

## **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 Longhorns. 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 playoff picture getting clearer**

continues its drive to select 1979 title one week later. state champions in all divisions.

United Press International Abilene and Pasadena will host this week's Class AAA semifinal playoffs as Texas high school football

Beaumont Hebert and Bay City quarterfinal games will be played in

is set for the Astrodome in Houston.

Lewisville at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Two of the four Class AAAA Euless Trinity faces Temple at 8 p.m. Friday in the two games at will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday in Texas Stadium at Irving, and a third 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

Class AA quarterfinals match Breckenridge and Van in Denton,

semester Wed. December 5, 7:30

# Texas has tough time swallowing Ag victor

#### By MARK W. PATTERSON **Battalion Sports Staff**

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 188 yards on the ground and 95 yards in the air.

'We came into the game thinking ve 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." over this one.

To a man, the Longhomd pointed to Curtis touchdown run as the turned the game in favo Aggies. On the play, Dicke pitch from quarterback Mik and, running to the righ option to pass back to Mose with the ball. He chose sprinting up the middle for and the only Aggie touchdo 'We knew it was a halfback

pass," all-conference tackle Bill Acker said of th saw Mosley flair to the i hesitated before I went to as

"The defensive second exas A&M after Mosley. With half the committee hesitating and the other ha the student Id change the Mosley, the middle was open a heads-up play on his part After 55 minu the opening and took it." With the touchdown ation of the week in the Longhorns' shot at No. 1 committee r of the bill and a possible championship.

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### only to beat the Aggies to assure a trip to the Sugar Bowl game and a matchup with top-rated Alabama, but the loss to A&M sent Houston to the Cotton Bowl, Arkansas to the

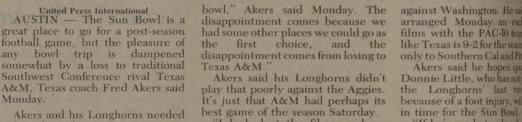
Sugar bowl against Alabama, and the Horns to the Sun Bowl against

Monday.

United Press International AUSTIN — The Sun Bowl is a disappointment comes because we great place to go for a post-season football game, but the pleasure of any bowl trip is dampened somewhat by a loss to traditional had some other places we could go as the first choice, and the disappointment comes from losing to

Akers said his Longhorns didn't play that poorly against the Aggies. It's just that A&M had perhaps its best game of the season Saturday.

"I looked at the films, and we played well," Akers said. "We had some obvious breakdowns in the kicking game that gave A&M more breaks than they deserved. But A&M played very well. It's a shame they had to pick that day to play their best football game.



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only to Southern Cal and Akers said he hope Donnie Little, who has n the Longhorns' last because of a foot injury,

in time for the Sun Bow "If he's ready to play, he' said Akers, whose team has a All peopl

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