

Nittany Lions claim revenge, 25-9



Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

Aggie quarterback David Beal sets up to pass behind the blocking of running back Thomas Sanders during the fourth quarter of Saturday's 25-9 loss to Penn State. Beal came in to lead Texas A&M to their first touchdown in over eight quarters.

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Joe Paterno and his Nittany Lions roared into College Station Saturday night seeking revenge for an embarrassment, and instead they found an embarrassment waiting for them.

Despite a valiant second half effort from a surprisingly sturdy Texas A&M defense, Penn State had no trouble controlling an equally embarrassing offensive line in strutting to an easy 25-9 win.

"We just got whipped up front," mused Aggie Head Coach Tom Wilson after the game in a somber appearance before the press. "I've never seen a team consistently break down in the passing game like ours."

Indeed, in the first half, a ground game-oriented Texas A&M offense could only manage eight yards passing on one Mike Mosley completion while racking up 115 yards on the ground. Most of the rushing yardage came on a 58-yard scamper by Mosley early in the game.

The Aggies were rehandled on every front by the revenge-minded Nittany Lions, who remembered last year's 27-14 upset at State College, Pa., at the hands of Texas A&M.

But, believe it or not, there were several good showings among the Ag ranks.

A spirited David Beal, relegated to second string quarterback before the season, came in the fourth quarter and led the Aggies on a 76-yard scoring drive that culminated in an excellent touchdown reception by Mike Whitwell, finally putting A&M in the end zone after being kept out for eight quarters.

Beal played the entire fourth quarter, and ended up passing 50 percent (6-for-12) for 78 yards.

Another fine playing performance was turned in by Johnny Hector, who weaved for 75 yards on his own behind some very poor blocking.

The Aggies entered the game in front of 66,234 upset-minded fans and proceeded to once again commit a variety of unforced errors to hand points to the Nittany Lions.

In the first quarter, Penn State quarterback Jeff Hostetler rifled a pass directly to a surprised Elroy Steen, who returned the ball into Lions' territory. However, it was not to be, as defensive back Danny Davis was flagged for interference, giving Penn State the ball back with excellent field position.

Eight plays later fullback Booker Moore slammed over from two yards out to give the Lions a 7-0 lead.

A charged A&M offense, however, put some points on the board later in the first period as Mosley shook one tackler and a stumble to score 58 yards from his own 29 to the

Nittany Lions' 13. There, however, the drive failed and placekicker David Hardy kicked a field goal to make it 7-3.

In the second quarter, Penn State responded with a field goal, and then the roof fell in for the Aggies.

On a fourth down punting situation, Lions' linebacker Walker Lee Ashley crashed through a failing Aggie line to block Kyle Staurd's punt and knock it 35 yards back into the Ag end zone for a safety.

Penn State then took the kickoff and marched right back down to score again, to make it 18-3. After a stalled A&M drive, Penn State took a partially blocked Staurd punt and scored in five plays to make it 25-3.

"Our kicking game undoubtedly gave them field position," said an obviously disgusted Wilson.

However, once again, a miserable blocking effort by the offensive line left both Mosley and Beal scrambling for cover, much like they had to during Georgia's 42-0 win Sept. 13.

Wilson, who strangely enough only allowed Mosley to pass once in the third quarter despite being 22 points behind, sent in Beal to the delight of the unusually dormant Aggie fans, and the senior quarterback led the maroon and white to a much-needed TD.

"You can't call pass because you know they're (offensive line) not going to block," defended Wilson. "I'm proud of the way David Beal came in and handled himself without blocking."

"In the second half I thought our players had a lot of poise, but poise won't help you a whole lot without blocking."

The failure of Mosley to generate offense will undoubtedly bring cries for Beal at the helm in the next two weeks before the Ags take on Texas Tech Oct. 4, and the gripes are not lost on Wilson.

"We'll decide that (a starting quarterback) under much deliberation," he said. "But you can't blame this on Mike Mosley. Johnny Unitas in his prime or Bert Jones could not have thrown the ball with blocking like that."

Mosley was a little more down on himself.

"Penn State was ready to play," he said. "They jumped on us early. Offensively we just couldn't get anything together. I can't blame it on our line or on any one person... it's all my fault. I thought we were ready."

But Mosley, who was 2-for-6, was optimistic about facing Texas Tech. "We've got to regroup and just suck it up," he said. "We've got to swallow our pride and buckle down and work."

Cowboys bounce back, 28-17

United Press International
IRVING — For a team that seemed so downtrodden only one week earlier, the Dallas Cowboys Sunday looked like — well, they looked like the Dallas Cowboys again.

They overcame the heat, they fought back from a point deficit, they made a defensive adjustment at half which slowed down the opposition and they finally put together an impressive second half to defeat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 28-17.

And at the helm of all of this was Danny White, starting his third game as the Cowboys No. 1 quarterback.

"Danny White is the best quarterback we have and there is no way you can compare him with Roger Staubach at this point," said Cowboys' tight end Jay

Saldi. "All I know is that White is a born leader and win or lose we believe in him."

