

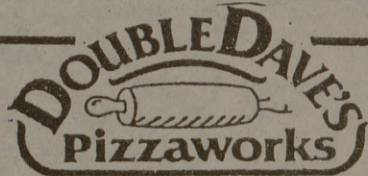
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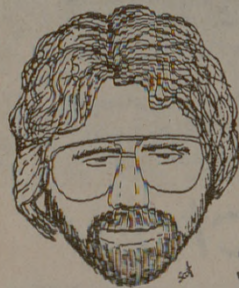
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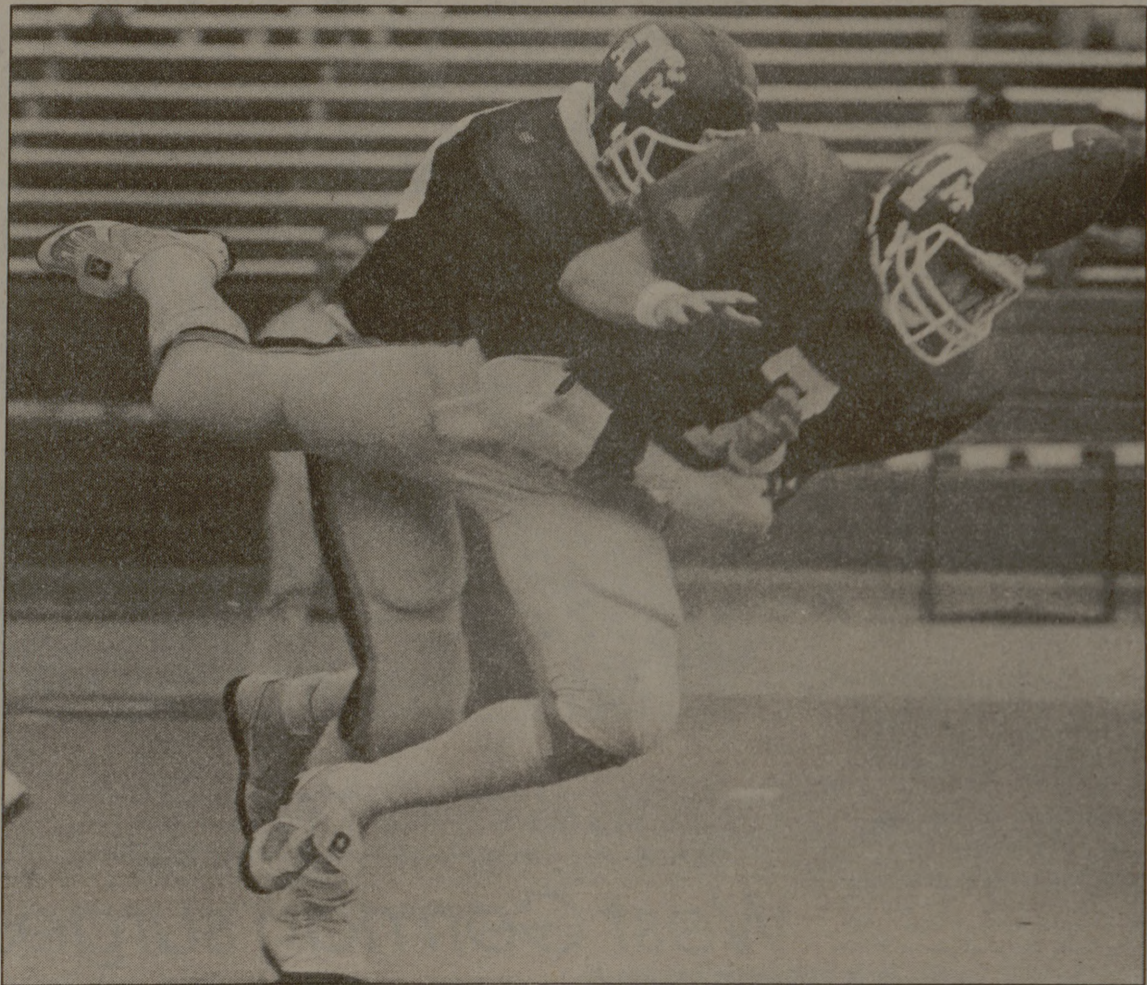
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Aggies dodge 'Bama scouts in 1985 Maroon-White clash



By PETE HERNDON
Sports Writer

The Texas A&M football team ended spring training with the Maroon-White spring scrimmage Saturday. For the record, the White team (the starters) defeated the Maroon team 21-0 in a game that saw the Aggies spend most of the day "playing possum" from Alabama football scouts and Southeast Texas rains.

In keeping with Kyle Field tradition, a downpour started at the same time the fourth quarter should have begun, but, by shortening half-time, keeping the clock running continuously, the Aggs made it to the dressing room before the rains came.

