

# Aggies, Sherrill not guilty in Boston College setback

The trouble began at 6:30 Saturday evening in Kyle Field. To give an idea of the facts involved, here's an excerpt from the scene:

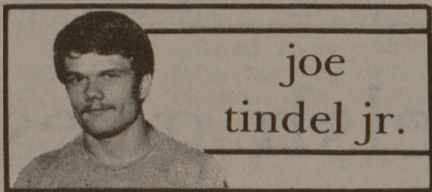
The Aggies broke the huddle. Quarterback Gary Kubiak scanned the massive Boston College defense to discover what looked like a split-six alignment. The defensive linemen were jumping around like fleas on a hot rock.

Kubiak stepped up to center Matt Darwin and shouted the signals. Meanwhile, Eagle linebacker Steve DeOssie, originally positioned five yards behind the line of scrimmage, eased toward the Aggie interior. A split second before Darwin snapped the ball, DeOssie charged at full speed toward Darwin.

At the instant Kubiak got the ball, the linebacker crossed the line of scrimmage into the Aggie backfield. Kubiak ate the ball.

But it had happened before. Eagle safety David Pereira had looped the Aggie line, again at the instant of the snap, just a few plays back, making a shambles of the play.

Boston College's ability to consistently



Joe Tindel Jr.

anticipate the snap count was just one of several pieces of evidence that may lead to a shocking conclusion. But let's look at the rest of the evidence first.

Junior Poles. We heard that name over the loudspeaker enough, but what did it mean? We matched the name with a human pickup truck wearing a number 72 on his white jersey. He was last seen slamming Texas A&M offensive linemen to the ground and abruptly halting any Aggie carrying the football.

Rumors say Poles could be an all-America suspect. More of the same type of evidence should confirm those rumors.

The third piece of evidence involves a Boston College quarterback—a slippery fellow named Doug Flutie—and his

henchmen. It seems he had frequent connections with receivers Brian Brennan, Jon Schoen and Rich Shrigley, who helped him transport 356 yards worth of football by air, despite preventative measures taken by the Aggie air patrol.

The fourth item concerns the Aggies' inability to penetrate the final 10 yards and into the Eagles' end zone more than once. But the conclusive evidence is Texas A&M's ability to move well before reaching the 10.

Furthermore, in what was considered by some to be a "bad" performance for Kubiak, he still completed more than 50 percent of his passes against the Eagles.

The preceding evidence indicates previous judgments pertaining to the ability of the Boston College Eagles were wrong, and injuries suffered mentally and physically by the Aggies will be felt by other opponents of the Eagles this year.

We therefore find the Aggies and Jackie Sherrill not guilty, meaning they are free to continue in their quest for the Southwest Conference title.

However, we find the Eagles guilty of being a much better football team than we thought, and sentence them to a few more surprise victories this fall.

# AL features tight races for pennant

United Press International

With only 26 playing dates remaining and the pennant races so tight, American League baseball in September promises to be colorful.

Milwaukee, which two weeks ago had a 6½-game lead in the East Division, had its lead cut to three games over Baltimore and 3½ over Boston Monday after dropping a 6-5 decision to the Detroit Tigers.

Baltimore defeated New York, 8-2, to run its winning streak to nine games and Boston whipped Cleveland, 10-2, to win for the eighth time in the last nine games.

In the West Division, Kansas City clings to a one-game lead over California. The Angels outslugged the Chicago White Sox, 8-6, Monday while the Royals lost to Seattle, 6-2.

"We are in this pennant race for real. Our pitching has been getting better," Orioles' catcher Rick Dempsey said.

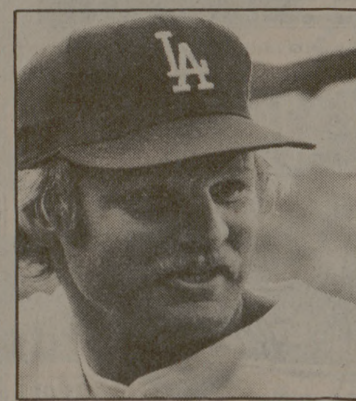
Elsewhere in the AL, Toronto downed Oakland, 3-1, and Texas swept a double-header from Minnesota, 4-3 and 11-7.

In National League games, St. Louis edged Montreal, 1-0, Los Angeles downed Cincinnati, 7-2, Pittsburgh beat New York, 6-1, Chicago nipped Philadelphia, 4-3, San Francisco beat Atlanta, 8-2, and San Diego topped Houston, 4-2.

**TIGERS 6, BREWERS 5**—At Milwaukee, Tom Brookens' 10th-inning homer that gave the Tigers their victory came off Doc Medich, 1012.

**ORIOLES 8, YANKEES 2**—At New York, Lenn Sakata drove in three runs with two singles and a sacrifice fly and Benny Ayala belted the Orioles' 11th pinch-hit home run to break the AL record of 10 set by the Yankees in 1961.

