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**Ags unveil new look**

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The opening game of the season is additionally a contest of nervous mistakes, experimental plays and possibly a few surprises.

Saturday's Texas A&M-Kansas game, which the Aggies won 37-10, was no exception. In fact, it might have been one of the most surprising Aggie openers since Emory Bellard became head coach in 1972, in terms of new game plans introduced. It was by far the most original game the Aggies have played since Bellard's reign at Aggieland began.

True to his preseason promises, Bellard, who designed the wishbone offense in 1968 and has used it as a staple in the Aggie game plan for six years, has added a touch of diversification to the A&M attack in the form of the I-formation.

From the I, which was used in slightly more than one-third of their plays, and from the wishbone, the Aggies overcame first half nerves and easily defeated the Jayhawks.

"Offensively, I thought we looked very good, very resourceful," Bellard said after the Aggies' ninth consecutive opening game victory. Texas A&M produced 444 yards of total offense. "We made too many mistakes that cost us yardage that we'd already made, but that can be expected in the first game."

Mike (Mosley, sophomore quarterback) is off to a good start. He was looking at a lot of different situations out there and I thought he handled them all real well.

Mosley, who completed seven of 11 passes for 97 yards and ran for 19 yards, agreed that the Aggies' new offensive look was effective.

"The addition of the I helped a lot," he said. "It lets us mix up our plays and allows us to be a lot more versatile. We have two completely different offensive sets and if one isn't working we can always try the other one."

Two of Mosley's passes were caught by junior wide receiver Doug Teague for touchdowns. The second of these created some excitement as there was some question as to whether Teague caught the ball in bounds or not. While Teague and the Aggies celebrated, the referee who signaled the touchdown was met with a barrage of cups from the Kansas fans as well as struck by a disapproving fan who came out of the stands. The fan received a standing ovation as he was taken from the stadium by security officials.

"I don't know if I was out or not," said Teague. "I saw the ball coming, stretched for it and tried to drag one foot in. I looked up and saw the ref's arms in the air. That was good enough for me."

"I was in the worst position in the

house to see the play," Bellard said. "There's such an arch in the middle of that field that I couldn't see the other sideline. The official was in the best position in the stadium to make the call and he called it good."

"Yes, it was an important play in that it gave us a 14-point lead. We took command at that point. If we would have known we were going to score twice more, that might be different. But at the time it meant a lot."

Texas A&M's biggest offensive play came on an 80-yard touchdown run by second team quarterback David Beal.

"It was great," the sophomore said. "The linebacker ran outside and Adger Armstrong blocked him. From there it was open. It was just a matter of me being able to last that long. I was afraid one of those lines was going to jump up and get me."

The Aggies knew they had an offense that could put points on the board. The question that remained going into Saturday's game was whether or not the unproven defense could play effectively.

"I thought we played outstanding defense for an opening game," Bellard said after the Aggies allowed the Jayhawks only 137 yards total offense. "We had control all the time and we weren't giving up any of that big stuff."

"Hey, we looked good," senior defensive end Eugene Sanders said

of the Aggie defense, which had almost as many quarterback sacks as the Kansas Turnpike had smokies. The defense dropped the Kansas quarterbacks for losses five times during the game. "Basically, we went after them using brute strength. I think spring training and double-days built confidence. Today we were playing on that confidence."

"It was a trip," said sophomore middle linebacker Doug Carr, who started in his first game Saturday. Carr led the Aggies with eight unassisted tackles and four assisted tackles. "I was real nervous and excited at first, then I settled down. I just made sure I played my assignments and went to the football."

The Aggies now have two weeks to work out the mistakes, experiment with a few more plays and perhaps come up with some new surprises before they play Boston College on Sept. 23.

**SCORING SUMMARY:**  
Texas A&M: 3 7 14 13-37  
Kansas: 0 7 3 0-10

A&M-FG Franklin, 34  
KU -Levy 1 run (Huback kick)  
A&M-Dickey 6 run (Franklin kick)  
KU -FG Huback, 28  
A&M-Teague 7 pass from Mosley (Franklin kick)  
A&M-Teague 17 pass from Mosley (Franklin kick)  
A&M-Beal 80 run (kick failed)  
A&M-Wiley 10 run (Franklin kick)

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**Aggies too much for Jayhawks**

By MARK PATTERSON  
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Nothing but optimism abounds around the University of Kansas Jayhawks following their 37-10 defeat Saturday. But why shouldn't it? After all, the Jayhawks can do nothing but get better as the season progresses.

Thus coach Bud Moore and his staff have the bulk of their work ahead of them if they hope to mold the 1978 version of the Jayhawks into a Big 8 contender. And after this week's showing, they'll need the hands of Michelangelo.

"The main thing I'm concerned about is the fact that the team didn't respond to the adversity A&M presented," said Moore following Saturday's contest. "We had our opportunities all afternoon and we blew them."

"But I think the turning point in the game came on our fumbled pitch (with 3:18 left in the third quarter). After A&M converted it

into a touchdown and took a 24-10 lead we lost our intensity and our fire."

"It's pretty tough to run an offense when you lose your two top quarterbacks. After (Brian) Bethke was lost with a head injury and (Jeff) Hines went out with his leg injury we were forced to go with (Harry) Sydney."

"Sydney has had three workouts at quarterback going into today's game. He played running back last season but was hurt late in the year and didn't get to participate in spring training. He only made the switch to quarterback this fall. We couldn't expect too much from him."

But quarterback wasn't the only position Moore's squad was shallow at late in Saturday's game. The Kansas heat and the Aggie ground attack took its toll on the Jayhawk linebacking corps as Moore had to dip deep into his reserves for substitutes.

"Our defense didn't play a good

game and A&M was able to sustain the ball on us," said Moore. "Because of the time they had to stay on the field the linebackers were taking a punishment out there. By the fourth quarter we were down to playing three freshmen and their inexperience hurt us."

"And our pass defense was a great disappointment to us. Anytime a team can throw two touchdown passes on you and consistently make completions (Texas A&M was 9 for 15 on the day), it has got to worry a coach. We've got to learn not to try and force a situation when it's not there."

One of the players on the receiving end of Moore's criticism was defensive free safety Leroy Irvin, the only veteran in the Kansas defensive secondary. Irvin was the defender on both Doug Teague touchdown catches.

"He (Teague) ran two simple patterns and just beat us," said the two-year letterman about the two scores. "On the first one he got un-

derneath our linebackers when we weren't expecting it and he beat us. We were just fooled."

"And on his second TD he was way out of bounds. I gave him too much room on the pattern but he caught the ball at least a yard out of bounds. The films will show it."

The scoreboard will also show that the Kansas offense only scored 10 points on the day, generating a mere 157 yards on 60 plays. Not much of a performance for Coach Moore's new multiple offensive attack installed this season.

"I'm not encouraged at all with the attack we showed this afternoon," said Moore. "Part of that can be attributed to A&M and the defense they played. But we looked pretty bad both running the ball and in our passing attack. Our pass protection was especially weak. It's just hard to find anything at all encouraging at all with today's game."

"All I can hope is that we can regroup and profit from what's happened."

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