bucky Sams jumped in for the score and A&M trailed 19-9 after an unsuccessful two-point conversion.

Tech got their next score without moving the ball a yard.

The Aggie's defense held the Raiders but Jay threw another interception, this one picked off by Ecomet Burley. Tech drew 15 yards for a personal foul, moving the ball back to the A&M 32. Again the defense let Tech go nowhere but Grimes kicked a 49-yard field goal for a 22-9 Tech lead. A&M's stuttering offense found high gear as they marched 80 yards for a score. Jay hit Walker and Roaches on long gainers on the drive. Bowers scored from the one and after Haddox tacked on the PAT the lead was cut to 22-16.

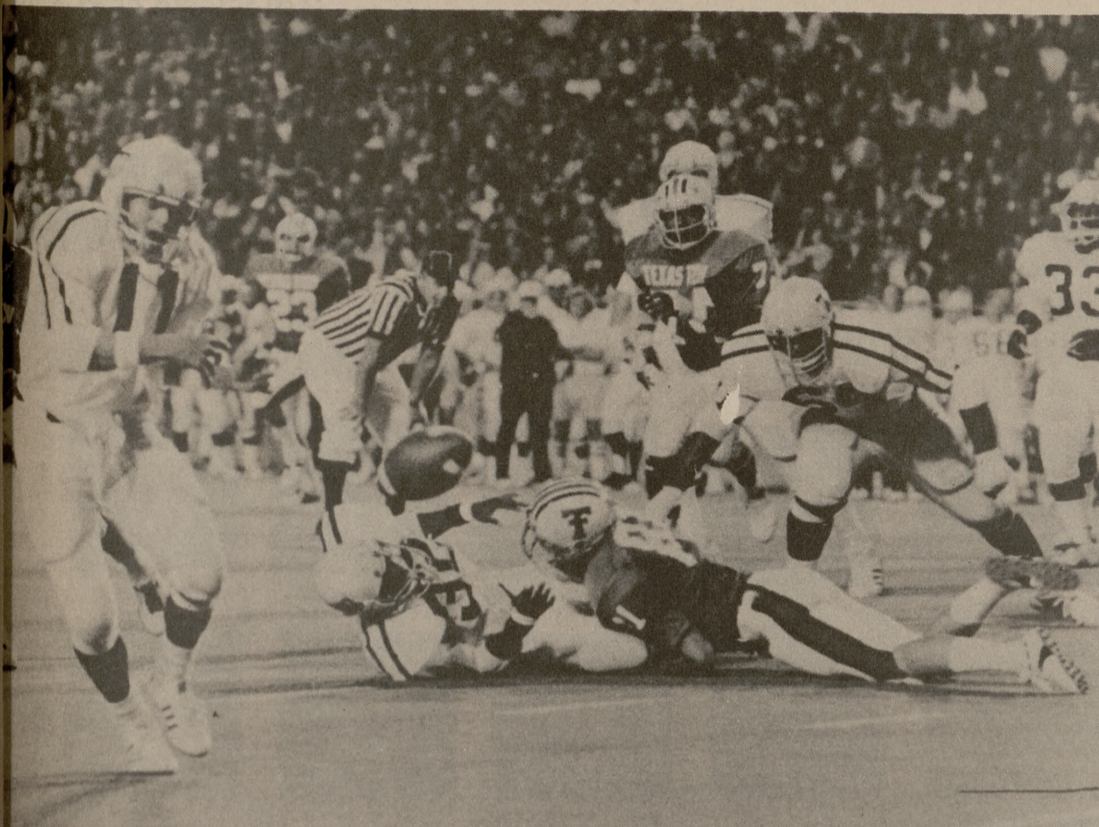
The momentum was shifting to the Aggies as the defense again cut the Raider offense off. The Aggies then had pass number four intercepted and the ball game was over.

A&M beat Tech everywhere except the scoreboard. The defense, led by Warren Trahan and Simonini gave Tech's powerful offense but 216 yards, an average of 2.4 a snap. Conversely, A&M ran up 311 yards and punted five times to Tech's 10.

Mark Stanley's punting kept the Aggies out of hot water in the early action as the sophomore booted for a 43.6 average.

Coach Emory Bellard was anything but happy. "We played ragged," the second year Aggie mentor said. "That's my responsibility. The players were ready and wanted to play."

TCU is next for the Aggies, Saturday at 2 p.m. in Fort Worth.



LOOSE BALL draws the attention of A&M quarterback Mike Jay (11) during Saturday's game in Lubbock. Texas Tech downed the Aggies 28-16 as A&M suffered six turnovers. (Photo by Rodger Mallison)

## Football Top 20 Tightens

### Ohio State Still No. 1

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON  
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Alabama, Oklahoma and Michigan became the chief threats to Ohio State's reign atop the college football rankings Monday in the wake of a shake-up that dropped Nebraska from second place to 11th and defending champion Southern California from fourth to sixth.

Ohio State ran its record to 40 Saturday with a convincing 24-0 whipping of Wisconsin and assured itself of the No. 1 spot for the third consecutive week. The Buckeyes received 39 first-place votes and 1,113 points from the 59 sports writers and broadcasters who participated in this week's Associated Press poll.

