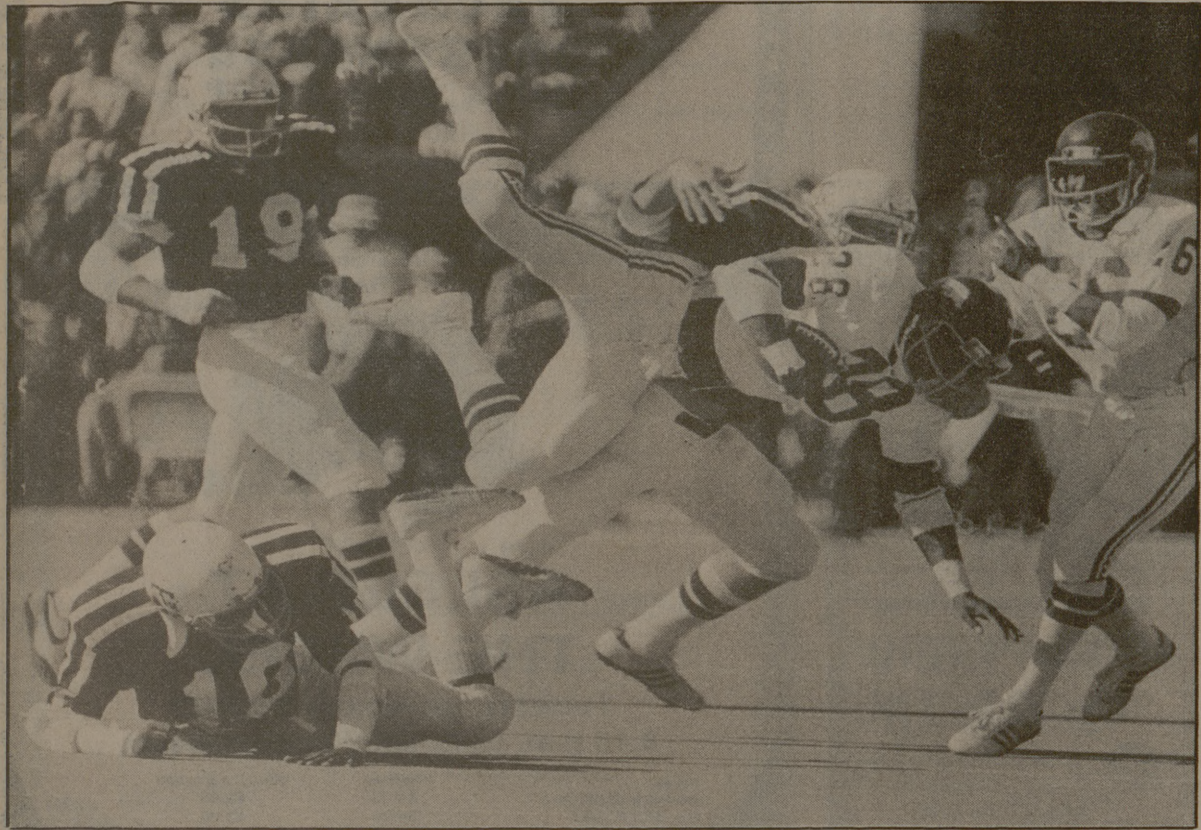


Taylor is becoming more consistent



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

I gotcha this time!

The Texas A&M defense, led by Kevin Monk, stops Arkansas superstar Ben Cowins (No. 28) for a four-yard gain. Cowins rushed for 111 yards and two touchdowns in leading Arkansas past the Aggies 26-20.

By D.D. GRUBBS

For only the second time this season, Texas A&M finds itself having to bounce back after a loss. After going down in defeat at the hands of Michigan in their fourth game of the season, the Aggies won three straight before dropping a 26-20 decision to Arkansas.

Strong safety Kenneth "Pop" Taylor has his own theory on "coming back" and will have it firmly in mind this week.

"Every player should realize that he can't let up despite a tough loss," explains the junior from West, Texas. "After we lost to Michigan, we all knew we had to come back and just take the rest of the season a game at a time. We'll have our 'up' moments and our 'down' moments, but it's the same for every game—win or lose, you have to take it week by week and keep improving as the season goes along."

Taylor, a 6-2, 171-pound transfer from Navarro JC, has carried the nickname "Pop" since his grade school days and can't even remember how he got it. He became the Aggies' starting strong safety during spring training last year and according to defensive coordinator Melvin Robertson, has improved tremendously during the course of the season.

