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Wilson 'disappointed' in offense

Ags beat TCU despite mistakes

By DAVID BOGGAN  
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The cover of the program for last Saturday's TCU-Texas A&M game depicted an Aggie football player studying a Texas A&M-Texas brochure. This, no doubt, was an attempt to symbolize the idea that the Aggies could overlook the Horned Frogs and make plans for their up-

coming game with the Longhorns. After looking at Saturday's score, it would not be hard to believe that the Aggies had indeed been looking ahead to their trip to Austin. Six turnovers and a stubborn TCU quarterback named Steve Stamp almost caught the men in maroon looking too far ahead as Texas A&M stopped a last-minute TCU drive and defeated the Horned Frogs 15-7.

"I felt like a lot of players underestimated TCU," defensive tackle Eugene Sanders said after the game. "My feeling is that the (Aggie) offense took this game too lightly. If they would have taken it in another manner, they could have

burned out the lights on the scoreboard."

Texas A&M coach Tom Wilson went a step further in speaking of the offense that amassed 484 yards total offense yet managed only one touchdown and two field goals.

"I'm mad at our offensive football team for not doing some things that they can do," Wilson said. "They have a responsibility to play and I don't think they played very well. I've always heard that you're not supposed to put the responsibility on the players but there are times when I as head coach can be very upset with them. I'm very discouraged and disappointed with our offense."

"It doesn't matter who's on the field, if you make mental mistakes, you are going to stop yourself. You never know how a team is going to perform until it lines up on the football field. Obviously, our offense hadn't prepared very well mentally. At the same time, they were able to move the football. Our mistakes just took away from our overall performance."

The type of mental mistakes that had Wilson so upset were, for instance, the five times the Aggie offense was flagged for lining up offside. The Aggie coach was not too tickled with Texas A&M's five lost fumbles nor a David Beal interception either.

"Curtis (Dickey, who lost three fumble to TCU) has got a bad, bad habit of trying to change the football from hand to hand in critical areas," Wilson said.

Despite the fact that it looks lately as though he has been attending classes at the Tony Dorsett School of Fatal Fumbles, Dickey had his best day as an Aggie against the Horned Frogs. In his best career performance, the junior running back rushed for 230 yards, including a 55-yard touchdown romp. Early in the third quarter, Dickey surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

After Leandrew Brown had intercepted a Horned Frog pass on the Aggie 1-yard line and after the final

seconds had ticked off the clock, sureing Texas A&M of the victory came the proper time to ahead to Friday's game with TCU.

"In an early forecast, I'd see going to be a defensive battle," son predicted. "The team makes the fewest mistakes and kicking game are going to be the winning factors in the game."

"They (the Aggies) were motivated due to the nature of football."

Locker room sentiment was to indicate that Wilson's statement about motivation was correct.

"We are going to be ready to Texas," said linebacker Cal Pe who indicated that lack of action might have been a problem this particular Saturday. "I'm going to give them hell because I hate them."

Quarterback Mike Mosley "We are going to work our tail week because we need it."

Looking back — and looking ahead — that seems to be the statement.

SCORING SUMMARY

TCU	0 0 7 4-7
Texas A&M	0 6 9 0-15

A&M—FG Franklin, 24
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TCU—Renfro 32 pass from Bayak
A&M—Safety, Green blocked punt
A&M—Dickey 55 run (Franklin kick)



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Ags take consolation in Alaska tournament

The Texas A&M basketball team defeated Alaska Sunday to win consolation in the Sea Wolf Classic in Anchorage, Alaska.

On the strength of 16 straight points by Rudy Woods and Vernon Smith's perfect 13-for-13 floor performance and 25 points, the Aggies won the contest 100-70.

Texas A&M fell to ninth-ranked North Carolina State 81-65 in the opening round of the tournament, but stunned the eleventh-ranked Indiana Hoosiers in the consolation semifinals, 54-49.


"Indiana did not play as well as it will later on," said Aggie coach

Shelby Metcalf. Indiana turned ball over 20 times to Texas 13. David Britton led the scoring efforts against Indiana 11 points. Ryan Wright scored 11 points against North Carolina to lead the Aggies.


"We came to the tournament learn about our ball club," said. "I'm very pleased with progress. The main thing we know what we have to do when we get home."

"This has been an excellent tournament and a great experience for our kids. It should pay dividends down the line."

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