A&M's Fuller leads defense

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Few people would think Jeff Fuller and the weather would have anything in common. But there's little difference between the behavior of a storm and that cated. f the Aggies' weak-side line-

Off the field, Fuller seems to e as calm as the eye of a hurri- he said. cane. During a game, he pops opponents like its surrounding ids mangle trees.

The soft-spoken junior cerainly has spoken loudly on the lield. His 58 unassisted tackles

But Fuller and the Aggies still have the big one left. The line-backer hopes he can bring his nd four interceptions tell the whole story. He's the leading ackler on the team, and any ack or receiver who lies in his

oath is in for a storm. Surprisingly enough, this ear was Fuller's debut as a college linebacker. When he tarted the season, he was a safe-, but Head Coach Jackie Sher-Ill soon saw his intensity could better be used closer to the line

of scrimmage Technique was the only thing Fuller had to adjust to play his new position, he said in an inter-

view Tuesday "One thing I had to get used towas playing off larger blocks," Fuller said. "That was one of the

ardest things to do. He said his quick change of ositions initially evoked a little ibbing from some of his team-

"The guys really joked about to me because I was pretty good at safety and all of the sudden I was at linebacker," Fuller said. "It really shocked me at

Nobody's laughing now. Intangibles help strengthen to Fuller storm. He said he's e the other players on the dense in that he gets a great deal his inspirational fuel from the

"They get us more intense," said. "They're up there yell-g and at times, we can't even the snap.

"That's (crowd support) one the biggest factors as far as ream is concerned," Fuller id. "You know our crowd is ways there, and when they're e and yelling, that makes us lay harder than we usually do." But with the season almost

er, Fuller's had a chance to eflect on the 10 games that the Aggies have unexpectedly split downthe middle. He's as baffled sanyone else about the defene problems.

"It's hard to say what caused e breakdowns," he said. the breakdowns," he said. "We've been up and down all

"Alot of the guys are up every ame. Things just haven't gone

The multiple offenses the

Cowboys to tackle Cleveland

United Press International IRVING — The Dallas Cow-oys and Cleveland Browns will rovide the second half of the lational Football League's Thanksgiving Day feast Thurs-tay and those who tune in can only hope they do not have to atchaturkey as well as chew on

"It is all very unpredictable," Dallas coach Tom Landry said.
If you assume that the NFL is aying at its top caliber ... well,

"If that was the case then you ould not have to work at all. ou might see sparks of brilance. But you have to get in a oove and sustain it and you

ont 24-0 and then get beat (as an Diego did against the Los ngeles Raiders Monday night) you are properly trained for

The NFL Thanksgiving scheule, which annually features ames in the Pontiac Superome and Texas Stadium, will on this year despite the fact hat players have been back at ractice facilities for only a

The Detroit Lions host the New York Giants in the day's

Dallas has a 10-3-1 record on hanksgiving Day, and part of le reason the Cowboys agreed host a game on the holiday each year has to do with the fact hat their opponent usually gets

less work than they do.

Aggies face were often baffling to the secondary, Fuller said. Some of those multiple offenses were run by some exceptional quarterbacks, which often made Fuller's position more compli-

"You're used to playing inside and all of the sudden you (have to) go out and cover a slot man,"

"Offenses are just getting so technical ... you just can't cover everything.'

bad weather to Austin and rain on the Longhorns' effort.

There's a different kind of pressure involved in playing exas, as well as a different kind of motivating force, Fuller said. 'When you play Texas it just

brings out something in you,' he said. "It makes you do more than you can do.

The 'Horns don't have a fat playbook, Fuller said, but what

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they do run, they run well. He said he'll be on the lookout for game will be as intense as it alsome talented backs as well as receivers like Herkie Walls in the Turkey Day contest. Fuller compared the Texas offensive

attack to that of Arkansas.

"This is a big game to us," he said. "We're looking at is as a bowl, because it's a great

Even though the Aggies are

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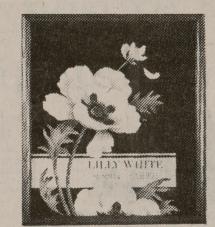


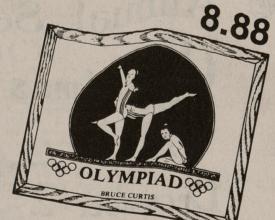


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In addition, the added time ollowing the holiday game gives allas time to recoup for the te-season schedule. Dallas has 13-1 record the week after