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Bears, Aggies settle for tie, 13-13



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The Texas A&M defense swarms on top of Baylor running back Alfred Anderson. A&M

limited the Bears' attack to 246 yards of total offense in the 13-13 tie Saturday.

Baylor freshman blocks last-minute field goal try to deny Aggies win

by John Wagner

Battalion Staff

WACO — The Texas Aggies learned Saturday they should never put off till the second half what they could do in the first.

Instead of kicking the Bears when they were down in the first half, the Aggies let 'em get up and get moving. It cost them the game. Sort of.

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With 39 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Baylor freshman Thomas Everett blocked an Alan Smith field goal attempt to preserve a 13-13 tie and turn the Battle of the Brazos into a sister-kissing match.

And if a tie is indeed like smooching on your sibling, the Aggies must be related to Bo Derek. They may not have won, but they sure looked good.

Good, but not great. And not consistent enough to keep the Bears caged for 60 minutes. After a near-flawless first half, the A&M offense simply ran out of scoring punch, enabling the Bears to mount a semi-successful come-from-behind attempt.

The Aggies jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, scoring first when Kevin Murray fired an 18-yard strike to tight end Rich Siler. The play was set up by Ray Childress' interception of a Cody Carlson screen pass.

"I just grabbed it and started running," Childress said of his interception. "I don't even know how far I went." The big defensive end lumbered 35 yards to the Baylor 32-yard line, and the Aggies

scored eight plays later.

A&M scored again with 12:16 left in the second quarter, when Smith booted a 49-yard field goal to make it 10-0. The Bears had yet to launch a serious threat, and it appeared the Aggies might run away with the game.

But a mental error by A&M quarterback Kevin Murray gave the Bears new life. After a stifling Aggie defensive effort forced Baylor to punt from its end zone with less than two minutes left in the half, the Aggies threatened to add to their lead. Murray was sacked for a loss of 12 yards on first down, but two straight quarterback draws gave A&M a fourth-and-two at the Baylor 46. Murray, thinking it was third down, intentionally threw the ball out-of-bounds to stop the clock.

A&M coach Jackie Sherrill blamed himself for the mistake. "A lot of our coaches were yelling 'fourth down', but a lot were calling 'third down.' That's my responsibility," he said.

After the change of possession, Carlson hit Brad Davis on the right sideline for a 19-yard gain. Davis stepped out-of-bounds to stop the clock, and Baylor's Ben Perry kicked a 52-yard field goal to make it 10-3.

That momentum stayed through halftime. The Bears scored again on their first drive of the second half, an 11-play, 80-yard march that ended with Allen Rice's 35-yard touchdown run. That tied the score at 10-10, and both teams traded field goals before Smith's final attempt was blocked.

The Aggies (2-3-1 on the season) moved the ball in the second half, but couldn't score. Only an outstanding performance by the defense saved the Aggies from loss No. 4. A&M limited the Bears to 246 yards of total offense; way below their season average of 350.6 yards a game.

Cowboys run away from Philadelphia, 37-7

United Press International

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys, who had found an assortment of often amusing ways to win football games this season, finally won Sunday in a manner more acceptable to Super Bowl challengers.

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Dallas spotted the Philadelphia Eagles an early touchdown and then took most of the drama out of the proceedings by all but running the opposition off the field.

The Cowboys ran up 522 total

yards against the No. 1 defensive team in the NFC, piled up a team record tying 32 first downs and wiped out Ron Jaworski's big-play hopes in trouncing the Eagles, 37-7.

The victory thus kept Dallas unbeaten in seven games, moving the Cowboys to within one win of equaling their best start ever.

"We tried to determine what we needed to do to get out of the groove we have been in," said Dallas coach Tom Landry, referring to the bizarre manner in which the Cowboys have had to stage comeback victories this year.

"We did not want to get out of our winning groove, but from a perform-

ance standpoint we wanted to do better. We have not played a game like this all year."

Jaworski stunned the Cowboys on Philadelphia's opening play of the game with an 83-yard touchdown pass to Mike Quick, but the Cowboys promptly regained the lead and for the first time this season took early control of a game.

Philadelphia, which had won its four previous road games this year, dropped to 4-3.

Ratael Septien's 31-yard field goal gave Dallas a 3-0 advantage and Ron Springs' 1-yard scoring run with 1:54 to play in the opening quarter put the Cowboys in front for good.

White threw a 14-yard scoring pass to tight end Doug Cosbie with 11:05 to go in the first half and that started a streak in which the Cowboys earned points on five consecutive possessions.

Septien kicked field goals of 46 and 34 yards in a 56-second span at the end of the first half to put Dallas in front, 23-7, at intermission, and the Cowboys then added touchdowns on a 7-yard run by Tony Dorsett and a 2-yard pass from White to running back Timmy Newsome.

