

# Ags find Michigan unfriendly, 41-

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Three fumbles, two interceptions and one blocked punt by the Aggies equals Michigan 41 Texas A&M 3. "Michigan beat us in every area of football," coach Emory Bellard said. "They beat us offensively, defensively and in the kicking game. And that about describes the outcome of the game."

"We had our opportunities in the first half, but fumbled each time we were about to score. The first half was pretty even, but they took control in the second half. It was a complete and thorough job."

The first half witnessed each team making mistake after mistake. Michigan fumbled deep in its own territory twice, but the Aggies converted those fumbles into only three points.

The turning point of the contest came late in the second quarter. Michigan had fumbled on its own 36-yard line and in three plays the Aggs were on the Wolverine's 16. Quarterback David Walker faked

the ball to Woodard and then threw an errant pitch to Curtis Dickey. Michigan recovered the fumble on the 19 and proceeded to drive 81 yards for the score.

"We were sure we had taken control of the game when we recovered that fumble," Walker said. "The defensive end caused me to pitch the ball earlier than I had wanted to and I had trouble disconnecting the ball."

From that point things went from bad to worse. Woodard fumbled early in the third period resulting in an eventual Michigan score. Walker threw an interception late in the period and the Wolverines scored again.

"We made nothing but mistakes in that third period," Bellard said. "We had bad field position and tried to force some things to get back in the ball game. We found out how Texas Tech must have felt in our ball game last weekend."

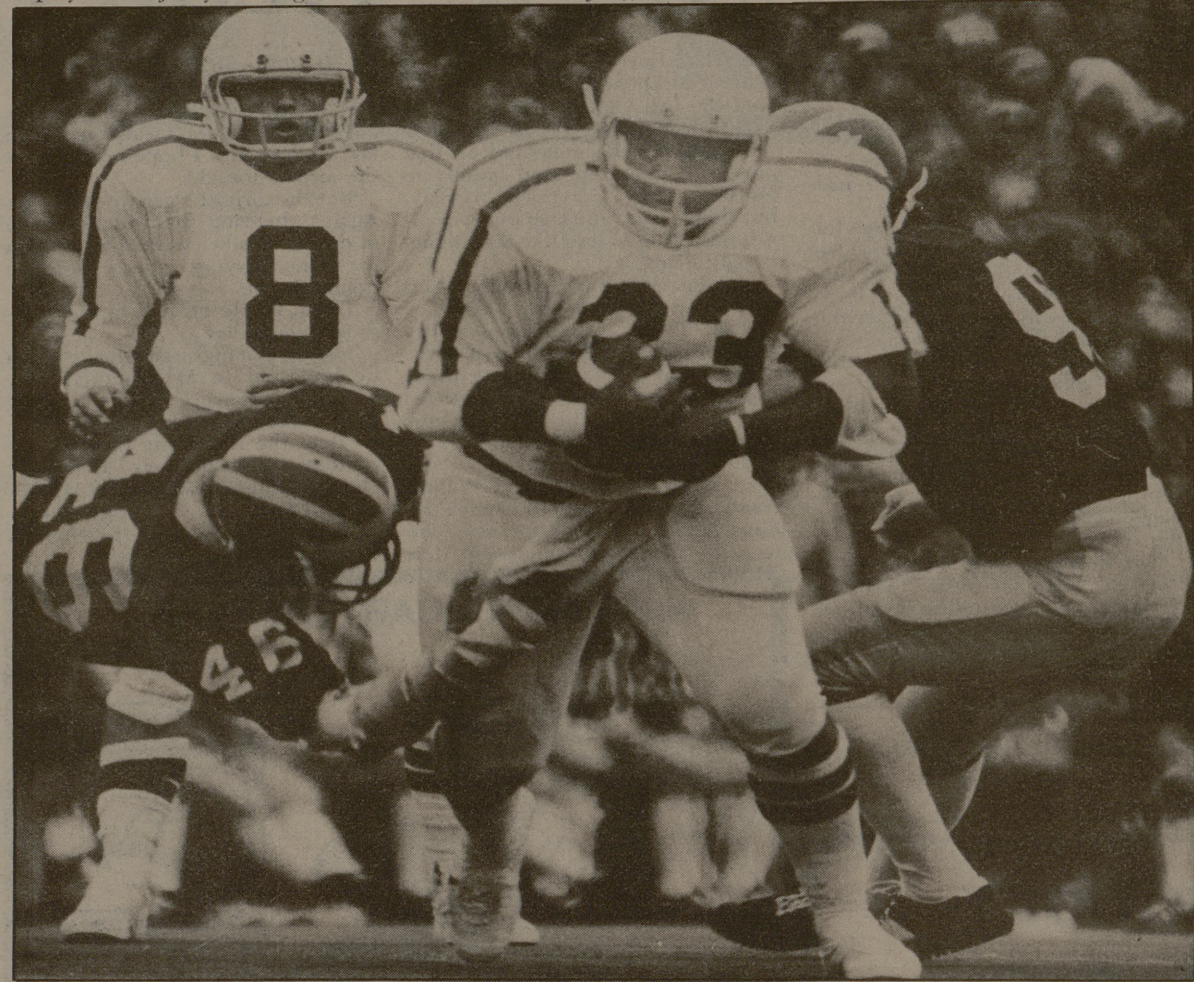
"Bad field position just killed us." The telling third quarter found the Aggies beginning their offensive series on Michigan's 32, 24, 19, 9,

