

## Ags run away, 38-9

# Bean sets Lubbock afire

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With the defense almost on the ropes, the Texas A&M offense caught fire behind the record-breaking performance of Bubba Bean and came to the rescue Saturday night to enable the Aggies to boost their season mark to 5-0.

The Texas Tech Red Raiders of first-year coach Steve Sloan were the victims of both Bean's heroics and their own ineptitude as A&M struck for four touchdowns in the second half to complete a 38-9 thrashing of the West Texans.

The victory puts Coach Emory Bellard's squad in a three way tie with Arkansas (2-0) and Texas (1-0) for the Southwest Conference lead. Tech now goes to 0-2 and is virtually eliminated from the race.

Although giving Tech their second straight lopsided SWC defeat, the Aggies were on anything but firm ground in the first half.

The Red Raiders, guided by the

arms of Tommy Duniven and Rodney Allison became the first team this year to score on the top ranked Aggie defense in the first half of play and also the first opponent to hold a lead over Bellard's Bunch.

In all, the Red Raider offense went airborne for 219 yards, 134 in the second half. Tech also embarrassed Melvin Robertson's defenders for 101 steps aground, another first for an A&M opponent this year.

But while Tech was able to move the ball with some consistency, especially on passes against cornerback Willie Thompson, the defense answered nearly every threat with a big play, taking advantage of Tech miscues which led to three A&M touchdowns. However, the defensive eleven lacked the awesome appearance the Aggie faithful have become accustomed to recently.

The night belonged to Bean and the rest of the offense. The senior from Kirbyville scored the first two

A&M six-pointers on runs of 47 and 94 yards. (See feature, page 5.) Bean's two scores came on the

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Sheila Watson became the winner of two Cotton Bowl tickets when Bubba Bean became the all-time A&M rushing leader on Saturday. Bean surpassed the mark with 8:19 left on the clock in the third quarter of the Tech game.

Watson's guess was one of only two for the third quarter of Tech and was but 13 seconds short of calling the exact time. Her guess: 8:32. Abby Zemanek was the only other person to guess the third quarter with a prediction of 10:40 left on the clock.

same play, taking an option pitch from quarterback David Shipman

while heading into the left side of the Tech defense. Bean received superb downfield blocking from tackle Glen Bujnoch and receivers Richard Osborne and Carl Roaches.

The play that set up Bean's historic gallop was a touchdown saving interception by Jackie Williams on the A&M one-yard line. William's theft halted a potential go-ahead Tech drive opening the second half. Momentum then played its fickle tune after Bean's gallop and suddenly the rout was on.

The A&M offense had its problems with the Tech defense in the first half, getting only four first downs and 145 yards against the virtual nine man line of the Raiders.

Discounting Bean's 47-yard TD, the Aggie offense averaged 1.4 yards per first down play and made only two of seven third down situations in the first half.

Compare this to over seven yards per first down play and being successful on five of six third down attempts in the latter half. A&M accumulated 273 yards and nine first downs while ending the game sitting on Tech's 21.

The Aggie offense, currently rated eighth in the nation, proved it could pick up the slack while the stellar A&M defense was having an off night. Their performance took away the constant pressure placed on the defense in prior games.

Although not at their best, the defense did provide the offense with excellent field position, especially in the second half. A&M was able to crank up its offense from an average spot of its own 49-yard line. Tech meanwhile averaged their own 21.

A&M must repair the holes in their defensive secondary this week as they prepare to meet the winless TCU Horned Frogs, one of the top passing teams in the nation. This will be the third consecutive road game for the Ags.

A&M cannot afford to look past TCU to the Baylor game. Last year's lackluster performance against the Frogs was almost too close for comfort.

Most eyes will be focused on the outcome of the Texas-Arkansas contest, the outcome of which will be decisive for the SWC leadership.



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Mike Williams chases down punter David Kuykendall to set up TD.