Quick, leading the NFL in receiving yards, stunned Dallas by beating Dennis Thurman, hauling in Jaworski's first pass of the day at the Cowboys' 45-yard line and sprinting into the end zone.

But for the remainder of the first half Jaworski was under pressure from a variety of Dallas blitzes and could hit just one of eight throws. Dallas put the game away in the first half by outgaining the Eagles, 317 yards to 104, and keeping the ball for more than 23 minutes. Dallas wound up owning the ball for almost three quarters of the game.

Jaworski finished the day with just five completions in 14 tries for 138 yards before giving way to Joe Pisarcik in the fourth quarter.

Jaworski was intercepted twice, including a key pickoff by Everson Walls in the first half when the Eagles once again tried to go deep to Quick.

White, maligned in recent weeks for

his high interception rate, completed 24 of 37 passes.

Although Dallas managed to fall behind for the seventh consecutive game, the Cowboys did not allow the Eagles any hint of hope as the second half began.

On Dallas' first possession of the third quarter it marched 55 yards in just five plays — a 32-yard run by Tony Dorsett being the key play. Dorsett then ran over cornerback Herman Edwards for the touchdown.

The Cowboys next marched 80 yards in 13 plays against the dispirited Philadelphia defense.

World champs

Orioles shut out Phillies to claim Series title

United Press International

PHILADELPHIA — The Baltimore Orioles got two king-sized homers from Eddie Murray and a jewel-like five-hitter from Scott McGregor Sunday to claim the World Series crown by defeating the Philadelphia Phillies 5-0 in the fifth game.

Rick Dempsey also shared the hero's spotlight with a solo homer in the second inning and a double and run scored in the fifth to win the MVP Award for the Series.

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Dempsey and Murray, who had three hits, were the only Orioles to get base hits Sunday but they were enough as McGregor allowed only two runners as far as third.

It was the Orioles' third world championship and their first in 13 years.

In capturing the best-of-seven Series in five games, the

Orioles became the first team since the 1969 New York Mets to win four straight games after losing the opener. They are the first team since the 1942 Cardinals to lose the opener, then win four in a row, including the last three on the road.

Murray, who had been stymied by the Phillies' pitching over the first four games, snapped a 2-for-16 slump with a long homer into the right field stands off loser Charles Hudson to get the Orioles off to a 1-0 lead in the second inning.

The switch-hitting first baseman struck the most crushing blow in the fourth when he followed a leadoff walk to Cal Ripken with a titanic home run that hit the scoreboard in right center field. While the ball was in flight, the scoreboard was flashing the names of the American League RBI leaders for the season and, appropriately enough, the ball struck the "M" in Murray's name.

While Murray provided the punch, McGregor rendered the Phillies punchless. Just as they

did all Series, the Phils failed to solve the offspeed deliveries of the Orioles' pitchers. Only baseball's second all-time hit leader, Pete Rose, was able to zero in on the left-hander.

Rose, shifted from first base to right field in order to get Tony Perez's bat into the lineup, had two singles while Garry Maddox had a single and a double. The other hit off McGregor was a triple by Joe Morgan with one out in the eighth.

It was not the Phillies' finest hour. All year long they had been labeled as "The Wheeze Kids" because of the large number of players 40 years and older on the team and Sunday they looked and played like old, tired men.

Once, catcher Bo Diaz forgot the count on the batter and rolled the ball back to the mound thinking Ripken had struck out when in fact there were only two strikes on him. Although the Phillies were not hurt by that particular play, it was an indication of their lack of concentration.

The final bit of indignity came after Morgan tripled in the eighth. Rose followed by hitting what was sure to be a sacrifice fly

to left but the 40-year-old Morgan stumbled on his first step after tagging up and tumbled to the ground like an old man.

Morgan's failure to score was the second of only two threats the Phillies had in the game.

Their other opportunity to score came in the fifth but was squelched by a sharp defensive play by third baseman Todd Cruz.

Maddox led off with a single to short right field and Diaz walked. But Cruz bailed McGregor out of the jam by

grabbing Ivan DeJesus' sizzling grounder and turning it into a double play. Maddox reached third on the play but was left stranded when pinch-hitter Juan Samuel flied to center.

Dempsey claims Series MVP award

United Press International

PHILADELPHIA — President Reagan was calling from the White House and Edward Bennett Williams, the Baltimore Orioles owner who was gracious in defeat a year ago when his team was beaten out for the American League pennant on the final day of last season, did not want to hog any of the glory now that his Orioles were the World Champions.

"I'm sorry that you missed this game, Mr. President," the Orioles owner said into the phone. "We have to get you back

to see us play. Any time you want to come, you're welcome. But I'd like you to talk to the Most Valuable Player now."

With that, Edward Bennett Williams handed the phone over to Rick Dempsey.