**RED SOX 10, INDIANS 3**—At Cleveland, Jim Rice drove in five runs with a homer and a double and Carl Yastrzemski



Jerry Reuss leads Dodgers past Reds on five-hitter

knocked in three more with a two-run homer and a single to highlight a 15-hit attack that powered the Red Sox to victory.

**ANGELS 8, WHITE SOX 6**—At Anaheim, Calif., Brian Downing drove in five runs with a grand slam and a sacrifice fly to lead the Angels to victory.

**MARINERS 6, ROYALS 2**—At Seattle, Floyd Bannister allowed only three hits in eight innings and Todd Cruz homered as the Mariners handed the Royals their third straight loss.

**BLUE JAYS 3, A's 1**—At Oakland, Calif., Dave Stieb did not allow a hit for 6½ innings and finished with a two-hitter to spark the Blue Jays to victory.

It was Willie Stargell night at Pittsburgh Monday but Stargell, who was given an inspirational boost by President Reagan before the game, showed everyone he hasn't yet retired.

Stargell, whose number "8" was retired in pre-game ceremonies, pinch hit for Tony Pena with two out in the eighth, singled to right and drew a lengthy standing ovation from the crowd of 38,052, as the Pirates beat the New York Mets, 6-1.

"I'm calling to join you fans in honoring Willie Stargell,"

Reagan said during the call that was amplified for the fans to hear. "I'd like to say about Willie's decency and courage, he is one of the heroes who's made baseball great. May God bless you. Now get out there and play ball. You're not retired yet."

"We love you, Willie!" the electronic scoreboard at Three Rivers Stadium announced in yard-high letters.

"I love you," Stargell responded, with tears running down his mustachioed face. "I hope you realize a dream is to be what you want to be and I've been allowed to be what I wanted to be in Pittsburgh."

Stargell was co-MVP of the National League in 1979, along with St. Louis' Keith Hernandez, and MVP of both the NL playoffs and the World Series that year.

He's tied for 14th with Stan Musial on the all-time major league home-run list, with 475.

Following the ceremonies, Pena smashed a three-run homer in the sixth inning and Lee Lacy added a two-run shot in the seventh to lead the Pirates.

**DODGERS 7, REDS 2**—At Cincinnati, Steve Garvey knocked in five runs with a homer and a double and Jerry Reuss pitched a five-hitter to lead the Dodgers.

**CUBS 4, PHILLIES 3**—At Chicago, Bill Buckner's RBI double and Ryne Sandberg's run-scoring single highlighted a three-run fifth inning to boost the Cubs.

**CARDINALS 1, EXPOS 0**—At St. Louis, pinch-hitter George Hendrick singled to center with two out in the bottom of the ninth to drive in Ken Oberkfell from second base as the Cardinals snapped a three-game losing streak.

**GIANTS 8, BRAVES 2**—At Atlanta, Jeff Leonard and Darrell Evans drove in two runs and the Giants, held hitless for six innings by Tommy Boggs, won their fourth straight.

## Reagan honors Pittsburgh great

# Pirates retire Stargell's No. 8

United Press International PITTSBURGH—"Love" was the key word Monday in emotional pre-game ceremonies at Three Rivers Stadium that celebrated the soon-to-end, 20-year career of Pittsburgh Pirates' slugger and team captain Willie "Pops" Stargell.

Stargell's uniform No. 8 was retired at the ceremonies and even President Reagan took time out from his vacation in California to join in the outpouring of affection with a telephone call amplified for the stadium audience.

"We love you, Willie!" the electronic scoreboard screamed in yard-high letters while 38,052 paid fans hollered and yelled their tribute in several lengthy standing ovations.

"I love you like a father. We all love you very much and are grateful for your shining example on and off the field," said Roberto Clemente Jr., son of the late Pirate great rightfielder Roberto Clemente, when he presented Stargell with a bronze

replica of the statue of his father that will be built at Three Rivers Stadium.

"We love you, Willie," said John O'Hara, forward with the Pittsburgh Spirit of the MISL, as he gave Stargell a No. 8 Spirit shirt.

"We wish you were in this uniform," said Penguin, Rick Kehoe, presenting Stargell with a No. 8 hockey jersey.

"Just in case you decide to come out of retirement and become a football player, here's your jersey," said running back

Franco Harris, as he handed Stargell a No. 8 Steelers' shirt.

"You will be a part of every Pirate team that ever takes this field," said Pirate reliever Kent Tekulve. He and Bill Madlock presented Stargell with two tickets to the wine country of France, a thoughtful gift from the Pirate traveling squad for Stargell, a wine connoisseur.

"There are 17 corporations based in Pittsburgh that are among the top 500 in the world," said Pirates' President Dan Galbreath. "We are giving

you some stock from each one of those corporations so you really will own and be a part of Pittsburgh."

Finally, it was Stargell's turn to speak. Holding on to a towel wrapped around his neck, the 41-year-old patriarch of the Pirates fought back and finally gave in to tears.

"Without a doubt this is my finest hour," Stargell said, reaching out to touch his wife, Dolores, and his four daughters and one son who stood by his side.

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