"Pop has improved as much as anybody on our football team. He

never seems to be in bad position and not only plays the pass well, but also gives good run support. I don't think he has had a bad game yet this season."

So far this year, Taylor has been in on 46 tackles, broken up six passes and made five tackles behind the line of scrimmage—including three QB sacks—for a minus 39 yards. One of his best individual efforts was three weeks ago against SMU when he broke up a couple of passes, had one interception and sacked the quarterback for an 11-yard loss. Currently, he is tied for the team lead in interceptions with three and has 34 yards in return yardage.

Taylor made JC All-American at Navarro and admits the step-up to major college ball was a big adjustment.

"In junior college, we only had two basic coverages. But here at A&M, there are five or six more and it's a lot more demanding."

In preparing for each game, Taylor studies the films and concentrates mainly on the opposing tight end and quarterback.

"I don't play much man-to-man, mostly zone and usually I get the tight end coming across the middle. I watch the quarterback to see how he looks for his receivers and if he's a scrambler."

The Aggies have two of their next

three games at home—against Texas and Houston—after traveling to Fort Worth this weekend to play TCU. Earlier this season, the Ags played five straight games on the road and Taylor says the traveling did take its toll.

"We'd pack our stuff every week and hop on a bus or plane and take off—it got us down a little. Playing at home is a big psychological advantage. We hear the crowd yelling for us, but we all know that nobody

in the stands can come down and make a tackle for us."

Taylor is well aware of his responsibility of anchoring the Aggie defense. This week, he has the chore of bouncing back after the loss to Arkansas and not making the mistake of looking ahead to the shootout next weekend. But Taylor, a player who "takes 'em one at a time," the most important game of the season is this Saturday at Texas Christian University.

EXTENDED

By popular demand, the free head and shoulders portrait sitting offer has been extended through November.

If you didn't receive your coupon over the summer, call for details.

UNIVERSITY STUDIO
115 COLLEGE MAIN 846-8100

Small Ads. Big Results! **CLASSIFIED ADS!**

MUSIC MAN **the music booth** SUNN
779-3988 Bryan GIBSON "Your Guitar Specialist" TAKAMINE
3202-A TEXAS AVE.

FREE TURKEY RECIPES
With purchase of Poultry Science Club turkeys.
Hickory Smoked Turkeys - 9-14# \$1.42 lb.
Smoked Turkey Breasts - 3-5# \$2.55 lb.
Turkey Hams - 2# \$2.05 lb.
October 20 - December 20
Available at TAMU Poultry Center.
1/2 mile past Vet School on Hwy. 60 on left.
Call 845-1931 for information.

CLIMB THE LETTERS TO SUCCESS

Air Force ROTC can give more value to your college years and help you pay for your schooling at the same time. You can compete for a two, three, or four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship that will pay you \$100 a month and pay for your tuition, books and lab fees, too.

Plus, there's flight instruction for those who qualify, a commission as a second lieutenant after graduation, then responsibility and challenge in an Air Force job.

The list goes on. Check it out. See if you can climb the Air Force ROTC ladder to success. Air Force ROTC is a great way to serve your country.

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$100 A MONTH

COMMISSION

Air Force ROTC - Gateway to a Great Way of Life.

SENIORS and Graduates

L-O

Should have your Aggieland pictures taken

THIS WEEK at

barker photography

Bring Fee Slips

Dress: Civilians — coat & tie
Coeds — optional
Corps — Midnights

Pictures are taken Mon.-Fri. 10-5

NORTHGATE 846-5766

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION'S LEADING AUDIO DEALER

GUSTOM SOUNDS

PERFORMANCE AND POWER

marantz Model 2238 Stereophonic Receiver

2238 AM/FM STEREO RECEIVER
38 WATTS PER CHANNEL INTO 9 OHMS, MINIMUM CONTINUOUS POWER OUTPUT FROM 20 Hz to 20 kHz, WITH NO MORE THAN 0.1% TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION

Dual-Gate MOSFET FM Front End • Tape Facilities, for two tape decks • Separate Left and Right Bass, Mid and Treble Controls • FM Dolby De-Emphasis Network • Phase Locked Loop FM Multiplex Demodulator • Walnut Cabinet Optional

REG. \$360 **SAVE OVER \$100!**

SALE PRICE **\$259⁹⁵**

GUSTOM SOUNDS

3806-A OLD COLLEGE ROAD
Next to Triangle Bowling Alley

846-5803
Open 10-6 Mon.-Sat.