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Wilson unhappy

Maroons win

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For what it's worth, the Maroon team defeated the Whites 18-7 Thursday night in the Texas Aggies annual spring game. A crowd of about 5,000 ventured out to Bryan's King Stadium to watch a preview of next year's Aggie team.

The contest gave Coach Tom Wilson a chance to see the fruits of his work this spring. For the past five weeks Wilson and his staff have been taking the team through a spring process. It's been a new experience for everyone as Wilson has installed new offensive formations and added to last year's I.

Eight players sat out Saturday's contest with injuries, including punter Doug Carr and cornerback Leandrew Brown. Mike Mosley, who started the game at quarterback for the Whites, spent a week before the game in the hospital with a virus infection, with temperatures as high as 103.9 degrees. Mosley was released Monday and, after sitting out the beginning of the week worked out with the team Thursday.

Playing all but three plays in the game, Mosley hit on 3-of-16 passes for 16 yards and two interceptions. The sophomore from Humble also ran the ball 13 times for 35 yards. David Beal led the Maroon team in rushing, going all the way at quarterback and connecting on 11-of-24 passes for 143 yards and one interception. David Brothers led the Maroons, and all rushers in the game, collecting 58 yards on 19 carries and scored one touchdown.

I'm not pleased at all with the

offense tonight," said Wilson, who watched the contest from the press box. "Our running back situation is critical.

"We didn't have Dickey on the field (running at the Drake Relays) and Temple Aday has been hurt all spring. Emerson Brown has an Astroturf toe and hasn't worked out in two weeks. It's pretty hard to run an offense without a tailback."

Not only is the running back situation a worry of Wilson's, but the kicking game is at an ebb as well. David Appleby, punting for the Maroons, averaged 32.8 yards on nine attempts while Doug Dotter for the Whites kicked seven times for a 38.6-yard average.

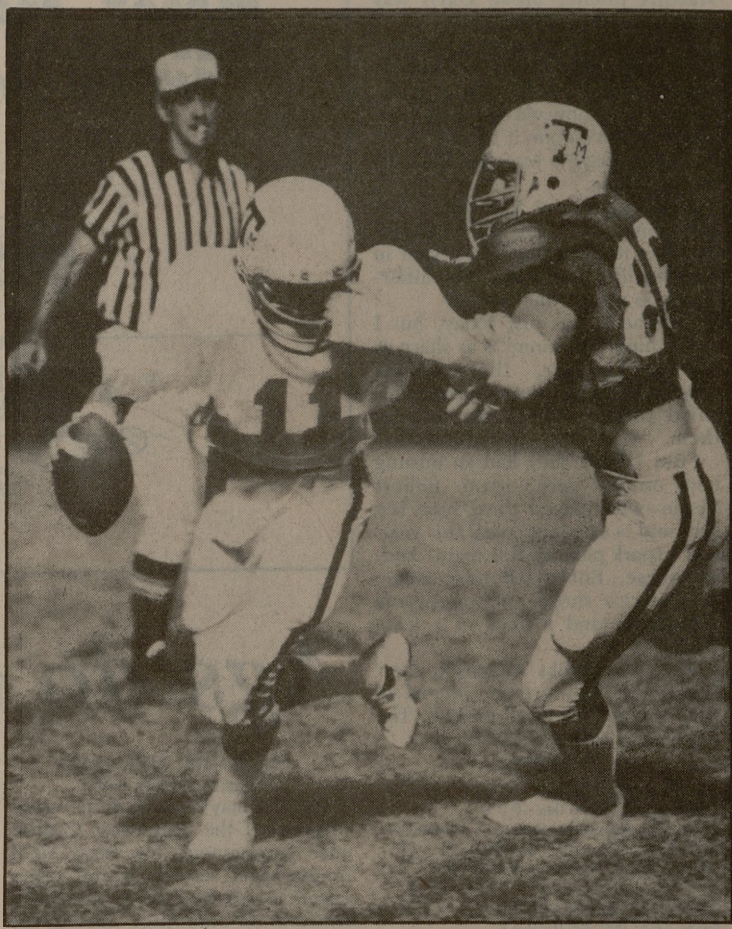
"I'm most disappointed in the kicking game," Wilson said. "We've worked all spring with both punters and on occasion, they've kicked well. But tonight, under a pressure situation, they didn't perform."

But Wilson didn't see all bad in the intrasquad game. The first-year coach was very pleased with both defenses and singled out the play of Elroy Steen and Carl Grulich as outstanding Saturday night.

"We moved Steen to free safety and Grulich to cornerback," Wilson said. "Steen had the range to play back there and corner is a good position for Carl."

"I feel good about the defense. We're not going to give up the big play this year. Teams are going to have to move the ball on us and earn everything they get."

Only time will tell what other teams will do to the Aggies. But for now, all the Aggies know is what they can do to the Aggies.



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

Quarterback Mike Mosley of the White team gets an up close and personal look at Steve Lewis's hand during the first quarter of the annual Maroon and White football game. Lewis and the Maroon team were penalized on the play but overcame such mistakes to defeat the White team, 18-7.



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PHILADELPHIA — Rookie Maurice Cheeks hit a field goal with 6 seconds to play to lead the Philadelphia 76ers back from a 13-point fourth quarter deficit Sunday and give them a 92-90 victory over the San Antonio Spurs, evening their NBA playoff series at three games apiece.

