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# BC proves its worth at expense of Aggies

## Flutie's confidence an obvious factor

by John Wagner

**Battalion Staff**  
Doug Flutie stood backed up against a wall in the corner of the Boston College locker room, almost buried by reporters and well-wishers. The sophomore quarterback grinned somewhat nervously.

The question just asked him was one which sports writers love to ask, and athletes hate to answer. After all, when you've just beaten your opponents 38-16 on their home field, you hate to rub Astroturf in their wounds. Still, the question had been asked, and the circle of reporters clinging to Flutie wanted an answer.

Was this the "softest" secondary he had ever played against? "Well, yeah," Flutie stammered, "I guess so."

He guessed so. The 5-10, 175-pounder from Natick, Mass., had just completed 18 of 26 passes for 356 yards and three touchdowns against a team whose secondary includes an all-SWC hopeful and spring workout's most improved defensive player.

And Flutie's on-the-money passing was the reason Boston College was able to dominate the Aggies Saturday night, a defeat that spoiled Jackie Sherrill's debut as Head Aggie.

A shocker? Oddsmakers had the Aggies 14½-point favorites. An upset? That depends on which side you talk to.

Eagle head coach Jack Bicknell said: "I guess I didn't realize we were 14½-point underdogs. I would've said it was an even game coming in. We beat them last year (13-12 in Chestnut Hill, Mass.), and we're the same team and they're the same team."

Eagle defensive right tackle

Junior Poles said: "We knew they were tough, that they like to hit you. But I felt we were physically stronger up front than they were."

And finally, Flutie said: "When we were coming down here everyone was saying they had better athletes. But our team is tough. We knew we could play with them. This team is strong, probably the strongest team Boston College has had in five years. We thought we were just as strong as A&M."

Flutie threw touchdown passes of 44, 16 and 32 yards. He also tossed a 55-yard pass to flanker Brian Brennan in the first quarter which set up an eight-yard scoring run by — that's right — Doug Flutie.

That late first-quarter drive — 80 yards, six plays, two minutes and 53 seconds — epitomized the Aggies' ineffectiveness on defense. Flutie's pass to a wide-open Brennan would have been a sure TD if not for Billy Cannon's speed.

But Cannon chased down Brennan on the 11-yard line, only to have Flutie run for the touchdown two plays later. Flutie faked a handoff right and bootlegged left to run untouched into the end zone.

That gave the Eagles a 14-3 lead, and their ability to move the ball, especially to throw the ball, made an Aggie comeback impossible. Boston College scored on drives of 51, 80, 80, 80 and 18 yards, doing so with ease.

Flutie said the Aggie secondary was giving him room to work, so he took it.

"We knew they had a soft secondary," he said. "I thought their cornerbacks would come up and play the run, and they did. Our receivers were able to



Aggie fullback Earnest Jackson jumps over his offensive wall to a first down during the opening half of Saturday's 38-16 Boston College upset over Texas

A&M. Jackson, a senior, injured his right knee later in the half, but should return for the Aggies' game with the University of Texas-Arlington Sept. 18.

run right past them. They play in a running conference, so they play the run more.

"We ran a five-yard out pattern, right after I had thrown that interception (early in the third quarter) and the receiver was able to turn upfield and gain five more, because they were laying back so much. They would need very good linebackers to cover all the room they leaving underneath."

"If they had gotten up on us early, I think the crowd would have really gotten to us. As it was, we scored those two quick touchdowns, and they quieted down. They started out really loud, but you know, everytime we scored you could just see it drag the crowd down a little more."

Later, after the mayhem in the locker room had quieted and he was no longer pinned up

against the wall by reporters, Flutie was asked if this upset was the biggest game of his career — a career that didn't start until the fourth quarter of last year's fourth game.

He grinned that sheepish grin again. "Oh yeah, without a doubt," he said.

No doubt it was one the Aggies will remember for a while, too.

## Changes in store for A&M defense

by Frank L. Christlieb

**Sports Editor**  
Surprise, surprise, surprise. The Boston College Eagles, as confident and cocky as a band of armed robbers in the midst of a group of blind bank tellers, walked in and out of Kyle Field unscathed Saturday night.

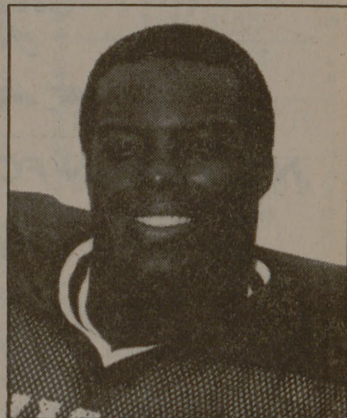
The Eagles weren't bewildered by any aspect of the Texas Aggies' game plan in the 38-16 Boston College victory. On the other hand, the Aggies were more than surprised; they were dumbfounded by the ease with which the Eagles ran roughshod over a team that entered the season opener ranked No. 20 in the country.

In addition, no one expected a team coached by Jackie Sherrill to endure as many breakdowns, both offensively and defensively, as the Aggies did Saturday.

