

# Sports

## A&M looks past lacklustre NLU win



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Texas A&M quarterback Craig Stump (9) scrambles away from the charge of Northeast Louisiana defensive end Will Johnson (81) during the Ag-

gies' 31-17 victory over the Indians Saturday. Stump completed seven of 17 passes for 86 yards, even though he split QB time with Kevin Murray.

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Texas A&M didn't discover anything new or exciting about itself during Saturday's 31-17 victory over Northeast Louisiana at Kyle Field. No no-name running backs romped for 500 yards, and Craig Stump and Kevin Murray still own exclusive rights to the "quarterback controversy."

The Aggies played as everyone expected, despite the distractions of cash payments and denials by a quarterback.

But Saturday's game was more than satisfying to A&M Head Coach Jackie Sherrill because of what the Aggies did not do.

"Going into this game I felt that if we didn't make a lot of mistakes we would be alright," Sherrill said. "We did a good job of holding onto the football and got to the point where our offense was doing some good things out there."

The offense also did a good job of putting the Kevin Murray situation, and an opponent many took lightly, behind them.

"This was a very difficult week for us," Sherrill said. "Monday night we had a very so-so practice. We weren't playing Northeast Louisiana as much as we were playing ourselves."

"This game was a big test for our football team."

Like critics said Hiroshima was supposed to be a "big test" for the nuclear bomb.

The Aggies outweighed the Division 1-AA Indians by 30 to 40 pounds per man on the line of scrimmage and possessed the superior depth expected of a Division 1 team.

The Aggies were 21-point favorites in most national pre-game betting lines, and A&M held an 8-0 all-time record against teams from the Southland Conference.

Doug Harvey's national sports column picked the game as an honorable mention "crummy game of the week."

But by the time the score at half-time read 14-14, most of the 46,112 players, coaches, boosters, band

