

Ag loss mystifies players; Bears enjoy 47-6 victory

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— (ta-ke), v. The act of doing, as in football. To seize; to hold of.

Baylor defender came grinning the field late in the third quarter. had just blocked a desperation A&M pass, and was obviously enjoying himself.

sidled up to Bears' star linebacker Mike Singletary and the two dived the play again. The defender looked out at the somber maroon white troops and laughed, shaking his head. "You can't respect a like that."

The Aggies were indeed given a in humility Saturday.

ame it on the rain, blame it on surprisingly quiet Aggie crowd, ame it on bad play selection by A&M coaches, the fact remains powerful Baylor team doused A&M's Cotton Bowl hopes a 47-6 rout that will live as one of worst performances ever by an team.

The Bears amassed 457 yards the Aggie defense, which seem to be able to stop anything the Bears ran at them. The missed numerous tackles, failed to execute against the one took the in the conference they needed execute perfectly against. The gained 151 yards through the and 306 on the ground. All this ment, who despite a monsoon-like after a storm that flooded Kyle Field in ay thinking early stages of the game. The ent ability seemed only spurred on by the n opponent,renching they received from d shot at the, racking up 241 yards in the l last s half alone.

ut our end, on the other hand, endured weekend, absolutely miserable first half, r for four only 34 yards total, 21 pas- some and 13 rushing. The Aggies Our peopled the crowd with one first od bases in the half on their second play eams were the game. When the final game d. washed in, A&M had untracked this fall, for 235 yards, 142 passing and 93 successful on the ground. They worked for 12 vers' attacks in the game. Baylor had needed

henge. Baylor's third win in a row over eir mind, A&M was surprisingly easy, as ow they Bears were picked beforehand ountains a mere touchdown. However, the Aggie forgot to tell Baylor.

he Bears kicked a field goal with perfect left in the first quarter, and uts. Milled a Kyle Stuard punt out of the aign at zone for a safety early in the nd to forge ahead 5-0, and the record was promptly collapsed.

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"We saw the true Ag fans today. The ones that stayed."

Until Gary Kubiak pushed over from three yards out with 24 seconds left, the Kyle Field record 69,735 fans saw nothing to cheer about, and the yell leaders obliged by not leading many yells.

At halftime, the Bears took a 25-0 lead to the locker rooms, and for a time in the third quarter it looked like the Aggies would hang tough.

But a young man named Walter Abercrombie took the wind out of A&M's sails quickly.

The Bears all-time leading ground gainer bounced off several hapless Aggie tacklers to race 71 yards with 12:14 left in the third quarter to put Baylor on top 32-0. Abercrombie ended the day with 143 yards on 24 carries, his third best rushing day ever.

During the third quarter, Baylor defensive end Steve Malpass sat on his water-covered bench and considered the Aggies performance.

"I'm surprised they're playing like this, we thought it would be a little tougher," he said. "Once we got ahead, it was like they gave up. A&M's always been like that. You get ahead on them and they don't come back."

Gary Kubiak, who played most of the second half after Mosley couldn't seem to ever get untracked, was confused over the Aggies' performance.

"I don't know what we've got to do," he said, staring at the floor. "Nobody can put a finger on what it is. Something good's got to happen for us. I guess when they scored, some of the players thought, 'well, here we go again.'"

"It seems like they (opposing teams) hop out there and score and then it's here we go again."

Free safety Darrell Adams agreed. "When we get behind, some of them (Aggie players) say, 'let's cover up and put our heads down' and they forget to play the rest of the 60 minutes."

In the jubilant Baylor locker room after the game, one excited Bear gave an indication of just how forgettable the Aggies' performance was.