The Orioles catcher who batted .385 for the Series and connected for a home run and a double in Sunday's 5-0 wrapup with the Phillies, took the phone from Williams and laughingly greeted the President by saying: "You can tell the Russians we're having an awful good time over here playing baseball."

There was a short pause, Dempsey smiled at the President's reply and newsmen who were congregated around the platform asked the Orioles catcher what Reagan had said to him.

"He said, 'Congratulations on being the MVP of the game,'" Dempsey relayed Reagan's message. "He also said, 'It's a lot more fun playing the Phillies.' I guess he meant it's more fun playing the Phillies than the Russians."

Dempsey looked a little uncomfortable being there on the platform awaiting the rest of his

teammates. He obviously wanted to share in the joyous celebration at the other end of the clubhouse. From time to time, he kept calling out to various members of the team as he looked over the heads of all the people in the clubhouse and saw his teammates celebrating.

Williams was then presented with the World Championship trophy by Bowie Kuhn.

"I'm so proud of this band of brothers, called the Baltimore Orioles," Williams said in accepting the trophy from Kuhn.

Volunteers rip Aggies in three straight games

by Bob Caster

Battalion Staff

The home-court advantage wasn't enough for the Texas A&M volleyball team Friday night as 13th-ranked Tennessee handed the Aggies a defeat in three straight games at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies, who lost 15-1, 15-13 and 15-7, were hurt by a key injury to freshman starter Chris Zogata, and never really got it together throughout the match, coach Terry Condon said.

"With the injury to Chris, we had to switch the offense around and play some people in different places," Condon said. "There was a little bit of confusion in there all night." Condon said the Aggies also suffered from a lack of communication.

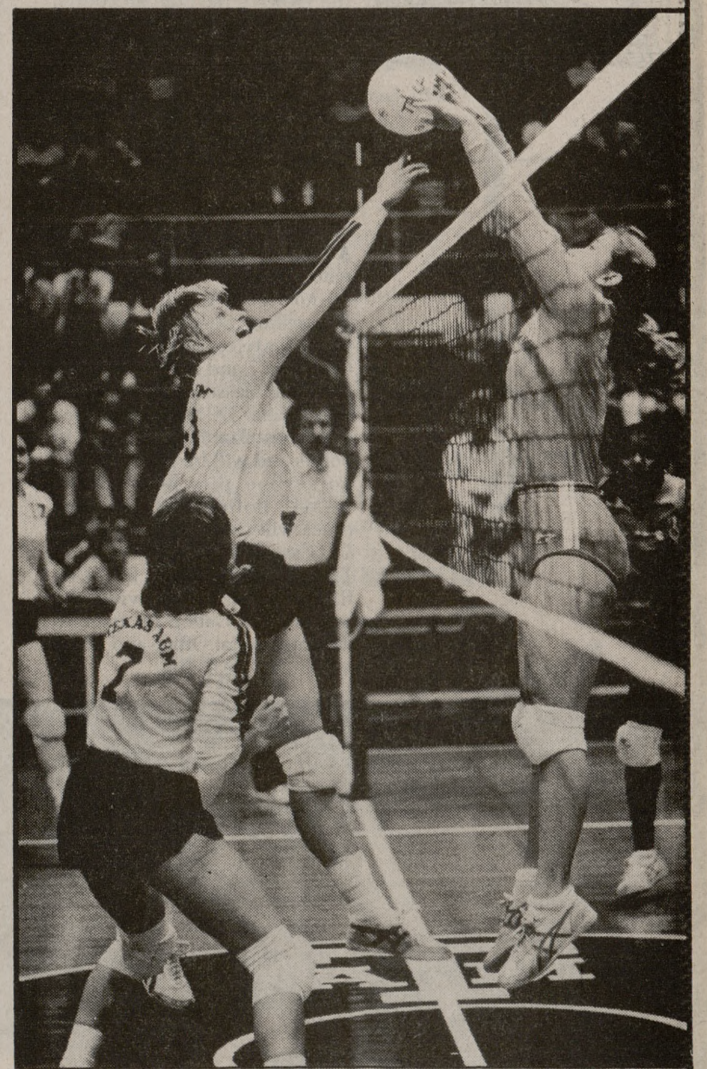
"The girls weren't really talking with each other out on the court and that hurt us some, too," she said. "We weren't really playing our style of game."

Condon said the Aggies need to get their minds off the loss and look ahead to the remainder of their Southwest Conference schedule.

"We need to forget it and not think about it any more," she said. "The girls are tired — mentally as well as physically — and they need to take a rest for the next couple of weeks."

A&M will be on the road again Wednesday to play the Rice Owls in Houston, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Aggies will host the A&M Classic Friday and Saturday in G. Rollie White. LSU, Texas Tech and Oral Roberts will round out the field.



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Middle blocker Chemine Doty (10) has the ball returned over her by a Tennessee player during the Aggies' loss Friday. The Vols defeated A&M, 15-1, 15-13, 15-7.