

# Ag records fall despite 6-5 season

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Based on the win over Texas, as well as three defeats, lost by a total of five points, the Texas A&M football team may have had the best 6-5 season in the country.

However, for those who are not completely convinced by that statement, then a quick comparison of this season's statistics with the record book should provide compelling evidence.

During 1979, the Aggies shattered a total of 11 individual and Texas A&M team records.

Perhaps the most important record broken this year came in the rushing department. Having completed his career at Texas A&M, tailback Curtis Dickey set new marks with 3,703 yards gained on 697 carries, while averaging 5.3 yards per run.

The record was held by fullback George Woodard, who had rushed for 2,864 yards on 612 carries before this year. As a matter of comparison, he finished his career with 2,911 yards on 625 attempts, for an average of 4.7 yards per run.

The old records were held by Steve O'Neal, who punted 212 times for 8,854 yards. Although not a new high, Appleby's career average was 40.8 yards per kick. The all-time average is held by Phil Scoggin who kicked for 41.9 yards per punt in 1964 and 1965.

Quarterback Mike Mosley has taken over yet another career record in the passing department. After three years, he has completed 171 of 293 passes for a new percentage mark of 58.4. That is considerably higher than the old high of 52.0 percent set by Ray Graves in the early 1950's.

Mosley also owns the season mark for passing percentage. Completing 82 of 142 passes, he averaged 57.8 percent. That breaks the mark Mosley set just last year when he completed 80 of 139 passes for 57.6 percent.

Turning to team records, this year's squad set a passing record of its own. Between them, the Aggies' three quarterbacks completed 99 of 174 passes for an average of 56.9 percent. The old mark had been 55.1 percent, also set just last year when 92 of 167 passes were completed.

The Texas A&M defense this season tied a rather obscure record when it limited Brigham Young to only 23 rushing attempts. In that game, the Cougars only gained 52 total yards. The record for attempts was originally set in 1955, when the Aggies limited Baylor to 23 attempts.

One mark the team tied this year that it would probably just as soon forget involves total penalties accumulated in a single season. This year, just as they did in 1955, the Aggies racked up 75 penalties. In all, Texas A&M lost 605 yards because of the yellow flag.

Last but not least, of course, the team set new attendance records for a single game as well as a season. Actually, the credit for shattering the marks should go to loyal fans who streamed into Kyle Field at an average of 62,475-per-game.

There's no telling how high the average would have been if Kyle Field had been finished on time. However, enough work was done in time by the Texas game to allow 69,017 people to squeeze in. Appropriately enough, the record crowd witnessed a Texas A&M win over the Longhorns.

# Comaneci is still No. 1

United Press International  
FORT WORTH — Nadia Comaneci, whose Olympic achievements made her one of the most recognized names in sport, gave the best individual performance Tuesday at the World Gymnastics Championships to begin her mission of regaining status as the No. 1 female gymnast in the world.

No longer the sprite of a girl who turned in perfect scores in Montreal and caused an explosion of gymnastic popularity, Comaneci overcame an occasional flaw in recording a score of

39.50 during the women's team compulsory phase of the week-long meet.

That was enough, however, to lift her ahead of the Soviet Union's Nelli Kim and Natalia Shaposhnikova and also helped keep the Romanian team close to the Soviets in a bid for an upset in the team competition. Tuesday's individual scores carry over throughout the all-around event, which ends Saturday night.

The USSR, having to do without defending world champion Elena Mukhina who is nursing a leg injury, had a 194.85 team total

and the Romanians posted 194.25.

East Germany, the last to move into third place with 193.85 and the Americans assisted by a successful judge's decision, were in place at 192.575.

The Soviet Union will be 2.4 point lead over the Americans into the critical exercises. Japan has not team title in the world championships since 1958.

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- United Press International  
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- Alabama (22) (11-0) 426
  - Sou. Calif. (4) (10-0-1) 393
  - Ohio State (3) (11-0) 377
  - Florida State (11-0) 326
  - Oklahoma (10-1) 308
  - Houston (10-1) 275
  - Arkansas (10-1) 238
  - Nebraska (10-1) 236
  - Brig. Young (11-0) 223
  - Pittsburgh (10-1) 192
  - Texas (9-2) 141
  - Purdue (9-2) 120
  - Washington (9-2) 97
  - Michigan (8-3) 49
  - Tulane (9-2) 25
  - South Carolina (8-3) 24
  - Clemson (8-3) 16
  - Temple (9-2) 10
  - Baylor (7-4) 8
  - Penn State (7-4) 3
- Note: By agreement with the American Football Coaches Association, teams on probation by the NCAA are ineligible for the top 20 and national championship consideration by the UPI Board of Coaches. Those teams currently on probation are Oklahoma State, Auburn and Memphis State.

## Basketball rankings

- United Press International  
NEW YORK — The United Press International Board of Coaches top 20 college basketball ratings for the week of Dec. 3, with first-place votes and records in parentheses:
- Indiana (25) (1-0) 429
  - Duke (2) (3-0) 379
  - Ohio State (2) (1-0) 350
  - Notre Dame (1-0) 289
  - Louisiana State (1-0) 268
  - Kentucky (3-1) 263
  - North Carolina (1-1) 197
  - UCLA (2-0) 192
  - Purdue (1-0) 146
  - DePaul (0-0) 144
  - St. John's (2-0) 138
  - Syracuse (1-0) 128
  - Virginia (2-0) 108
  - Oregon State (2-0) 70
  - Louisville (1-0) 56
  - (tie) Marquette (1-0) 38
  - (tie) Georgetown (1-0) 38
  - (tie) Brig. Young (1-1) 23
  - (tie) Kansas (1-0) 23
  - Arkansas (1-0) 19
- Note: By agreement with the American Basketball Coaches Association, teams on probation by the NCAA are ineligible for top 20 and national championship consideration by the UPI Board of Coaches. Those teams currently on probation for 1979-80 are: Alaska-Anchorage, Auburn, Cincinnati, East Carolina, Memphis State, San Francisco.

