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Turnovers, poor execution spell doom

## Aggies stunned by Hogs' lopsided victory

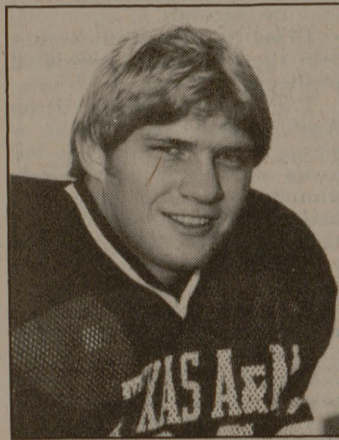
by John P. Lopez

**Battalion Staff**  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Any team that travels to the Ozarks to face the University of Arkansas knows that salvaging a victory in the Hogs' own back yard is difficult — especially when the Razorbacks own a 7-1 record, are nationally ranked and are trying to rebound from a loss.

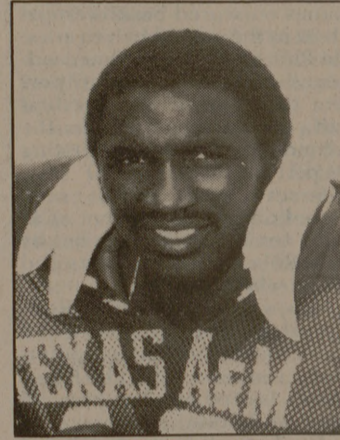
But when the Texas Aggies jogged off the field of War Memorial Stadium Saturday after losing to Arkansas 35-0, the expression on every face clearly indicated that the Aggies didn't count on being embarrassed at the hands of the Hogs.

The same conclusion could be drawn from Jackie Sherrill's expression when he faced the press immediately after the game. Watery-eyed and emotionally drained, Sherrill somberly tried to explain why his team didn't fare as well as he had hoped.

"When you go out and turn the ball over four out of your first six possessions, it will certainly get you into some problems," Sherrill said. "I think



Fred Caldwell disappointed about loss of bowl chances



Linebacker Bobby Strogon looks for solid team in '83

three of their touchdowns were scored after turnovers."

Sherrill added that early turnovers, coupled with the absence of quarterback Gary Kubiak, forced the Aggies to change to an alternate game plan.

"We wanted to get into some

third-and-one or third-and-two situations, but whenever we got something going, all of a sudden we turned the ball over," he said. "Our mistakes weren't caused by them being physical, but by poor execution on our part."

"We wanted to get into some

wanted to put all the pressure on the quarterback. We didn't want to have to throw on every down. I felt like we moved the ball all right, but we were never in the game long enough to do anything."

Sherrill's disappointment was echoed by his players. Senior offensive tackle Bryan Dausin was just as angered and confused by the lopsided score as Sherrill.

"We felt like we could move the ball on them, but all of a sudden we'd either fumble or throw the ball away," he said. "I think we're all just in shock. I didn't think this game would be so lopsided, but then again, I didn't think our season would turn out this bad, either."

Offensive guard Flint Risen said: "I thought we were well-prepared for them. It's just been the same old story for us all year long. Things just don't go our way."

Another reason the Arkansas loss was especially hard to swallow, defensive tackle Fred Caldwell said, was because it crushed

any Aggie hopes of a bowl bid.

"I thought that if we could win this game, we would have a good chance at a bowl," Caldwell said. "So I'm pretty disappointed. Any time you have that many points scored on you, it definitely doesn't make you feel good. Especially when you play defense."

Another defender feeling under the weather over the Aggies' unfulfilled bowl expectations was middle linebacker Bobby Strogon. Strogon also said he couldn't believe the whipping the Aggies took, but he added that the loss doesn't mean the Aggies will hang up their cleats and wait until next year.

"Somebody said, 'Losers look at the past and winners look at the future,' he said. "Well, I'd like to go by that and hope that one day things go our way. I'm not going to quit until the last second of my last game here. And even though I'm a senior, I'm going to pull for the Aggies next year and watch them win. They're going to be a great team."



photo by C. Michel Chang

A dejected and downcast Domingo Bryant, the Aggie free safety, reflects on what turned out to be a long, dreary evening for Texas A&M. Arkansas handed the Aggies their fifth loss of a disappointing initial season for Coach Jackie Sherrill. Texas A&M, which now has a 4-5 record, faces TCU here Saturday.

## SMU next obstacle for Razorbacks

by John P. Lopez

**Battalion Staff**  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — After the outcome of the Texas A&M-Arkansas game had already been decided, two red-clad Razorback fans, complete with painted faces, circled War Memorial Stadium with a banner that read, "Think Cotton."

The banner drew cries of "Sooooooieeee pigs" and "Love

those Cotton pickin' Hogs" from the stands, but it didn't even raise an eyebrow on the Arkansas bench.

The fact is, every player on the Razorback side of the field had been thinking Cotton all night long. And unfortunately for the Aggies, the Hogs' road to the Cotton Bowl went right through the middle of the Texas A&M defense — literally.

The Razorbacks knew they couldn't afford to lose any more than one conference game and still expect to be in Dallas on Jan. 1, so after losing to Baylor last week, the Hogs came out of their locker room Saturday snuffing and snorting. The Razorbacks wanted to do away with the Aggies and get back on the winning road to the Cotton Bowl. After defeating the Aggies

35-0, most of the talk in the Arkansas dressing room wasn't about the game the Hogs had just won, but about SMU — the other contender in the fight for Cotton. Lou Holtz, the Arkansas head coach, said the showdown between the two conference leaders should be an exciting affair.

"There are a lot of people who think we don't have a

chance against SMU," Holtz said. "I don't know. They may be right but I think our chances are better than anyone else's in the Southwest Conference right now."

"They've got a great team and perhaps the best two running backs in the country, but I think if we have a good week and

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