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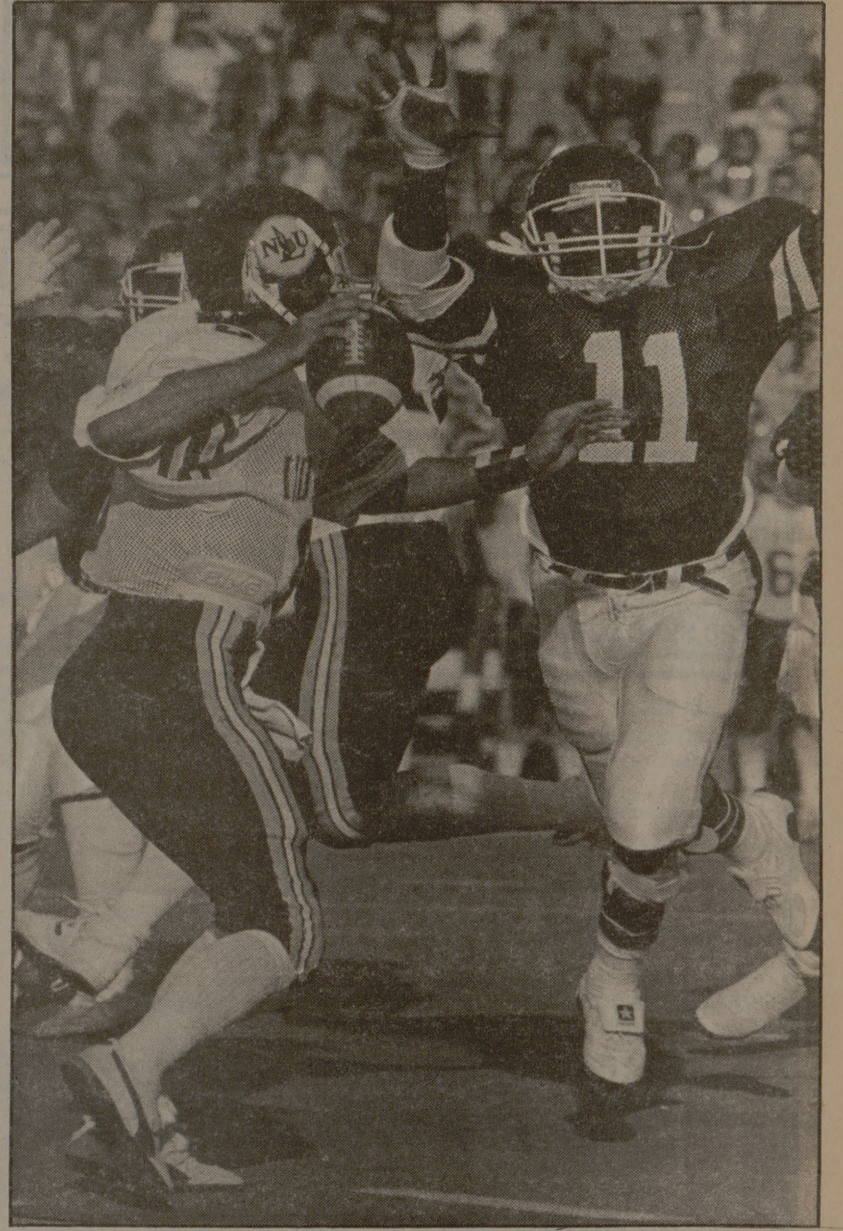
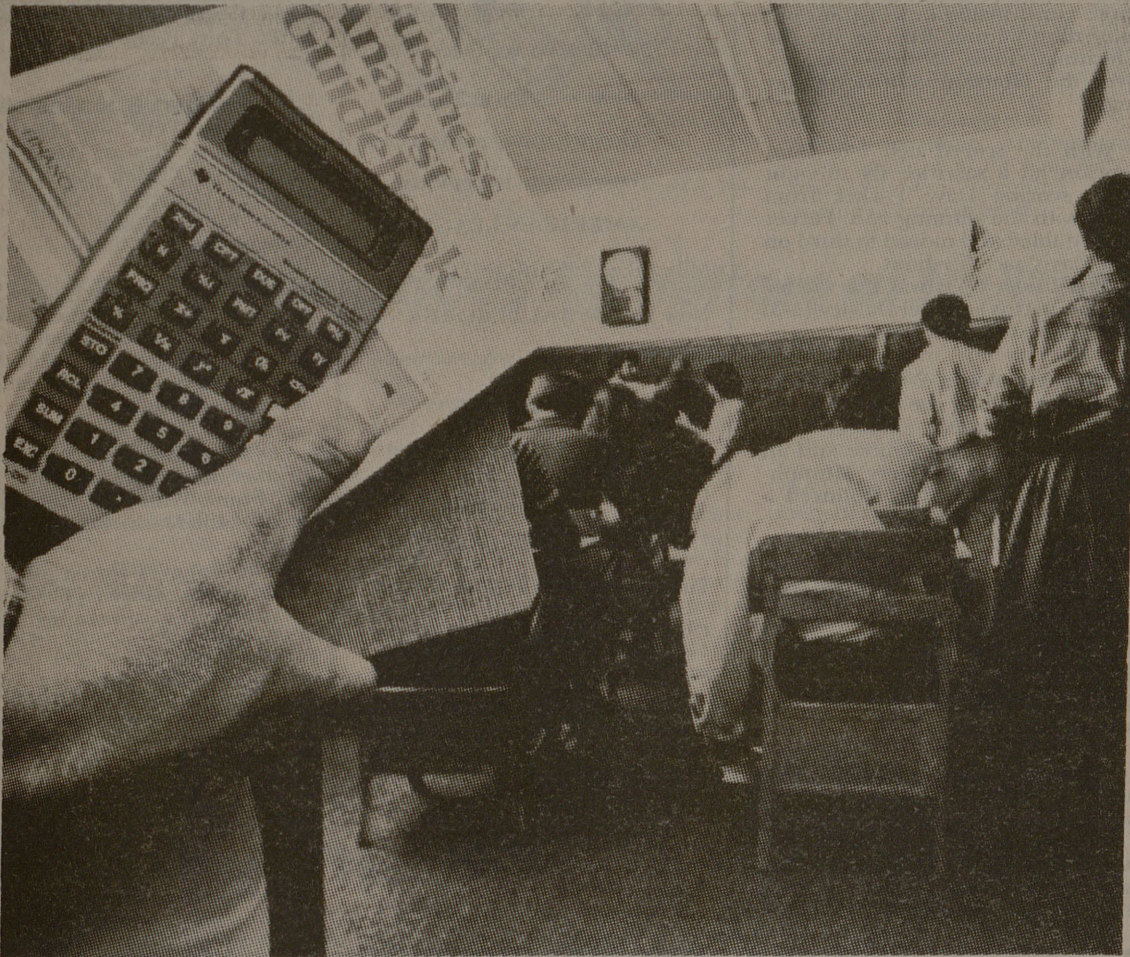


