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Walker tells his side of the story

By DAVID E. WALKER
This message is from me, David Earl Walker. It was not written by some sportswriter trying to interpret my meanings, but by my own hand. I'm from Sulphur, La., and I have been here at Texas A&M since 1973. I'm very proud of being an Aggie and of having the opportunity to represent Texas A&M. I did not come to A&M to use it as a stepping stone to the pros. I came because of its great reputation and I wished to be a part of it.

I did not represent A&M in the manner that I should have this Saturday after the game. I am sure

you all know what I am speaking of. I regret the things that were written.

Before the season began I had great expectations for myself and the team, as everyone did. Things do not always go as you imagine or would like for them to. I understand this only too well.

Prior to the game, mentally I was just not ready to play. The loss of the championship hurt me a great deal the week preceding the game because of the confidence I had had in this team. I was totally frustrated with my career as a whole, somehow forgetting the good fortune I had known. Just before the game, inside the locker room, I began remembering the games in which I'd been a part of, the good friends I'd met through the years, the fellowship and the bull we had all gone through, the experiences I'd had here. I get emotional sometimes. I'll never forget that last pre-game warmup on Kyle Field. Yet, I just wasn't sharp when the game began.

I misread the defense time after time. My ribs were hurting. We were stopping ourselves on offense and I accept my part of the blame for that. I knew we weren't in any serious trouble, down 7-3, and I felt we'd blow it wide open at any moment. But, yes, physically and mentally I just wasn't rolling. I could see that.

Why I spoke in the manner I did, only I can understand. I will make this point to try to explain. I am very much like an Aggie fan myself. The Aggie fan is very optimistic and enthusiastic about his team. He dreams of the battles and the wars he will have to fight, of the victories and the glory. He gives unselfishly and in this manner, makes his greatest contribution to the team. He suffers deep pain when we lose.

Yet, the fan is not exactly a member of the team, not by any means. The true winners and losers are the players, the managers and trainers, the coaching staff. We play for the fans, certainly, but the driv-

ing force is playing for ourselves and each other. And I am greedy, very greedy.

When Mike Mosley replaced me in the second quarter, I was mildly surprised at the crowd's reaction. But the coaches had seen what I had yet to realize. I wasn't performing and it didn't look to them as if I was going to. At that moment, bitterness just welled up inside of me. By game's end I was dejected. I found it impossible to control my tongue. I have no excuses or alibies except to say this.

At the time, I wished not to speak with any sportswriters, so I undressed quickly and jumped into the shower. This writer comes in fully dressed and asks if I would talk to him. I honestly did not know who he was but I did guess that he was a writer.

I said I was "humiliated" but that is not exactly the word for it. I was very happy for the team but personally I was embarrassed and disappointed. Excuse me, but that is the way I felt.

Mike Mosley is a super athlete, the best athlete to play QB here in the history of the school. I feel he should start in the Bluebonnet

Bowl, not demeaning my abilities, but recognizing his. I have never physically been able to keep a season at full-speed because of the beatings I have taken. And I think I am physically able to play now.

We have basically a young team and they're excited about Mike. He's the fans. He gives them hope for the future, a leader to rally around. I understand this fact far better than anyone. Playing in the Bluebonnet would be a great honor, but it's time to step down. I'm ready for other things, a career, the rest of my life.

I have great respect for Mike. I definitely did not refer to him as a freshman. He's simply one of the greatest athletes I've ever been associated with. Mike knows how to feel about him and I know how his parents do, too. He'll do well in the future.

I've done my best and I've been honest with myself. I know my ability. I've established goals and tried to achieve them. I will not dwell on the past. I think for myself, I allow others the same privilege.

I wish to thank everyone for the nice phone calls and letters. I cherish and remember them all.

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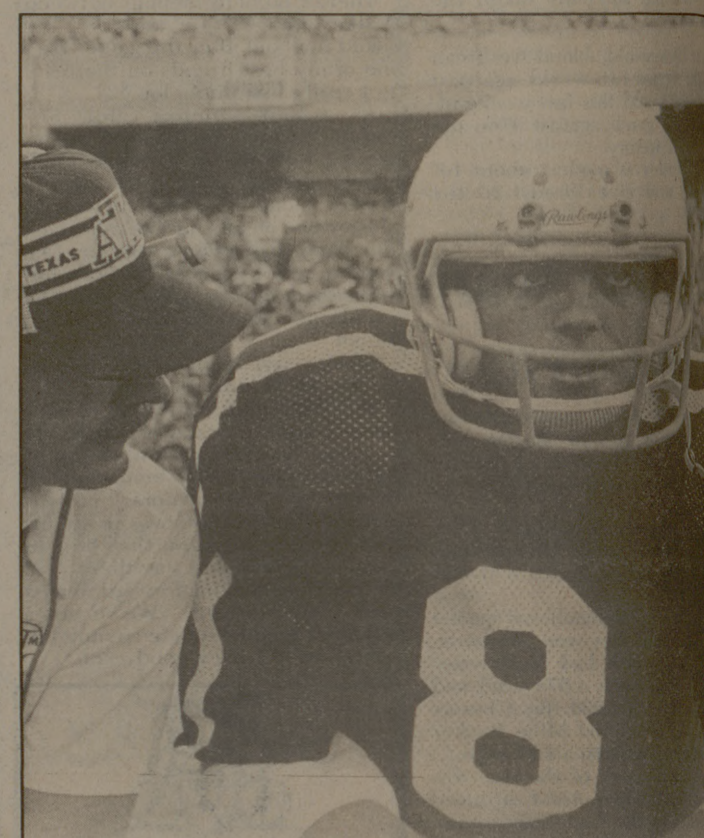
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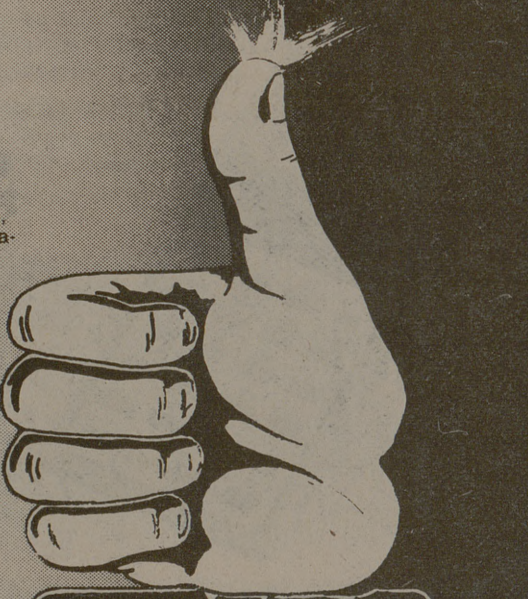
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