32 and 20-yard lines. Not being able to cross the fifty usually results in losing the game.

"Bad field position killed us," safety Carl Grulich said. "You have to play the majority of the game on

the other side of the 50-yard line to win. Michigan had a great team. If only we had gotten some breaks in the second half. The two we had in the first half put us out of the game."

It is hard to judge what would have happened had the Aggs been able to convert those two first half fumbles into touchdowns. The psychological edge definitely found a home on the Michigan bench after intermission.



George Woodard receives one of his 39 hand-offs from David Walker. Woodard gained 153 yards, as the Aggies fell to the

Michigan Wolverines 41-3. The Aggs have an open date this weekend.

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Last week against Tech it was the Aggies who took control of the game after the band left the field. They came out with the big play to Dickey and left Lubbock triumphant.

There was no big play in Michigan. The Wolverines let Woodard have all he wanted, while they concentrated on stopping the outside game. Walker receives the option play from the coaches and he decides which option the Aggies are to run.

"I read the play as it happens," Walker said. "Each time I handed off to Woodard it was because they had the outside game stopped. It may appear that we are playing conservatively, but actually that was the only option they were giving us."

The passing game was another option the Aggs could have pursued, but chose not to for fairly obvious reasons.

The Wolverines stopped the hitch pass to Dickey which worked so well

against the Red Raiders, they ble teamed Darrell Smith and off Russell Mikekas's patterns the middle.

Woodard was open all afternoon but steady pressure on Walker the defensive line didn't allow the time to spot secondary receivers.

"Michigan has a great secondary," Walker said. "They completely ped our outside patterns to D. We tried to throw the hitch a couple of times. Once I threw an interception, and the time Armstrong slipped down catching the ball."

"It just wasn't our day." A&M does not have another open date, before the Baylor in Waco. A&M has two weeks forget the Michigan nightmarer, all those turnovers.

Turnovers spell defeat. The Aggies won the spelling bee in Arbor.

## Big 10 damage egos of SWC

Now that the Big Ten has put a big knot on the Southwest Conference ego, it is left up to those two old standbys who nobody thought a lot of before the season started.

The Texas Longhorns and Arkansas Razorbacks, both selected for somewhere about the middle of the SWC race before the campaign began, remain as the only unbeaten clubs in the league. And, boy, are they.

