

Sports

First victory over A&M in three years

Longhorns roll past Aggies 21-13

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The Texas Aggies and the Texas Longhorns mixed it up Thursday in their annual showdown and the end result had the Horns on top 21-13.

The game, witnessed by a Kyle Field record crowd of 71,731 fans, ended a two-year Aggie dominance over the Longhorns. In 1979 the Aggies defeated Texas 13-7. Last year they won 24-14 in Austin.

The Aggies opened the game by holding the Horns on their first possession. Following a punt the Aggs drove 65 yards in 11 plays with relative ease for a 3-0 lead and it looked as if the Texas A&M dominance over Texas would continue.

The Aggies' first play from scrimmage gave the fans and the Longhorns an indication of things to come. Texas A&M opened up its offense early and on first down quarterback Gary Kubiak over-threw a wide-open Mike Whitwell at the Texas 30.

David Hardy's 35-yard field goal with 8:31 left in the opening period capped the drive, giving the Aggs a three point lead.

The Texas A&M defense held again and Kubiak again got things rolling. On first down he hit Whitwell over the middle for 48 yards and a first down on the Texas 15.

Whitwell's catch gave him the Texas A&M all-time lead in pass receptions. Whitwell finished the day with two catches for 98 yards.

The Texas defense stiffened and Hardy was called on to boot a 27-yard field goal, giving the Aggies a 6-0 lead with 5:06 remaining in the first quarter. Hardy's kick capped a 63-yard drive in four plays and the fans expected a runaway.

The Texas offense, however, had a few things to say about that as it marched 80 yards in 12 plays to take a 7-6 lead entering the second period.

Texas quarterback Robert Brewer carried the ball in from a yard out for the touchdown.

Just as the Aggies dominated the first quarter, the second belonged to the Longhorns. Texas scored all of its points in the second stanza via the one-yard plunge by Brewer, a 60-yard run by Texas tailback John Walker and a 38-yard pass from Brewer to wide receiver Herkie Walls.

Walker, substiting for the injured A.J. Jones, was the leading ball-carrier in the game with 178 yards on 36 carries.

Walker's run came after a missed Hardy 46-yard field goal attempt with 9:28 remaining in the half.

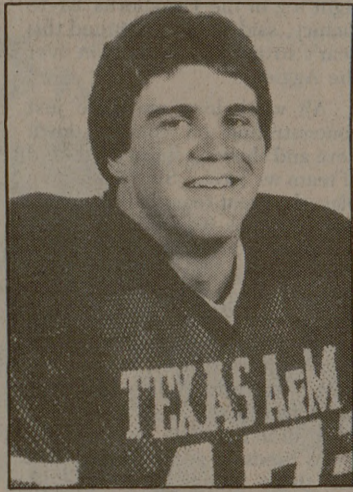
The Aggs had gotten the ball on a Walker fumble after defensive tackle Fred Caldwell hit the 6-1, 204-pound tailback, jarring the ball loose. Linebacker Will Wright caught the fumble in mid-air and returned it to the Aggie 32.

"I didn't know what was going on," Wright said. "I didn't know I could run with the ball. I guess I was just in the right place in the right time."

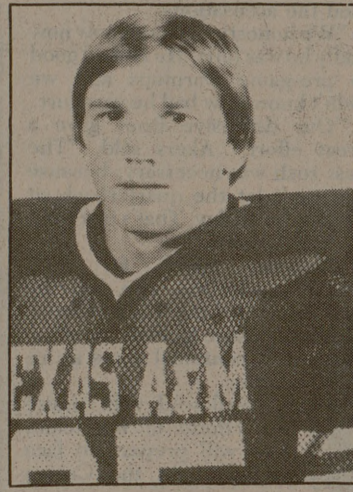
The Longhorns got the ball on their own 29 and after three tries up the middle Walker went around left end for 60 yards, giving the Horns a 14-6 lead over the Aggies with 7:44 left in the half.

Five plays later Texas scored again. This time Brewer hit Walls with a scoring strike just over the outstretched hands of cornerback Darrell Adams. The scoreboard read 21-6 with 6:09 left.

However, first-half action wasn't over yet. Kubiak, nursing a sore right shoulder, was hit several times by the Texas pass rush. Twice, the defense was called for roughing the passer, which led



John Elkins



Mike Whitwell



Mike Little

many to believe that Texas was gunning for Kubiak's shoulder.

With 4:03 remaining defensive end Kiki DeAyala hit Kubiak, reinjuring his shoulder and sending him to an early shower.

"I don't feel that way," Kubiak said when asked if he thought Texas was going for the bruised shoulder. "When Texas and A&M get together it's a tough game and everyone's going to take some big licks. That's just part of the game."

The half ended with the Longhorns leading 21-6, but the Aggies weren't content to leave it that way.

Sophomore quarterback John Elkins replaced Kubiak and led the Aggies 80 yards in eight plays for their only touchdown of the day to open the second half and end the day's scoring.

Elkins connected with Whit-

well for 50 yards to the Texas five. Two plays later Elkins hit flanker Don Jones for the touchdown to pull the Aggies to within eight points of Longhorns.

"That makes me feel real good," Elkins said of his first touchdown pass. "It was only my second completion, too. I'm pleased with that, but I missed a couple of passes that I should have hit."

Elkins finished the day with five completions for 90 yards and a touchdown pass. He also rushed seven times for 22 yards.

The Texas defense, coupled with the punting of John Goodson, continually kept the Aggies in poor field position.

"They kept punting us in a hole down there," Elkins said. "It's kind of hard to go 80 yards against the number one defense in the conference. That's no excuse,

though, because we could have done it."

"We came back and scored the second half and I thought we were going to come right back and do it, but, we couldn't get it all together."

Linebacker Mike Little said the Longhorns' scoring drives gave them the momentum which the Aggies held in the first quarter.

"Those big plays cost us," linebacker Mike Little said. "We were in there all the time. We had a few big plays, too. Ours, obviously."

weren't quite as big as theirs. If we had played a little longer it would've turned around the other way."

The Texas defense held the Aggies to 240 yards total offense, 160 yards shy of their 400-yard per game average.

Tailback Johnny Hector paced the Aggies on the ground with 49 yards on 11 carries. The Aggs could manage only 94 yards on the ground.

Texas, meanwhile, had 342 yards in total offense.

The game marked the last appearance in Kyle Field for 10 Aggie seniors. Kent Adams, Temple Aday, Keith Baldwin, David Bandy, Dan Davis, John Dawson, Larry Edmondson, Mike Little, Ricky Lopez and Mike Whitwell completed their home careers.

The Aggies, 6-5, face the Oklahoma State Cowboys Dec. 12 in the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., while Texas, 9-1-1, travels to Dallas to meet Alabama in the Cotton Bowl.



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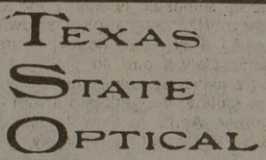


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