A&M's offense ran only nine different plays — five passing and four running — from the new "run-and-shoot" attack which A&M Offensive Coordinator Lynn Amelee said was featured at least 27 different formations.

The limited play selection was an attempt by the A&M coaches to keep the Crimson Tide scouts from getting information on the Aggies' "control offense," Amelee said. A&M opens the 1985 season in Alabama.

Adding to the offensive dullness, A&M Head Coach Jackie Sherrill decided not to play quarterback Kevin Murray. Murray is said to be ahead of schedule in recovery from a broken ankle he suffered last year. However, the coaches are taking any chances on slowing down Murray's progress.

"Kevin is three months ahead of schedule," Sherrill said after the scrimmage. "He'll be there for September."

Craig Stump, Murray's proxy last year, led the Aggie starters to only touchdown on the offense and earned with a 50-yard touchdown strike to tailback Keith Woodside.

The starters scored again on one-yard run by Ira Valentine with third-stringer Mark Motley calling the signals.

That short jaunt came after an interception in the end zone by Jimmy Hawkins was called back because a personal foul on the defense roughing the kicker call kept the drive alive. The offense was unable to drive the last 16 yards assisted by the referees.

The third score came on a three-yard run by tailback Harry Johnson after Sammy O'Brien sacked Motley and caused a fumble that Rod Sandler recovered at the eight-yard line.

Aside from the lack of scoring there was also a lack of receiving.

"We're not pleased with our receivers right now," Sherrill said. "They're not up to our quarterback at this time. We need to work on getting them to read the defenses better."

But there was no lack of defense. Rod Sandler, Johnny Holland and Jimmie Hawkins all had a good game Saturday.

"Right now," Sherrill said, "Holland is as good as anybody in the nation. He has the potential to be an All-American."

Sandler continues to be the defensive standout this spring, leading the A&M defensive front with sacks and recovering a fumble during the spring game.

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Texas A&M third-string quarterback Mark Motley (7) is about to find out first-hand just how hard the artificial turf at Kyle Field is

by an unidentified A&M linebacker during the Maroon and White spring game Saturday afternoon. The White won easily, 21-0.

Ag tracksters' showing worth a king's ransom

By CINDY GAY
Sports Writer

Hear ye! Hear ye! A toast to the Texas A&M men's and women's track teams for a weekend filled to the brim with royal performances.

The crowning achievement for the men's team was Tony Grier's 400-meter time of 46.00 seconds, good enough for third place. And, more importantly, it gave Grier a free ticket to run in the NCAA championships at the end of May. The last time Grier ran the 400 was at the indoor NCAAs in March in 47.2 seconds.

"He ran awfully well," said A&M Assistant Coach Ted Nelson about Grier's fastest lap of his life.

Other performances that contributed to the Aggies fourth place finish in the meet, 14 points behind Baylor, were Kurt Thome's winning long jump of 24-feet, 10.5 inches, another personal best and the high jump by Ethan Glass of 7-feet, 3.5 inches that put him head and shoulders and everything else above the field.

Ernie Mendez placed just behind Glass with a jump of 6-11 and Thome was sixth at the height of 6-7.

Francisco Oliveras tripled with a winning triple jump of 50-feet, 3/4 inches, a fourth place throw of the javelin for 202.7-feet and fourth in the long jump with a personal record of 24-feet.

In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Huey Treat finished second with a time of 9:11. Treat turned in a fourth place time of 15:08 in the 5,000-meters, behind Mike Contreras' second place run of 14:55, and a few seconds ahead of Steve Grenchik, who came in sixth place with a time of 15:18. Contreras was denied the gold after losing a photo finish decision by the judges.

"Contreras took up the slack," said A&M Head Coach Charlie Thomas, referring to the noticeable absence of Arturo Barrios from the meet so he could rest from last week's runs at the Texas Relays.

"We didn't have three of our really big guns at the meet," Nelson said.

Rickey Alexander ran the 110-

meter high hurdles in 14.01 seconds, fourth place on the posted results, but Thomas said Alexander was actually third.

"The judges missed him," Thomas said.

Mark Rutledge rose to 15-6 for third place in the pole vault. In the 800-meters, Kendrick Wesley achieved a personal best and third best in the meet time of 1:50, and Dean Stone ran a 1:51.7, also an individual record.

The red carpet must also be rolled out to the Texas A&M women's track team, which trumpeted its highest finishes of the season at the John Jacob Relays in Norman, Okla.

Alexis Russell recorded a couple of personal bests in the 200- and 400-meters with times of 25.14 and 57.62 seconds respectively. Russell placed fourth in the 200-meters, and sixth in the 400.

The 1,500-meters saw Debby Noel finish in 4:39, fourth in the race and her second fastest time. Esther Dedrick covered 3,000-meters in a fourth place time of 9:54 and Beth Drees was eighth with a 10:26 performance.

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