Eighth-ranked Texas warmed up for its annual showdown with Oklahoma by crushing overmatched Rice, 72-15, a total that included an NCAA record 67-yard field goal by the Longhorns' Russell Erxleben, and No. 11 Arkansas whipped TCU for the 19th straight season, 42-6.

The Razorbacks are 4-0, and Longhorns post a 3-0 season.

But that does little to soothe hurt feelings around conference headquarters. The No. 5 Texas Aggies, showing no imagination in defense and collapsing on defense the second half, was blasted third-ranked Michigan, 41-3.

"It was," surmised Aggies Emory Bellard, "a humiliating. We were lackadaisical. Nothing did us very inspired. They took a lot of things away from us and took a lot of things away from selves."

And, as expected, the Big 10 other power — Ohio State — rily ran away from South Methodist in Dallas, 35-7.

In the other conference Saturday Houston and Baylor teams with lots of injuries, plenty of character. Baylor took the lead, but Houston quarterback Delrick Brown hit Donald with a 10-yard scoring throw on seconds from the end to give Cougars a 28-24 win.

And Texas Tech, playing quarterback Rodney Allison, fortunate to get out of Chapel N.C. with a 10-7 decision over North Carolina.

Other than the Texas-Oklahoma bash this week, SMU (2-2) trounced Baylor (1-3) and TCU (0-4) Rice (1-3) in conference games. TCU Horned Frogs thus stand excellent chance of ending the lion's longest losing streak in games.

Texas Tech (3-1) will be on road at Arizona while Houston Texas A&M and Arkansas take week off.

Houston and A&M were nationally scheduled to play this week but their game was put off to De for television purposes, a decision that is probably now regretted by the network.

## Miami Dolphins defeat the Oilers 27-7

MIAMI — Quarterback Bob Griese and wide receiver Duriel Harris staked Miami to a 21-0 first-quarter lead Sunday and a stubborn Dolphins' defense helped provide a 27-7 victory over the Houston Oilers.

Harris scored on a 6-yard pass from Griese and the combination set up the other two touchdowns in a team record time first-quarter scoring burst.

The other two TDs came on a 1-yard buck by Norm Bulaich and 3-yard burst over the middle by Benny Malone. The Dolphins

added a touchdown with 21 seconds left when running back Leroy Harris scored from two yards out to cap a 48-yard drive.

The Oilers scored in the second period on quarterback Dan Pastorini's 2-yard run around left end. But Houston was unable to score again.

The Oilers, however, threatened to rally at the end of the third quarter when they moved to the Dolphin three. But four runs by Rob Carpenter — one on a Dolphin penalty — and another try by Don Hardeman failed to put the ball into the endzone.

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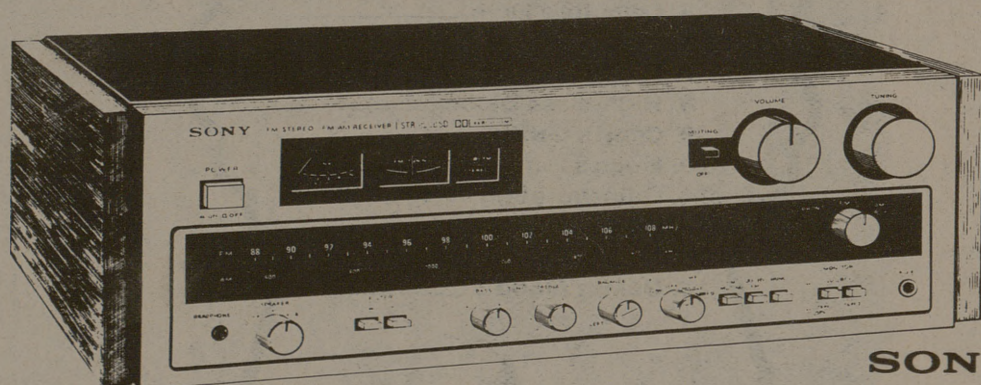
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