

Ags simply dominate Horns



Texas A&M running back Thomas Sanders looks upfield as he slips by two Texas defenders in the Aggies 37-12 upset of

the No. 13 Longhorns Saturday. Sanders, a senior, had 85 yards on 15 carries in his last game in an Aggie uniform.

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Victory. Funny, how that word rolls off the tongue. Victory.

Simple and sweet, that one word packed with emotional meaning and a special imagery. Slip Aggie victory over the University of Texas into the equation, and you have the stuff dreams are made of.

Saturday night in Austin it was the true dawn of the Aggies. "They came, they saw, they kicked ass," could be heard more than once by the jubilant Aggie fans that overran the streets of Austin.

The Aggies were rated 10 point underdogs going to the game. And they deserved it. Other than the inspired play in the TCU game, the Aggies mucked and stumbled their way through a threadbare season. They looked bad and they played bad, period. But the winds shifted direction after the Aggie win over TCU. And it all came together against Texas.

UT never knew what hit them. The Aggies dominated. That has such a nice ring to it — dominate. The Aggies had the Longhorns by the neck and for once didn't seem afraid to squeeze them a little tighter.

A&M Head Coach Jackie Sherrill had a lot to do with the win, but singled out the seniors on the squad as the important element in the win.

"A lot of people, early on in the season jumped ship," Sherrill said. "Some of the fans, some of the press and some of the former students included. But the seniors patched up the ship. They (the A&M players) played like they were possessed."

"This has been the greatest win I have been, or will ever be associated with at Texas A&M."

Names such as Polk, Childress, Teal, Darwin and Toney popped up with incredible regularity. They won their Bowl game. Senior linebacker Scott Polk had his best game of the

season and was the star of "The Play."

Texas had marched down the field and was stopped by a sledge hammer Aggie defense. Texas had to settle for a field goal. Simple.

But oh how lady luck deserts her victims.

Texas, down 20-0 late in the third quarter, had enough time to come back. But Domingo Bryant changed the equation once again. The Texas blockers failed to pick up Bryant and he literally flew into the ball. Blocked kick. Simple.

But, by a strange twist of fate as Polk was rounding the left end, the blocked ball quite simply fell into his surprised grasp. Polk, showing the grace and speed of a possessed bear, rumbled his way down to the Texas 11-yard line. Polk's exhaustion and a desperation tackle by Texas' Rob Moerschell kept Polk from spiking the ball in the endzone.

"I just couldn't believe it," Polk said. "I just could not believe it."

Simple.

A&M could do no wrong, and even when it seemed they could do no right, they did. A&M quarterback Craig Stump had the type of game the Aggies had been hoping for all season, consistent and effective. Craig completed 11 of 22 passes for 168 yards and two touchdown passes.

Stump also had the Aggie offense under his control. This was the first game where Stump seemed to feel comfortable in steering the Aggie offense the way he saw fit.

"You get to know when things are going to work," Stump said. "We were just taking things one thing at a time. It was a concentrated effort. We had them where we wanted them."

The feeling in the emotion-packed Aggie locker room swirled around the noisy room. Tight end

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