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Ags break records

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The great running back Jim Brown once said that individual football records should serve as goals for other players, not as monuments to withstand history.

Two Aggie football players took heed to his logic as two school records were broken in the Houston game Saturday.

Fullback George Woodard became A&M's all-time leading rusher on his two-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter.

Needing 39 yards to surpass Bubba Bean's 2,846 career yards, Woodard broke the record on the last A&M offensive play before the half. On the game Woodard rushed for 57 yards on 16 carries.

Woodard has now accumulated 2,864 yards rushing in his three years as the Aggie fullback. With a

year of eligibility remaining, Woodard should put a big gap between first and second place in the all-time rushing yardage category.

The second record broken in Saturday's game belongs to kicker Tony Franklin. Franklin became A&M's all-time scoring leader with his nine-point performance against Houston.

Going into Saturday's game Franklin needed four points to break Joel Hunt's (1925-27) career record of 224 points.

Franklin tied Hunt's record with his first field goal of the game, a 27-yarder in the final quarter that put A&M on the scoreboard.

Franklin broke Hunt's record following quarterback Mike Mosley's first touchdown. The converted point-after gave A&M a 10-7 lead and Franklin his record.

Franklin now stands third in career scoring in Southwest Confer-

ence history. The leader is Bill Burnett (Arkansas 1968-70) with 294 career points. Second is Doak Walker (SMU 1945-49) with 288 points.

While Woodard and Franklin were accumulating their records, the rest of the Aggie team were playing for the future.

The people who watched the A&M-Houston game were possibly seeing next year's Aggie team. Throughout most of the second half the Aggies fielded a team with only one senior in the line-up.

Center Mark Dennard was the lone graduate that mopped up Houston in the second half. The youngsters playing shut down an explosive Houston attack while putting 10 points on the score-board.

Following the victory Saturday, coach Emory Ballard and his staff immediately began preparations for the Bluebonnet Bowl game against Southern Cal.

Metcalf's men ready for Sam Houston

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After a somewhat easy 77-50 victory over Houston Baptist Saturday night, the undefeated A&M basketball team plays host to Sam Houston State tonight.

Posting a 3-0 season record, tonight's game will be the last home game for the Aggies before the Christmas holidays.

Though the final score of Saturday's game sounds like an Aggie cake breather, A&M held a 32-27 lead at the half. But superior depth on the bench allowed the Aggies to dominate in the late going.

Coach Shelby Metcalf credited the victory to his defense.

"They kept us in the game," said Metcalf. "In the beginning of the

second half we played really well, unlike the first half. We committed too many fouls and our shot selection was poor.

Guard Carl Godine was held out of Saturday's lineup due to an ankle injury. He hopes to be ready for Tuesday night's game.

"It's just a touch and go situation," said Godine about his ankle injury. "I can run on it but I can't put any weight on it to jump. But I think I'll be ready to go if they need me Tuesday."

Sam Houston will be bringing a 1-3 record into tonight's game. Throw-in will be at 7:30.

"We've already agreed to exchange game films with them," said Ballard Saturday night. "They ought to be in sometime early next week."

"I really don't want to make a statement on the quarterback job for the Bluebonnet Bowl. At this time it's too early to tell just who will be the starter."

One of the Aggies who assured himself of remaining in the starting line-up is punter David Appleby. In the Houston game Appleby punted five times for a 53.6 yard average. His longest punt of the afternoon went 65 yards.

"I just had my rhythm down," said Appleby on his performance. "The most important part of a punt is the drop to the foot and I was worried that the wind would mess up my drop, but it didn't."

With his outstanding day, Appleby raised his average to 43.5 yards per punt on the year, just under a four-yard improvement from last year's average (39.7).

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