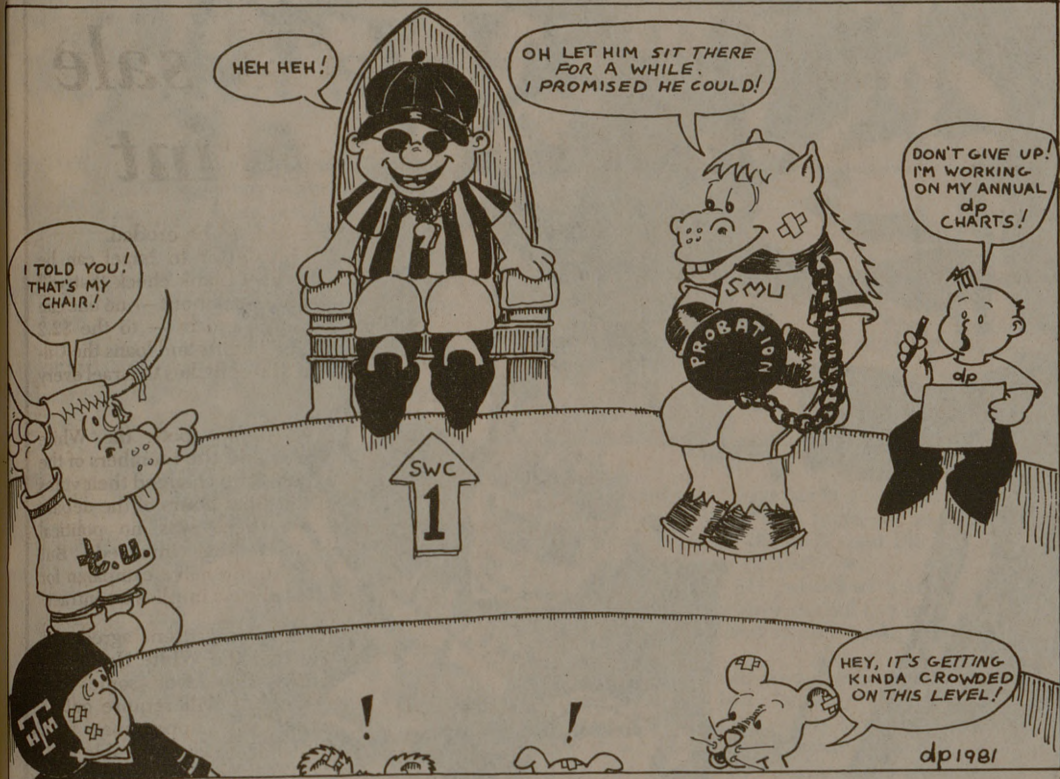


Sports



Ponies play 'perfect' game in 27-7 victory

By RITCHIE PRIDDY
Sports Editor

The SMU Mustangs handed the Texas Aggies their first "thorough" beating of the year 27-7 Saturday to give them sole possession of first place in the Southwest Conference race.

Quarterback Lance McIlhenny guided the Mustangs in their quest, running for 38 yards and passing for another 106. While his stats weren't too impressive his leadership and ball handling played a key role in the game.

Tailbacks Eric Dickerson and Craig James provided the majority of the offensive fireworks for the Ponies, running over, through and between Aggie defensive players. The two combined for 207 yards with Dickerson responsible for 123 yards and three touchdowns.

"They've got a good offensive line but Dickerson and James do a lot of things on their own," head Aggie coach Tom Wilson said. "But, of course, McIlhenny and the way he runs the option keeps your defense spread out."

The highly publicized backfield combination of Dickerson and James never took place. Pregame rumors had James running fullback and Dickerson running tailback in the same backfield.

"We just got our tails beat. That's all I can say about it," Wilson said. "SMU has a very, very fine football team. But, I couldn't say we played particularly well."

For the second straight year the Mustangs rolled up 27 points and for the second year in a row the Aggies outgained the Ponies. This time the Ags finished with 371 total yards. SMU had 362.

The Aggies had 162 yards on the ground, but those yards came hard. Tailback Johnny Hector finished the day with 42 yards on 11 carries while fullback Earnest Jackson had 58 yards on 11 attempts.

Hector scored the Ag's lone touchdown early in the fourth quarter, the first touchdown scored on SMU in eight quarters.

Quarterback Gary Kubiak, suffering one of his worst days at the helm, completed 14-of-30 passes for 257 yards including three interceptions.

