

# Aggies' late awakening could bring momentum

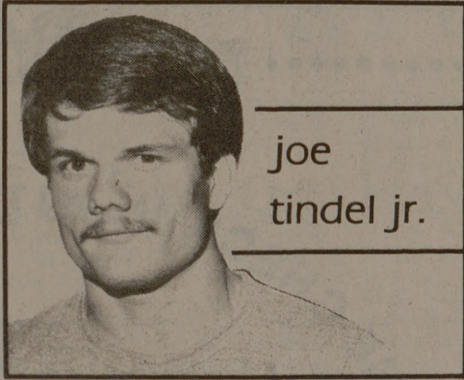
Texas A&M's victory Saturday over the Baylor Bears has repeatedly been described as charity. Baylor coach Grant Teaff seemed to think his Bears gave it away, anyway. Call it what you want: welfare, a gift or even a Grant-in-aid.

Whatever it was, the Aggies made it clear they weren't wary of Baylor Bear gifts. The Bears' sloppy performance wasn't a moment too soon, either. An abandoned football resting on the turf every now and then was great therapy for a defense that's been giving ground unselfishly. Baylor's antics just may have given the Aggies a needed shot of confidence.

Forget for a moment the 466 total yards Baylor accumulated. Forget the third verse of "Second-Half Woes" the Aggies sang in as many weeks. Forget all of the second half except the last three plays of Baylor's potentially disastrous drive.

There was no charity involved there. Two of the three plays may have signaled the awakening of the Aggie defense — which could mean a rude awakening for future opponents.

Even from the second deck of Kyle Field, fans could hear the "crunch" as safety Domingo Bryant splattered Baylor fullback Allen Rice for a five-yard loss to put the Bears in a third and 14 situation. On the next play, blitzing middle line-



Joe Tindel Jr.

backer Jerry Bullitt all but sealed Baylor's fate with a kiss — and a 15-yard loss.

On the Bears' final play of the afternoon, quarterback David Mangrum plummeted to the ground, and his only answer was a dying aerial on fourth down that gave the Aggies the ball and, in effect, the ball game.

Those few plays rendered meaningless the Baylor drives that added points on the right side of the scoreboard but only performed cosmetic surgery on the Bears' offensive statistics.

Defensive Coordinator R.C. Slocum had to be pleased with the belated awakening of his weary warriors, who

were forced to occupy the field for most of the half.

Credit also goes to the Aggie offense, which capitalized on turnovers in the first half and the beginning of the third quarter, and started an unusually sedate crowd celebrating early.

So now the Aggies have salvaged a victory and have possibly gained some momentum on defense that could help in the future.

So much for Baylor. Rice is next, and a list of guidelines compiled by observing some of the little things that have frustrated the Aggies this season could be helpful in Saturday's effort:

— On kickoffs or on-side kicks, fall on the ball when it rolls or bounces by.

— Intense defenders should avoid squeamish officials when administering powerful blows to receivers or other ball carriers.

— Aggie pass rushers should kick opposing offensive linemen who insist on hugging them around the knees (unless a squeamish official is nearby).

— Find some way to keep opposing teams occupied at halftime.

— Keep the clock running in the second half.

— Outlaw injuries.

While some of these suggestions may be a bit way-out, others are probably being dealt with this week as the Aggies prepare to host the Owls.

# Series title one game away for Milwaukee

**United Press International**  
ST. LOUIS — The Milwaukee Brewers, who seldom do anything the easy way, hope to break form tonight and capture the World Series with one game to spare.

Leading three games to two, they send veteran Don Sutton against St. Louis Cardinal rookie John Stuper in Game 6, aiming to avoid a seventh and deciding game.

"This is a little different situation for us as we've been behind the last couple of weeks," said Milwaukee right fielder Charlie Moore, a .350 hitter in the Series with three doubles. "We're putting the pressure on someone else and now it's up to them to catch us."

With Robin Yount hitting .524

and the Milwaukee defense producing enough plays to relocate on Broadway, catching the Brewers could prove difficult. Nevertheless, the Cardinals believe their home field can help generate some runs and they believe Stuper can prevent some.

"The pressure is something I'm thinking about right now, and maybe after the game I'll reflect on it," Stuper said. "If you're out there on the mound shaking, it can interfere with what you do."

The weather forecast calls for temperatures in the 50s and a 40 percent chance of showers, but it might take a snowstorm to stop Yount, a candidate for both the American League and World Series MVP Awards.

He is 11-for-21 and has be-

come the only player to achieve two four-hit games in the Series. He is within two hits of the World Series' record shared by the New York Yankees' Bobby Richardson and the Cardinals' Lou Brock. Milwaukee Manager Harvey Kuenn is running out of ways to describe him.

"As I've said before, he is the best all-around shortstop I've ever seen play," he said.

St. Louis Manager Whitey Herzog is running out of ways to pitch to him.

"We kept trying to get the ball in a spot," said Herzog. "Every time we get the ball in the spot he hits it."

Brewers' first baseman Cecil Cooper said: "He's done the job defensively all year long and he certainly has done it offensively."

# NFL players, owners hold separate meetings Monday

**United Press International**  
HUNT VALLEY, Md. — Negotiations in the 29-day National Football League strike were to resume today amid conflicting reports about why mediator Sam Kagel canceled the latest scheduled bargaining session.

Kagel rescheduled Monday night's meeting between negotiators to 9 a.m. EDT today, a union source said. The 73-year-old mediator postponed the talks to allow both sides to continue with separate meetings.

But Jack Donlan, the NFL's chief negotiator, insisted management was ready to appear at the bargaining table Monday night.

"We waited all day for the union to show up, but they had other things to do," Donlan said in a rare statement to the media since the marathon talks began a week ago.

Ed Garvey, executive director of the NFL Players Association, said the players also were prepared to convene at the bargaining table with management representatives and Kagel.

"We're ready to go if they (management) want to go," Garvey said when asked why Kagel had canceled the talks.

Garvey and Donlan talked to the press Monday night despite Kagel's imposition of a news blackout when talks began at a hotel in the Baltimore suburbs.

Both sides met without Kagel

to open discussions on the crucial economic issues. But after the hour-long meeting the two sides spent the rest of the day meeting separately with Kagel shuttling between the groups.

Both management and union sources reported little progress in the talks. A management source said the discussions "did not give us a lot to jump up and down about."

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