White completed 24 of 33 passes for 244 yards against the tough Tampa Bay defense and for the first time in his career threw three touchdown passes. He led a ball-control offense in the second half that hogged the ball for 21 minutes and obviously did a lot for his own confidence.

It was just the kind of performance White needed after the Cowboys were run off the field a week ago by the Denver Broncos.

"We have gone from the penthouse to the outhouse to the penthouse again," said White. "But that's the way this team is. We are going to be up and down for a while, but hopefully more up than down."



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ENTRIES OPEN: Today (Monday, Sept. 22) is the opening entry date for the Handball Singles Tournament and the Weightlifting Contest. Both events are free and may be entered by filling out the proper entry cards at the IM Office. The Corps and Dorm teams may enter Handball for points.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Tomorrow (Tuesday, Sept. 23) is the last date that entries will be accepted for the Diving Contest, Water Polo and Golf Singles. Don't miss your chance to participate in these activities, enter today at the IM Office.


COMPETITION BEGINS TODAY: Flag Football, Pickle-Ball Doubles and Tennis Singles will get under way today. If you have entered and have not yet checked to see when your first contest will take place, be sure to check today!!

WATER POLO CAPTAIN'S MEETING: All water polo team captains are reminded of the team captain's meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25 in Room 267 of C. Rollie White.


FIELD GOAL KICKING: Just a reminder that the Field Goal Contest will be held on Kyle Field tonight (Monday, Sept. 22) from 8:30 to 7:30 p.m. Walk-on entrants will be accepted.

HOME RUN HITTERS: Practice time will be available from 4 to 6 p.m. at Olsen Field on Wednesday, Sept. 24 for all persons entered in the Home Run Hitting Contest. The actual competition will take place the following day (Thursday, Sept. 25) at Olsen Field from 5:30 through 7:30 p.m. Walk-on entries will also be accepted for this event.

PLAY BEGINS TODAY



Suzanne Glameyer, senior PE major (above) displays perfect form... for pickleball! The Baptist Student Union flag football team (right) practices for the upcoming season.



Jim Meinke, sophomore economics major (right) prepares for the Class B IM Tennis Tourney.

Handball Tournament Attracts All Skill Levels

Monday, September 22 marks the first day of entries for the Texas A&M Intramural Handball Singles Tournament. This competition annually attracts handball enthusiasts ranging from highly skilled (Class A) to recreationally-oriented (Class C).

Entries will remain open through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30. The tournament competition will begin at Monday, October 6.

Last year's All-University Champions were Jeff Bronson for the men and Susan Oakleaf for the women. Susan progressed from the IM Championship to become the Women's Intercollegiate National Champion last year.

Rule Changes Highlight Football Officials Meeting

Although the 1980 TAMU Flag Football season begins officially at 5:10 this afternoon, over 125 prospective officials have been undergoing extensive training for the past two weeks.

Flag football officials receive 4 hours of classroom training that include lectures, discussions and question and answer sessions. These classroom sessions stress rule interpretations and mechanics.

Following the class work, three hours are spent on the field in mechanics clinics and practice scrimmages. As the season progresses, weekly meetings are held to improve knowledge and to create consistency throughout the officials.

Several rule changes will be implemented this year. In order to create a positive atmosphere between teams and officials, team captains and mem-

East Kyle Update

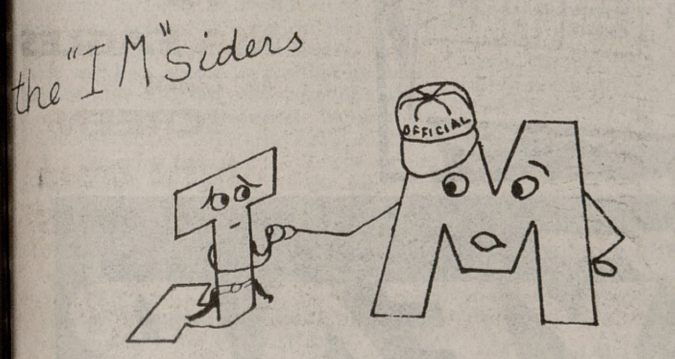
The end is in sight! Texas A&M will soon have recreational facilities paralleled by few colleges or universities in the United States. The new facilities, to be housed in East Kyle, will provide office and classroom space for the Physical Education Department and the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department in addition to the following recreation areas:

- 14 Handball/Racquetball courts
- 5 Gymnasium surfaces
- 1 Dance studio
- 2 Multi-purpose activity rooms.

Extensions to existing areas such as the Adaptive P.E. Room and the Men's and Ladies' Locker Rooms will also be opened in the expansion.

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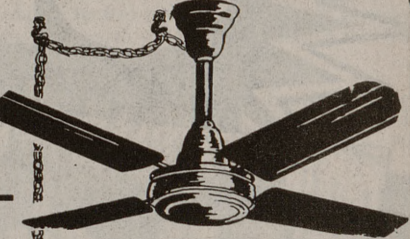
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