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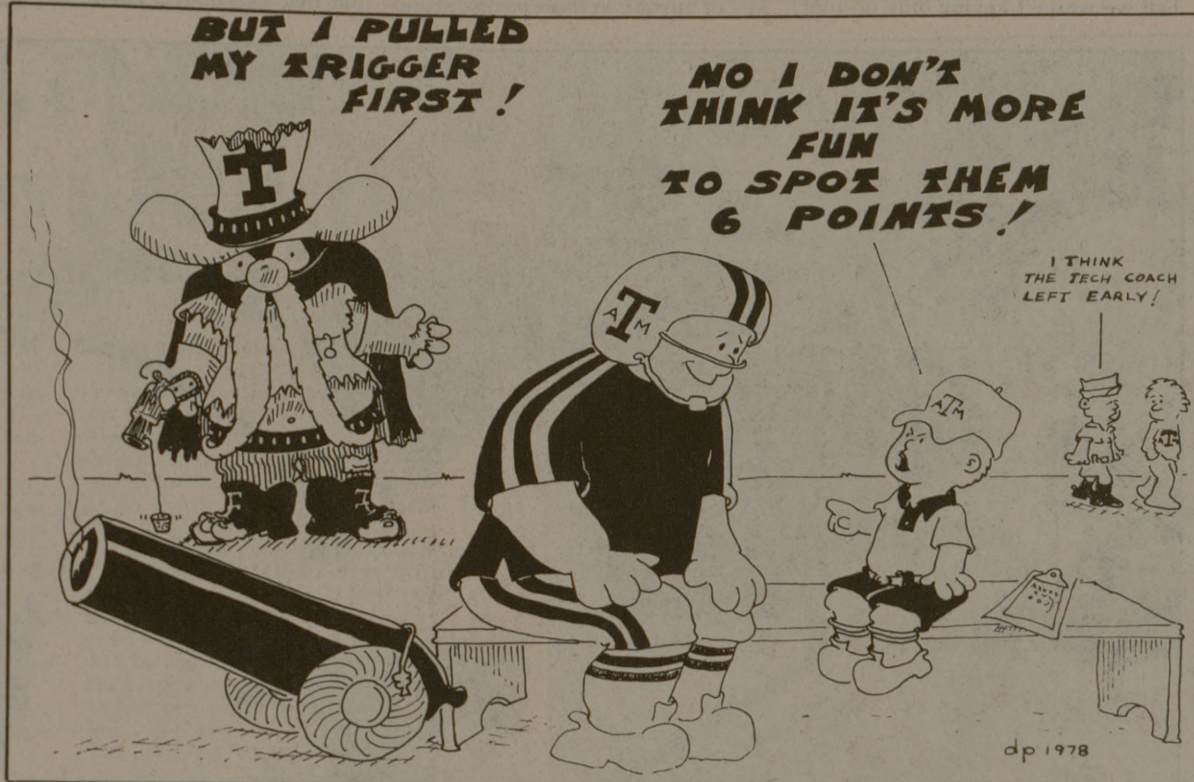
Aggies convincing in victory over Tech

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It was nothing really spectacular. Kansas running back Tracy Levy took a pitch from quarterback Brian Bethke and ran one yard around right end for a touchdown. Mike Hulach kicked the extra point and the Jayhawks took a 7-3 lead over the Texas Aggies midway through the second quarter of the teams' season opener one month ago.

That was the first touchdown the Aggie defense gave up this season. It also was the last. The Aggies went on to defeat Kansas 37-10. They gave up a safety against Boston College and shut out Memphis State. Saturday against Texas Tech, the Aggie defense, No. 1 in the nation going into the game, did not allow the Raiders to cross the goal line in the 38-9 Aggie victory. The Aggies are now 4-0 for the season and 1-0 in the Southwest Conference play.

