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Dancing with Dickey

Texas A&M's Curtis Dickey is mauled by teammates Gerald Carter (24), Preston Dickson (56) and Jacob Green (77) after scoring the winning touchdown against Texas in the Aggies 13-7 upset victory over the Lon-

ghorns. Dickey's 20-yard touchdown run came off a pass-option play. Dickey ended his career at A&M by finishing second only to Texas' Earl Campbell on the all-time Southwest Conference rushing list.

Texas has tough time swallowing Ag victory

By MARK W. PATTERSON
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Braniff, American and Texas International airlines hated to see the Texas Aggies defeat the Texas Longhorns Saturday. With the loss, the airlines have to change all those Austin-to-New Orleans reservations to Austin-to-El Paso reservations. The folks on Bourbon Street won't hear "The Eyes of Texas" on New Year's Day.

A lot of tears were shed in the Texas locker room after the 13-7 loss, a defeat that knocked the Longhorns out of the Sugar Bowl and a share of the Southwest Conference title. With a 9-2 record, good for third place in the SWC, the Horns earned a berth in this year's Sun Bowl against Washington Dec. 22.

There were no alibis or excuses being thrown around the Texas dressing room after the loss to the Aggies. The Longhorns knew they were beaten and the team took the defeat with class.

"We felt going into the game that our kicking game, defense and inside running game would win us the ball game," Texas coach Fred Akers said. "We started making mistakes on the kicking game and it cost us the game."

In a span of three minutes, at the end of the second quarter, the

Longhorns fumbled the ball three times deep in their own territory. The three miscues led to 10 Aggie points, enough to send the Longhorns to El Paso.

"There are just so many things you can overcome," Akers said. "We've played outstanding on the kicking game all year. I wish I knew what caused the mistakes, but I never will. I've never seen us commit so many errors so rapidly."

"But, when it rains it pours." It was unfortunate for Texas that, on the day when a victory meant conference championship rings and bragging rights for another year, the Longhorn defense decided to take the day off. The defense, which had allowed an average of 100 yards rushing, 76 yards passing and seven points a game this season, allowed the Aggies to roll up 185 yards on the ground and 95 yards in the air.

"We came into the game thinking we could shut them (the Aggies) down enough to win," all-America safety Johnny Johnson said. "They're the type of team you can't shut down completely. We stopped them at times but they made the critical yards when they needed them."

"They were just running simple, basic, fundamental plays. They just came at us and we couldn't stop them when we had to."

To a man, the Longhorns pointed to Curtis Dickey's touchdown run as the play that turned the game in favor of the Aggies. On the play, Dickey pitched from quarterback Mike Mosley, and running to the right, option to pass back to Mosley with the ball. He chose sprinting up the middle for the only Aggie touchdown game.

"We knew it was a halfback pass," all-conference tackle Bill Aker said of the play. "I saw Mosley flair to the right and hesitated before I went to the defensive secondary."

After Mosley. With half the team hesitating and the other half following Mosley, the middle was open for a heads-up play on his part of the opening and took it.

With the touchdown, Longhorns' shot at No. 11 and a possible championship.

A victory over Washington left UT fans smiling through off-season. But the Horns' Johnson may have described Texas fan's feelings best at 13-7 loss.

"It's really hard to take," he said. "It will take a long time over this one."

Texas playoff picture getting clearer

United Press International
Abilene and Pasadena will host this week's Class AAA semifinals as Texas high school football continues its drive to select 1979 state champions in all divisions.

Beaumont Hebert and Bay City will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday in

Pasadena and McKinney plays Lubbock Estacado at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Abilene to decide who will meet for the Class AAA state title one week later.

Two of the four Class AAAA quarterfinal games will be played in Texas Stadium at Irving, and a third

is set for the Astrodome in Houston. There will be two games each on Friday and Saturday.

El Paso Coronado meets Lewisville at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Eules Trinity faces Temple at 8 p.m. Friday in the two games at Texas Stadium. Baytown Lee plays

Houston Memorial at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Astrodome, and Houston Wheatley will play Alice at 2 p.m. Saturday in San Antonio's Alamo Stadium.

Classes AA and A will both move into quarterfinals this week, with Class B set for semifinals and two six-man teams going for the state title.

Class AA quarterfinals match Childress and Fabens in Odessa, Breckenridge and Van in Denton, Waller and McGregor in Austin, and Edna and Port Isabel in Corpus Christi. All four games are set for 8 p.m. Friday.

The Class A quarterfinals will also be played Friday night, with New Deal and Seagraves playing in Lubbock, China Spring and Pilot Point meeting in Waxahachie, Troup and Lovelady vying in Nacogdoches, and Hull-Daisetta and Falls City playing in Wharton.

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against Washington. He said he arranged Monday an extra film with the PAC-10 teams like Texas is 9-2 for the season, only to Southern Cal and Penn State.

Akers said he hopes quarterback Donnie Little, who has not played because of a foot injury, will be in time for the Sun Bowl.

"If he's ready to play, he'll be," Akers said. "He's been hampered by the loss of the fastest running backs, A.J. Jones and Rodney Tate, leaving the team without an outside threat."

"The backs we have are good, but the power game, and our game is limited. We have to take care of that with the quarterbacks running or throwing," Akers said. "Donnie is healthy he is an outside threat himself."

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