The 76ers, who nearly blew the game in the third quarter when they got 23 percent to go down by 11, led 89-88 with 1:53 to play on a jump by Julius Erving. James Silas, who led the Spurs with 27 points, hit a jumper with 20 seconds remaining to give San Antonio back the lead at 90-89.

After a time out, the Sixers fed Cheeks, who sank a running shot in the lane to give the Sixers a 91-90 lead.

Silas missed a running one-ender with three seconds remaining and Cheeks was fouled, sinking one of three free throws. Mark Olendering of the Spurs saw a desperation shot from the corner go in-out at the buzzer.

Erving and Darryl Dawkins teamed with Cheeks to spark the fourth quarter rally after the Sixers went behind by 13, 76-63, on Larry Kenon's follow-up shot with 10:55

remaining. Dawkins paced an eight-point tear as the Sixers pulled within 76-71 with 8:54 to play.

Philadelphia whittled the advantage until Cheek's jumper with 4:05 to play brought the Sixers within a point, 84-83.

Cheeks hit another jumper with 3:03 left to give the Sixers their first lead of the second half, 85-84, and the game see-sawed from that point until the closing seconds.

Caldwell Jones led the Sixers with 20 points, Dawkins added 18 and Cheeks and Erving 15 each. George Gervin, the NBA's leading scorer, sat out nearly half the game in foul trouble and finished with 21.

The Spurs led 53-48 at the half and stretched the advantage to 72-61 at the end of a sloppily played third quarter.

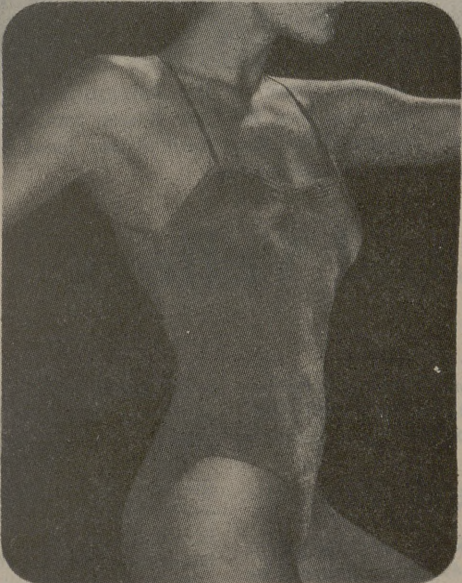
The 76ers went 6:32 without a field goal in the period but the Spurs committed eight turnovers during that time to keep Philadelphia in the game. Silas scored nine points in the quarter to keep the Spurs in front.

The Sixers, who were down three games to one in the series, go to San Antonio for a Game 7 in an attempt to become the third NBA team to win a playoff series after losing three of the first four games.



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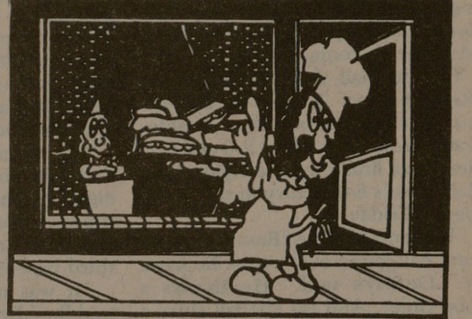
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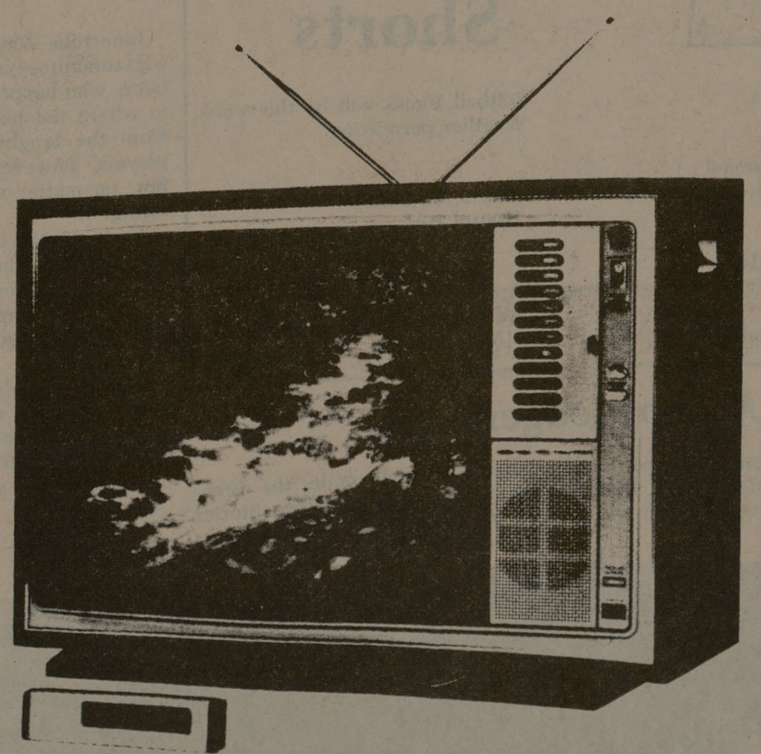
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