In the first quarter, both the Tech offense and the Aggie offense seemed determined to make the Aggie defense prove that it was the nation's best defense. In their first possession, the Raiders took the ball down the A&M 2-yard line before they had to settle for a Bill Adams field goal. Adgar Armstrong fumbled on Texas A&M's first offensive play and Tech recovered on the Aggie 11-yard line. Again, the Raiders were held to a field goal. On Texas A&M's second possession, Larry Flowers intercepted a Mike Mosley pass, giving Tech the ball on the Aggie 35-yard line. The Raiders



were forced to punt four plays later. As has been said about the Doomsday Defense of the Dallas Cowboys, the Aggies bent but they did not break. "We had some adversity there at the first," admitted Texas A&M head coach Emory Ballard. "We

thought we'd use some strategy in the first quarter with the wind at our back and pressure a young quarterback. But Tech didn't buy that worth a dime. "We challenged our defense very well and they responded. That's the stabilizing thing about a defense in

a football game. They could have yielded but they didn't." The Aggies did yield more yards to Texas Tech than they did to their three previous opponents, giving up 147 yards rushing and 143 yards passing. "There is a lot of pressure that

goes along with being the No. 1 defense," said Aggie middle linebacker Doug Carr. "You know that if you're going to keep it, you have to work for it. It's something we earned and we plan to hold it. We take a lot of pride in it."

As a unit, the Aggie defense performed well together. James Hadnot's first quarter 30-yard run and a 49-yard pass from Ron Reeves to Brian Nelson were the longest plays of the afternoon for the Raiders. "It's those cats up front that make this job so easy," said Aggie cornerback Darrell Smith. The main "cat up front" Saturday was defensive end Jacob Green, who made 11 unassisted tackles and two assisted tackles, sacking Reeves six times for a total loss of 20 yards.

Offensively, the Aggies showed why they were the No. 2 rushing offense in the country with 100-yard performances from Mosley and running back Curtis Dickey. The sophomore quarterback gained 115 yards on 14 carries while Dickey picked up 161 yards on 20 tries.

Dickey's third quarter totals were better than most running backs could hope to accumulate in an entire game. At halftime the junior running back, who had rushed for a total of 433 yards in the first three games, had gained only 18 yards. But in the third period alone he ran for 128 yards.

"It's a four-quarter ball game," said Ballard. "Sometimes the yardage turns up early, sometimes it

turns up late and I've seen occasions when it doesn't turn up at all. "We dialed Curtis' number a little more frequently in the second half. We used a down line option that we hadn't used in the first half and obviously it was a very effective outside play for us. Curtis ran good in the first half; he exploded in the second half."

Ballard praised Tech coach Rex Dockery and the Red Raiders. "Texas Tech came in to play," the Aggie coach said. "Rex has done a fine job with a very inexperienced group of football players. They gave

us a good challenge and we've got a lot of challenge coming up. There is no question of our respect for the University of Houston Cougars."

SCORING SUMMARY:
Texas Tech 6 0 3 0 - 9
Texas A&M 7 10 14 7-35

TT-FG Adams 19
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A&M-Brothers 2 run (Franklin kick)
A&M-Mosley 64 run (Franklin kick)
A&M-FG Franklin 32
A&M-Brothers 1 run (Franklin kick)
A&M-Dickey 15 run (Franklin kick)
TT-FG Adams 27
A&M-Armstrong 8 run

Cowboys beat Giants in 'solid performance'

United Press International
IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys didn't exactly put it all together Sunday, but they didn't let it fall apart, either. And that had been a very real concern going into Sunday's meeting with the New York Giants.

What it turned out to be, in the words of Dallas coach Tom Landry, was "a solid performance" and that translates into a 24-3 victory which came at a critical time in the long NFL season.

Coming off Dallas' disappointing Monday night loss to Washington, Landry had said he considered the Giants game to be a key test of his team's ability to fight off adversity.

Dallas quarterback Roger Staubach did his share in fighting off any adversity by throwing three touchdown passes, running his season total to 12.

"We played a good defensive game, our second in a row," said Landry. "And Roger was spectacular. He had great pressure and I don't think he had ever been hit as hard as he was hit today. The Giants surprised us with a three-man line but we adjusted well."

Staubach, who has had one of the poorest starts of his professional career this season, completed 17 of 32 passes for 246 yards and his dozen touchdown throws kept him in front of the NFC in that department.

