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Aggies mangle Mania

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The Texas Aggies turned Mustang Mania into Mustang Mush in front of 58,690 fans and a regional television audience as they defeated the hapless maniacs from SMU 47-14 in Kyle Field Saturday.

What started out to be a low-scoring, slow-moving game turned into a battle of the freshmen running backs on both teams. And it was the Aggie rookies who outshined the Ponies stable of blue chips this day.

It was a mixture of Aggie quarterback Mike Mosley's passing and running and the running of freshmen Johnny Hector and Earnest Jackson that put the Ponies under along with a tough A&M defense.

"I think our players are now realizing what they can do and they've put the first half of the season behind them," said a happy Tom Wilson. "Right now they've got a pretty good taste in their mouths."

SMU's defense, led by linebacker Eric Ferguson, looked as if it wasn't going to let the Aggies get a first down much less score 47 points as it held the Ags to seven yards total offense in the first quarter. Meanwhile, the Mustangs' offense rolled up 103 yards of offense in the first quarter.

But the 103 yards were to no avail as the Ponies turned the ball over twice, something the Aggies did only once the entire game, in the first quarter. In fact, SMU fumbled five times losing the ball four times.

The only scoring in the first period was Aggie David Hardy's 37-yard field goal. But Hardy was

only warming up.

After SMU put together a nine-play, 64-yard touchdown drive, the Aggies moved down the field and set up Hardy's attempt at a 51-yard field goal into the wind. The freshman redshirt from Huntsville put it through and the Aggies started their offensive assault.

The assault was led primarily by Mosley who seems to have a knack for playing well in front of television cameras as he was picked A&M player of the game by ABC. Mosley's premier on the tube was a successful undoing of Houston as a freshman when he earned ABC offensive player of the game honors. The junior from Humble mixed roll-out passes with straight drop-back passes to complete 10 of 15 passes for 165 yards. Mosley also rushed for 65 yards and scored two touchdowns.

"I don't think I've had a bad TV game," said a jubilant Mosley. "It was hard not to play well with the linemen giving me plenty of time to pass."

"I'm very confident in the way we've been playing. We know we can play with anybody," Mosley said.

"I think SMU had the best pursuit of any team we've played. (Byron) Hunt and (Eric) Ferguson are very quick and their defense never gave up. Not only that, they hit hard."

A man who should know just how hard the Mustangs' defensive linemen hit is Ag offensive tackle Zach Guthrie.

"I compare them with Houston," Guthrie said. "Their two tackles are as good as (Leonard) Mitchell and

(Hosea) Taylor. They play with a lot of emotion and they kept hitting hard the whole game, believe me, they never let up.

"In the first quarter, they made some substitutions that we had to adjust to on the line but once we adjusted, we got going."

Hector, the quiet but well-spoken freshman from Louisiana, gave Aggie fans a look into the future by dazzling them with his moves and scoring two touchdowns.

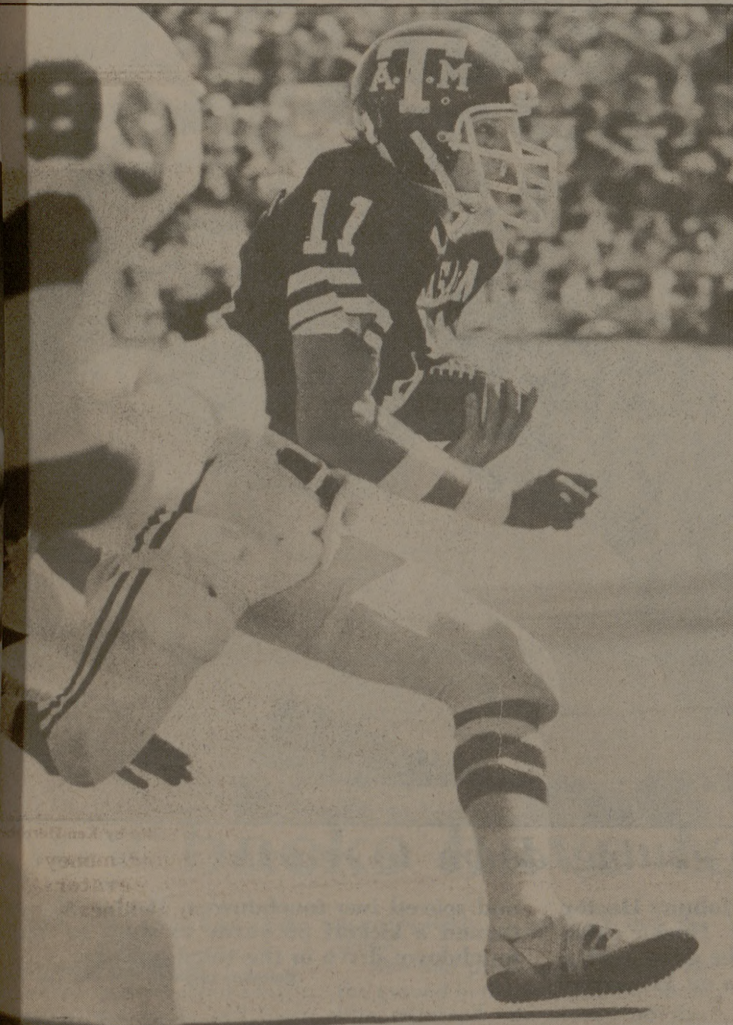
"I just go out and do what I can do," said Hector who replaced Dickey who went out with a bruised hip. "I just want to do what ever I can to help the team."

"I figured we could eventually run outside them because they kept zooming out at the first to cover us wide so we just started passing and running up the middle and everything opened up."

It was a confidence builder for the entire Aggie team which has put 88 points on the board and given up only 29.

Speaking of defense, defensive end Jacob Green is another one who seems to show off when the cameras are focused on him. Green led the Aggies with 14 tackles (eight unassisted and six assisted) and recovered two fumbles. Doug Carr also intercepted a pass and had eight tackles.

In all, the Aggies racked up 457 yards of offense, splitting almost evenly between passing and running. The Ags rushed for 255 yards and passed for 202, with 117 of those passing to Gerald Carter.



Mosley stampedes past Mustangs

Texas A&M quarterback Mike Mosley runs out of the pocket on his way to a 16-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to give the Aggies a 27-14 lead. Mosley was named ABC-TV's player of the game for A&M in leading the Ags to 47-14 win over SMU. Mosley ended the day with 65 yards rushing and completed 10 of 15 passes for 165 yards.

Ags defeat Texas, 5-4

The Texas A&M men's tennis team pulled off an impressive victory last weekend defeating the University of Texas for the first time since 1966 winning 5-4. The A&M women didn't have as much success against the Longhorns as they lost 3-2.

Aggies Trey Schutz and Max King both won their singles and doubles matches against Texas.

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