Alabama, a 35-14 winner over Florida, climbed from third to second with six first-place votes and 930 points. Oklahoma, runner-up the last two years, vaulted from sixth to third with eight first-place votes and 869 points following a 52-13 rout of Texas that dropped the losers out of the Top

Twenty. Michigan rose from fifth to fourth with one first-place ballot and 855 points for a 31-0 blanketing of Michigan State. Penn State, seventh last week, walloped Army 54-3 and moved up to fifth place with four No. 1 votes and 657 points.

Southern Cal, No. 1 all last season and this until a 7-7 tie with Oklahoma on Sept. 29 that dropped the Trojans to fourth, skidded farther down to sixth after struggling past Washington State 46-35. The Trojans amassed 627 points.

Missouri, a 13-12 upset winner over Nebraska, shot from 12th to seventh with the remaining first-place vote and 528 points.

The 8-9-10 teams shifted around. Notre Dame climbed from ninth to eighth by trouncing Rice 28-0 and Louisiana State went from 10th to ninth by trimming Auburn 20-6 while Tennessee slipped from eighth to 10th after a hard-fought 20-14 victory over Georgia Tech.

The Top Twenty, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records and total points. Points tabulated on basis of 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1:

1. Ohio St. 39	4-0-0	1,113
2. Alabama 6	5-0-0	930
3. Oklahoma 8	3-0-1	869
4. Michigan 1	5-0-0	855
5. Penn St. 4	5-0-0	657
6. So. Cal.	4-0-1	627
7. Missouri 1	5-0-0	528
8. Notre Dame	4-0-0	442½
9. La. State	5-0-0	428
10. Tennessee	5-0-0	400½
11. Nebraska	4-1-0	386
12. Arizona St.	5-0-0	189
13. UCLA	4-1-0	163
14. Houston	5-0-0	140
15. Miami, Fla.	3-1-0	58
16. Colorado	4-1-0	54
17. Tulane	4-0-0	52
18. Kansas	4-1-0	23
19. Arizona	5-0-0	15
20. Miami, Ohio	5-0-0	14

## SWC standings

All Games			
	W	L	Pct.
X-Houston	5	0	1.000
Texas Tech	4	1	.800
SMU	3	1	.750
Arkansas	3	2	.600
Texas	2	2	.500
TCU	2	2	.500
Baylor	2	3	.400
Texas A&M	2	3	.400
Rice	1	3	.250

Conference			
	W	L	Pct.
Arkansas	2	0	1.000
Texas	1	0	1.000
Texas Tech	1	1	.500
Texas A&M	0	1	.000
Baylor	0	1	.000
TCU	0	1	.000

X—Not playing for SWC title

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS — Friday: Houston 54, Virginia Tech 27; Saturday: Arkansas 13, Baylor 7, Oklahoma 52, Texas 13; Notre Dame 28, Rice 0; Texas Tech 28, Texas A&M 16; Idaho 14.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE — Friday: Houston at Miami, Fla., 8 p.m. CDT; Texas at Arkansas 2 p.m. CDT; SMU at Rice 7:30 p.m. CDT; Texas A&M at TCU 2 p.m. CDT; Texas Tech at Arizona 7:30 p.m. CDT.

## Cross Country Falls to Tech

Texas Tech captured its third cross country victory in four outings Saturday by defeating Texas A&M in a dual meet at McKenzie Park.

Freshman Mark Freeman of Louisville, Kentucky, paced the Red Raiders with a winning time of 21:52, edging runnerup Jacob Yemmer of Texas A&M who had a time of 21:53.

Following for Tech, who had four of the first five runners, were senior Hugh Jones (22:06), freshman Terrell Pendleton (22:14) and sophomore James Cresap (22:33). Kyle Heffner (22:47) of A&M was sixth.

## Miami Defeats Browns 17-9

CLEVELAND (AP) — Larry Csonka galloped for 114 yards and scored two touchdowns as the Miami Dolphins defeated the Cleveland Browns 17-9 in Monday night's nationally-televised National Football League game.

The contest also was shown on local television because it was sold out last Tuesday. The Browns announced that 79,282 tickets had been sold but only 72,070 ticketholders showed up despite good weather conditions.

After a scoreless first period, the Dolphins took the lead on a 36-yard field goal by Garo Yepremian. Yepremian's boot ended a 62-yard drive in nine plays with 6:41 elapsed in the second period.

The Browns brought themselves back into contention when Don Cockcroft kicked a 30-yard field goal. The scoring drive was set up when Browns' cornerback Ben Davis intercepted a Bob Griese pass on the Browns' 37 and returned it 20 yards. Six plays later, Cockcroft tied the score.

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## Texas World Speedway Closes for Remainder of '73

Texas World Speedway president, Dan Holloway, Sr., has announced that the 4th Annual Texas 500 NASCAR stock car race has been cancelled. The race was scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 18.

Holloway said his decision to cancel the annual 500 miler is due to the conflict with other fall sports events and because of the possibility of inclement weather during late November.

Weather has hampered the success of the multi-million dollar racing facility since its re-open-

ing in 1971. Holloway has promoted six major events at the track and five of them have been plagued with rain. One event was postponed for a week before finally being run.

Holloway stated the track will definitely continue operation in 1974, but negotiations with various sanctioning bodies for more desirable dates and prestigious events have not been completed.

Plans for the 1974 season will be announced within the next six weeks, following these negotiations.

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