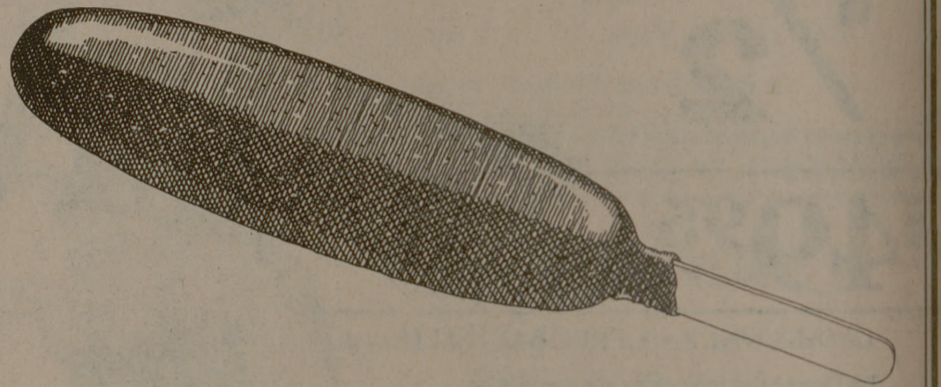
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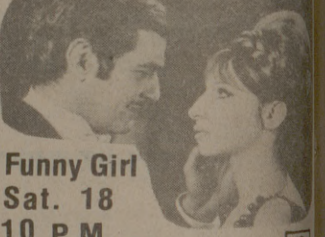
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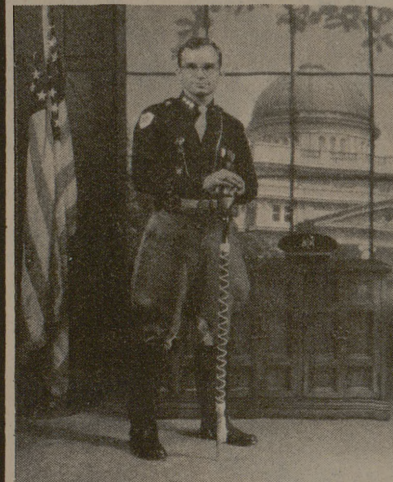
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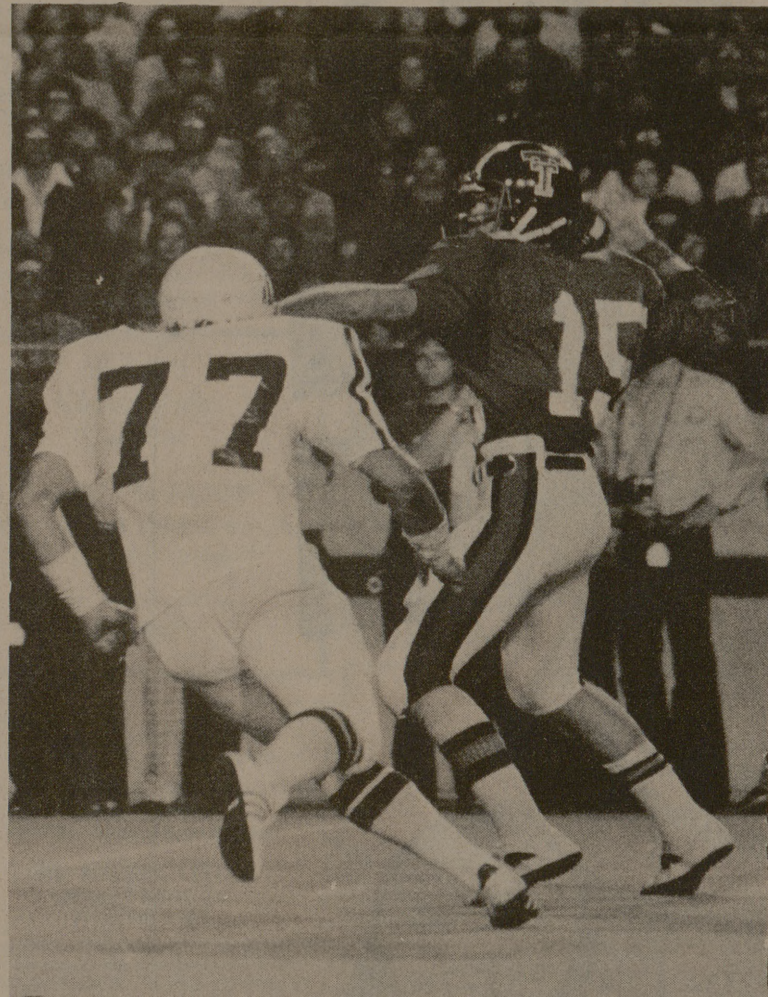
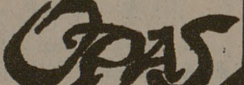
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