Wilson said that the wet turf took its toll on the junior signal caller, forcing him to throw a heavier, rain-soaked football.

"Gary had his problems throwing the wet ball but that's not intended to be an excuse. We just got beat by a fine football team," he said.

The Mustangs played their role to perfection Saturday, mixing their offenses up and keeping the Aggie offense bottled up in their end of the field throughout the game.

"We never could get field position. We were always backed up 80 to 85 yards from the goal line," Wilson said. "Our offensive team

moved the football. That's asking a great deal for our football team to move the ball 85 yards on SMU's defense.

"When we did have the opportunity to get some field position SMU was able to make the play and get out of the hole."

Turnovers played a key role in the game. For the third week in a row the Aggies fumbled the first time they touched the ball. This time Hector took a handoff over right tackle but was promptly met by linebacker Eric Ferguson who forced a fumble. Cornerback Russell Carter pounced on the ball for the Ponies.

SMU came out passing on the Aggies, something they hadn't done in past games. McIlhenny threw for 108 yards on six of 16 passes, all of that coming in the first half.

"I don't think it was any surprise that they were passing," Wilson said. "The type of passes they were throwing were sprint-out passes which are very high percentage."

SMU took a 12-0 lead into the lockerroom at the half, thanks to two field goals from All-SWC placekicker Eddie Garcia and Dickerson's first td.

Garcia kicked field goals of 19 and 38 yards, both direct results of Aggie turnovers.

Dickerson scored with 1:25 left in the half capping a 26-yard drive following another Aggie turnover. The Ponies went for two but failed.

Total offense the first half was even for the most part. Dickerson, however, had only 24 yards on eight carries.

SMU scored in the third period on a 60-yard drive that ended with Dickerson diving for his second score.

Ball control accurately described the third quarter. SMU held the ball 10:18 while the Ags had it 4:42. The Mustangs had 102 yards in offense the third period while the Aggies had only 57, all but four coming in the last 1:42.

The Mustangs were playing without their all-SWC nose guard Michael Carter who underwent knee surgery Friday night and will be lost for the year. They were also without the services of punter Eric Kaifes but James, who had punted in high school, more than made up for his absence.

James punted nine times for a 42.1 yard average including three quick kicks on third down that caught the Aggies by surprise.

"We didn't expect that at all," free safety Billy Cannon said. "We haven't worked on that or anything. They just caught us by surprise."

Though the Aggies were down 19-7 with less than two minutes left in the game, Wilson said the Ags never gave up.

SMU put the game out of reach when Kubiak stepped out of the endzone giving the Ponies another two points. With 1:55 left Dickerson took off around left end for a 26-yard td run.

Volleyball team finishes second in SWC tournament in Austin.

By GAYE DENLEY
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The University of Texas women's volleyball team preserved its unblemished season record against the Aggies with a 3-0 blitzing of Texas A&M in the finals of this weekend's Southwest Conference Tournament in Austin.

All-SWC selections Wendy Wilson, Sue Wetzel and Jennifer Geise led the Aggies to a 3-0 record in the preliminary rounds, with wins over the University of Houston, Texas Tech University, and Rice University. Chemine Doty, who was injured during the finals

match against Texas, was named second-team All-SWC.

The 18th-rated Aggies opened tournament play with a 15-5, 15-5, 15-4 thrashing of the Cougars and followed up by beating Texas Tech in four games, 15-11, 15-3, 9-15, 15-9. Rice managed only 13 total points in three games as the Aggies rolled over the Owls 15-3, 15-5, 15-5 in the third match.

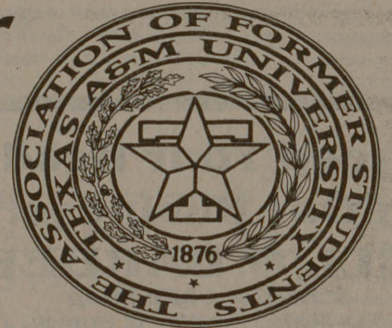
Since Baylor failed to appear at the tournament, Texas A&M's next match was in the finals against the Longhorns, the only major team in the state that the Aggies had not

beaten this season. Texas continued its streak with a 16-14, 15-9, 15-2 victory to clinch the championship.

"We played real well in the whole tournament until Chemine Doty got hurt in the second game against Texas," Coach Terry Condon said. "We never really recovered after she went out of the lineup."

The Aggies will play Texas once more on Nov. 24 in G. Rollie White Coliseum, and will spend the rest of November preparing for the NCAA national championships in Los Angeles Dec. 16-19.

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