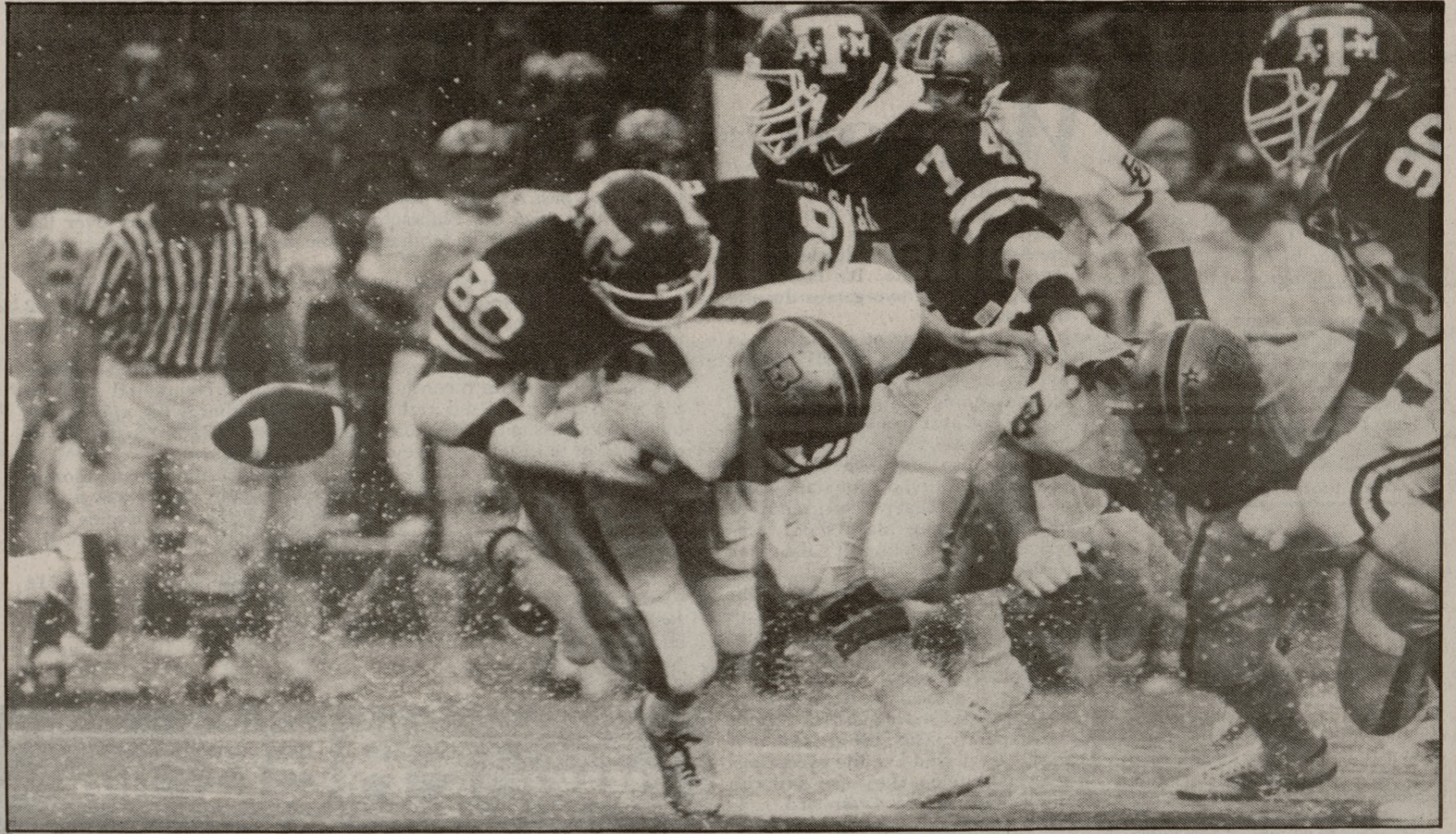
Asked what he thought of A&M, he said, "We can take them."

Then he turned and asked a fellow player, "Hey, who do we play next?"

TCU was the reply.

The player turned to the interviewer once again.

"We don't worry about A&M. We won't worry about A&M until we get there."



Texas A&M defensive lineman James Baldwin strips Baylor quarterback Jay Jeffrey of the ball in action Saturday at Kyle Field. Fellow lineman Keith Guthrie pounced on the ball for

an A&M recovery in one of the few bright spots of the day for the 2-4 Aggies as the Bears drowned the A&M Cotton Bowl hopes with a 46-7 win.

Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

gs take Texas four times

The Texas A&M men's volleyball swept the University of Texas for straight games Friday before a crowd of 500 fans.

The Aggies used a variety of line-up in the evening contest and dominated play in all four matches.

"I was disappointed in their (Longhorns) play since there was no suspense," said coach Dave Schakel. "They didn't play like they could."

happy Aggie Head Coach Tom Wilson stared blankly at a wall as the press questioned him.

"It's very obvious we got out-coached and outplayed," he said evenly. "Once again we didn't do a good job of anything. Baylor was a better football team all-around."

"You always go into a game thinking you are prepared, but it was obvious they were better prepared, and I take the blame for that."

After taking the blame, Wilson responded to a question about the alumni pressure he would probably receive this week: "People that talk don't bother me that much. I'm not going to quit though if that's what you're asking. I said when I took this job that I was going to do the very best I could and I still stand by that. I'm going to do it with my head up and if that's not good enough they can bring somebody else in."

The A&M players, however, were not quite ready to lay the blame on the coaches.

"They (coaches) can't play for us," said cornerback Burnis Simon. "We've got to get more enthusiasm. We know what we gotta do. It's not the coaches' fault. It's us."

Defensive lineman Mack Moore was more specific.

"It was a lot of missed tackles," he said in the understatement of the year. "We've got to get it together. Everybody's going to be coming down here thinking they can beat us."

The Aggies' defensive star, Jeff Farrar, who pulled down two interceptions in the game, spoke softly of A&M's failure to execute the basics once again.

"We've got to find something to pull us together," he said slowly. "We get down. Until we can find out what's wrong ..."

Farrar looked back at the recent drug investigations on the team.

"Well, that hurt the team," he said. "It pulled us together for a week, and then we fell apart."

"We've got to do some soul-searching this week."

Despite the various explanations, no excuses were offered by the Aggies for their performance.

"It was another one of those days," said quarterback Mike Mosley, who played the first two quarters. "We'll probably have another one. I don't mean this year. It's the second one we've had all year."

Mosley refused to blame it on the downpour.

"It was raining on their side of the field, too, you know," he shrugged.

Lacrosse team is 3-0

The Aggie lacrosse team raised its record to 3-0 this weekend with two victories.

The first came Saturday on the rain-soaked drill field, where Texas A&M swamped Baylor, 19-1.

On Sunday, the Aggies travelled to San Antonio to take on the San Antonio Lacrosse Club, and walked away with a 13-5 victory.

A&M next plays against SMU on Nov. 1.

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