The Cowboys' defense, meanwhile, knocked starting New York quarterback Joe Pisarcik dizzy in the first half, and his replacement, Jerry Golsteyn, could not move the Giants. Dallas has now played 11 straight quarters without giving up a touchdown.

Two of Staubach's touchdown

passes went to Tony Hill — one of 17 yards in the first quarter and another of 30 yards in the third period. Hill caught 7 passes overall for 112 yards.

The Cowboys' quarterback also threw a touchdown pass of 23 yards to tight end Billy Joe DuPree in the second quarter and Rafael Septien added a 22 yard field goal in the final quarter.

New York's only points came on a 37 yard field goal by Joe Danelo that briefly trimmed the Dallas lead to 7-3.

The Cowboys' win boosted the team's record to 4-2 and moved it into sole possession of second place in the NFC East, two games behind division-leading Washington. New York slumped to 3-3.

Pisarcik, a key to the early season New York success, had completed three of six passes for 76 yards before he was knocked out of the game late in the second quarter.

At first, it was announced Pisarcik would return to play the second half — but New York coach John McVay held him out for the rest of the game. Golsteyn managed only three completions in 13 attempts for 27 yards and Dallas sacked the New York quarterbacks seven times.

Dallas drove 80, 69 and 67 yards for its three touchdowns with Staubach's passing playing a key role in all of the drives.

The Cowboys scored on their second possession, with Staubach completing a 7-yarder to Drew Pearson, a 14-yarder to Tony Dorsett and passes of 8 and 9 yards to Preston Pearson before completing his first scoring pass to Hill.

A 14-yard throw from Staubach to Preston Pearson on a first and 20

situation keyed the second Dallas drive and a 9-yard throw to Drew Pearson started Dallas' third touchdown march.

The game was particularly hard hitting. In addition to Pisarcik, New York running back Willie Spencer had to leave the game with a hip pointer while Dallas running back Doug

Dennison was carried from the field on a stretcher with a sprained knee.

Cowboys linebacker Thomas Henderson was also forced from the game with a sprained ankle and Dorsett was also briefly knocked out of the game with the same injury.

Dorsett, the NFL's leading rusher with 511 yards going into the game, was limited to 71 yards.

Oakland raids Oilers

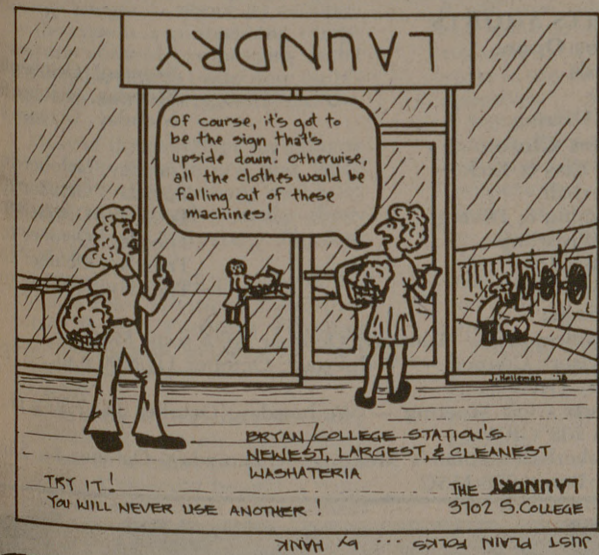
United Press International
OAKLAND — Ken Stabler passed three yards to Dave Casper for a touchdown with 47 seconds left Sunday to rally the Oakland Raiders to a 21-17 victory over the Houston Oilers.

With Houston leading 17-7 and about to score again, Oakland defensive back Charles Phillips picked off an Earl Campbell fumble and ran 80 yards for a touchdown that put the Raiders within three points. Oakland stopped three Houston

drives in the final period before Stabler went to work with 3:14 remaining. The veteran quarterback completed a pass to Dave Casper for the deciding score. The Raiders raised their record to 4-2.

The 8-point underdog Oilers outplayed the Raiders most of the game and took advantage of every Oakland mistake, including three interceptions thrown by Stabler.

The loss was the Oilers' third against three victories.



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