

# Sports



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Linebacker Mike Little wraps up Rice quarterback Michael Calhoun, forcing a second quarter fumble in Saturday's game. Defensive tackle Keith Guthrie recovered the ball and

four plays later placekicker David Hardy booted a 37-yard field goal giving the Aggies a 24-0 lead. A&M won the game 51-26 and return home this week to face SMU.

## Kubiak tosses six TD's on way to 51-26 win

By RITCHIE PRIDDY  
Sports Editor

The game had everything from great offense and good defense to amazing catches and dropped passes. But that wasn't all. It also included 10 touchdown passes and over 860 yards in total offense.

The Texas Aggies upped their record to 5-2, 3-1 in conference play, with a 51-26 victory over Rice Saturday, thanks to a record-setting performance from junior quarterback Gary Kubiak.

The Aggies are now tied with SMU for the SWC lead, each with a 3-1 record. Arkansas was beaten by Houston 20-17 to knock the Razorbacks out of a first-place tie, while Texas beat the Mustangs 9-7 Saturday. The Aggies meet SMU this Saturday in Kyle Field to decide the SWC lead.

Kubiak threw for six touchdowns, breaking the SWC record of five by ICU quarterback Steve Stamp earlier this year, and ran for another on his way to the record book. But that wasn't all the offense the Aggies mustered.

Texas A&M passed for 263 yards, but also had 223 yards rushing, and Rice head coach Ray Alborn praised the Aggie running backs for their performance.

"They (Johnny Hector and Earnest Jackson) are the best group of running backs we've faced this year," he said.

Although the two were held to just 65 and 45 yards, their bruising runs and broken tackles kept the Rice defense looking for the run.

Kubiak, using a variety of receivers, had TD passes of 27, 17, 4, 6, 33 and 3 yards. Split end Mike Whitwell had two TD catches, as did tight end Mark Lewis. Flankers Don Jones and Jimmie Williams each had one.

"Kubiak has been known as a thrower," Alborn said of the Houston St. Pius product. "That first half killed us."

Kubiak threw four TD passes en route to a 31-7 halftime lead. The Aggies had the ball 19 minutes in the first half but accounted for 122 yards rushing and 142 passing while rolling up 14 first downs. Rice could manage only 41 yards rushing and 55 passing, along with four first downs.

The Ags continued their offensive showing in the second half but Rice came back to keep it from being a runaway.

The Owls didn't make their initial first down until 5:40 left in the first half with the Aggies up by 31. That first down came as a result of a Texas A&M facemasking penalty.

Rice quarterback Michael Calhoun, suffering from an injured ankle, got the Owls on the board with 2:01 remaining in the first half by eluding a fierce Aggie rush and hitting tailback Kevin Trigg with a 22-yard scoring pass.

Calhoun went out of the game several times because of his injury but still managed to throw four touchdown passes, the third week in a row the junior quarterback has done so.

The game was very physical, as more than a few Rice players went to the sideline with injuries. The

## Ags win big in own tourney

By RICK STOLLE

Battalion Staff  
The past two weekends the Texas A&M women's tennis team has dominated the tournaments it has played in.

This weekend, the men's team followed suit by having three of the four semifinalists and all four semifinal doubles teams in the second Texas A&M Three-Way meet.

In the finals of both singles and doubles, Aggies went at each other. The closest competition from Louisiana Tech and Southwest Texas State got to the finals was third seed Chuck Nunn of Southwest who got to the semifinals before losing to Brian Joelson 6-4, 0-6, 6-1.

"All our freshmen played outstanding tennis," said Aggie coach

David Kent. "They looked more like juniors out there than freshmen."

Two freshmen joined Joelson, a junior, in the singles semifinals. Mike Pazourek and Kimmo Alkio were highly praised by Kent.

"Those two freshmen had to be the surprise of the tournament," he said. "They showed poise, character and good leadership qualities."

The third freshman, Greg Hill, was part of the title-winning doubles team.

Hill teamed with junior Ron Kowal to defeat Van Barry and Alkio in doubles. The Hill-Kowal team came back from three games and two service breaks behind to win the first set 7-6. The second set was as even as the first as the two won 7-5.

"It was a great comeback," the coach said. "It was a good match, great tennis and just what Greg and Ron needed for their confidence. They played outstanding doubles together."

Pazourek and Alkio had to play one another in the singles semifinals. Pazourek won the match 6-4, 6-4 in what Kent called one of the best matches of the tournament.

"Both are very talented young men," he said. "They play dynamic tennis and are two of our top three players right now."

In fact, Pazourek won the tour-

namment over teammate and seed, Brian Joelson 6-1, 6-3. In May, the two have played times, Kent said, and Pazourek has won three matches.

Joelson and Pazourek teamed in doubles but were beaten in the semifinals by Alkio 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

The next action for the Ags is Nov. 6-8 in the third Texas A&M Three-Way against Southwest Louisiana University and Rice.

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