Sherrill and his staff knew the strengths of the Boston College squad coached by Jack Bicknell, whose career record stood at 23-41-1. Yet the Aggies seemed totally unprepared for the passing onslaught of sophomore quarterback Doug Flutie, who neatly sliced and picked apart the Texas A&M defense for 356 passing yards.

Brian Brennan, Flutie's primary receiver during the Eagles' passing blitz, caught four passes for 119 yards.

Sherrill, entering his first game in a maroon suit and maroon-and-white striped tie, couldn't rely on his 53-17-1 record in six years as a head coach to bring a victory over the Eagles. But in his post-game comments, Sherrill didn't hang his head, nor did he harp on the defensive breakdowns, the lack of pass protection or the four



Aggie TE Mark Lewis

turnovers committed by his team.

"Overall, I was pleased with the effort," Sherrill said. "You can't fault (the players). We know more about our football team, those who can play. In fact, I know a little bit more about myself and my staff. So that's a positive plus."

In addition to the breakdowns suffered by the Aggie defense and offense, fullback Earnest Jackson and tight end Mark Lewis sustained knee injuries. Lewis, however, will be out for the year as a result of torn ligaments in his left knee.

Dr. Duane H. Lagan, the Aggies' team doctor, said Lewis will undergo surgery this week. The injury occurred during the final play of the third quarter, when Lewis caught a pass good for 17 yards and a Texas A&M first down. After the tackle by Eagle defensive end Doug Guyer, Lewis got off the ground favoring his left knee.

Lagan said: "His foot was on

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### IM GAMEPLAN

**FLAG FOOTBALL:** Entries are now being accepted in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office (Rm. 159, East Kyle) until 5 p.m., Tuesday, September 14. A \$20.00 entry fee per team must accompany all entries. A team captain's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16 at 5:15 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Entries will be limited so get your entry in early.

**TENNIS SINGLES:** The tennis singles competition will be starting soon, but in the meantime, the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office is accepting all entries now through Tuesday, September 14 at 5 p.m. There is no entry fee for this Intramural Competition.

**SIXTEEN INCH SOFTBALL:** Men, Women and Co-Rec teams are wanted to play in this Intramural Competition. Entries are currently being accepted through Tuesday, September 14 at 5 p.m. A team manager's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16 at 5:15 p.m. in East Kyle.

**HOME RUN HITTING:** This contest is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 30, 5 p.m. at Olsen Field. Entries are now being accepted in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office or they can be submitted at the contest site on the day of the event. Although there is no entry fee we still strongly encourage all participants to preregister. A practice session will be held Wednesday, September 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Batting Cage at Olsen Field.



Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water... Jaws I and II will be showing at Cain Pool during the Aggie All-Niter, Friday, Sept. 10 7 p.m.-5 a.m.

### Aggie All Niter

On Friday, September 10, from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office is sponsoring the 1982 Aggie All-Niter. The purpose of the Aggie All-Niter is to acquaint students, staff, and faculty with our campus recreational facilities, intramural sports, extramural Sports Clubs, special events, demonstrations, tournaments and our general recreational/leisure time programs.

We believe that our Aggie All-Niter program has something for everyone. Let's see... do you like to have pizza on Friday Nights? Then maybe our pizza eating contest is for you! Or perhaps you would rather go out dancing?

How about our Country-Western dance lessons? Have the heat and humidity taken a toll on you? Then cool off in our innertube races! Do you feel you need to get some plain, old exercise — we have just what you need — how about our midnight fun run, not to mention racquetball, basketball, handball, and volleyball tournaments. Or maybe you just want to relax and enjoy a movie? Yes — we have that too — JAWS I AND II are showing at Cain pool. The whole Aggie All-Niter program is for YOU.

### We Need Your Help

**WANTED: FLAG FOOTBALL OFFICIALS**  
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The first officials meeting will be held Monday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 164 East Kyle. Contact Tom Weis today in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, 159 East Kyle.

**WANTED: SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER**  
Must have experience taking and developing photos and have access to developing facilities. Hours will vary. Contact Marti Ruel in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office. Please be prepared with references and examples of work.

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Sport	Entries	
	Open	Close
All-Niter	8/30	9/7
Flag Football	9/6	9/14
Tennis Singles	9/6	9/14
Sixteen Inch Softball	9/6	9/14
Home Run Hitting	9/6	**
Innertube Water Basketball	9/13	9/21
Flickerball	9/13	9/21
Long Driving	9/13	**
Table Tennis Doubles	9/13	9/21
Badminton Singles	9/13	9/21
Field Goal Kicking	9/20	**
Handball Singles	9/20	9/28
Golf Singles	9/27	10/5
Pickleball (Sgls & Dbls)	9/27	10/5
Punt, Pass & Kick	9/27	**
Bowling Singles	10/4	10/12
Putt Putt Golf	10/4	**
Volleyball	10/11	10/19
Swimming	10/11	10/19
Soccer	10/11	10/19
Fun Run	10/18	**
Racquetball Doubles	10/18	10/26
Weightlifting	10/25	**
Basketball	11/29	12/7

\*\*The day of the event

### Tennis Singles swing into action with Jim Meinke.

Entries are now being accepted in the IM-REC sports office



It's time to enter your team in Flag football. The team pictures here is S.S. Moses, The 1981 Men's All-University Class A Flag Football Champions. They could be the team to beat...