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Texas A&M linebacker Johnny Holland (11) applies pressure in the pocket, while Northeast Louisiana quarterback Bubby Brister looks desperately for a receiver downfield. Holland led the Aggies with 16 tackles, 10 unassisted, in A&M's 31-17 win over NLU Saturday.



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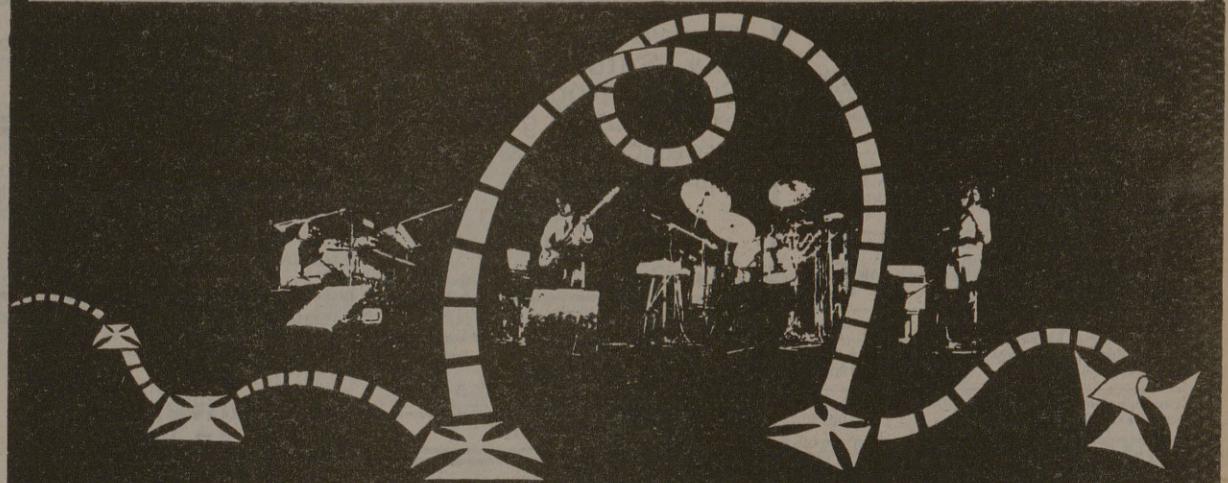
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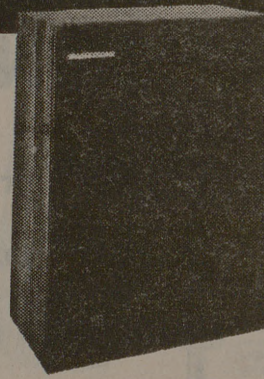
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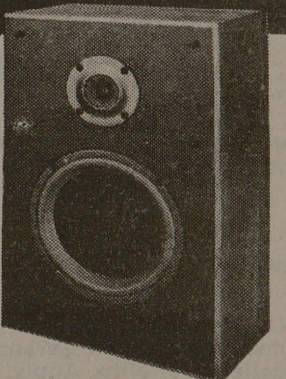
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