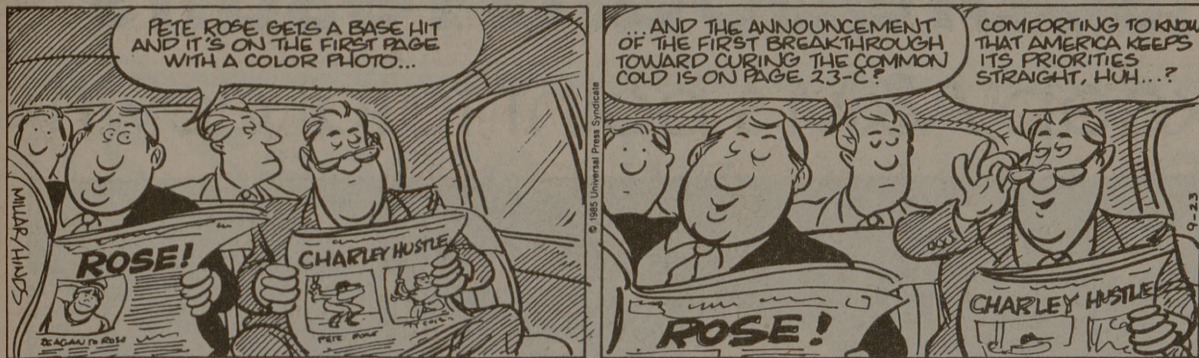


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Aggies concentrate on season after NLU

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members (male and female), fans, press members and critics in attendance at Kyle Field had discovered college football bettors weren't the only interested parties with something to lose.

"I don't think we were worried at halftime," said Stump, who completed 7 of 17 passes for 86 yards against a free-wheeling NLU defense. "A lot of times we were down inside the 30-yard line and nothing happened. We just knew we had to get it into the endzone. I thought we could do that in the second half."

But questions remained of whether the Aggie defense could contain Indian quarterback Walter "Bubby" Brister, who passed and scrambled his way to 265 total yards of offense in the game, and keep their hands off NLU punter Kevin Duhe, who spent more time on his back than Gerry Cooney in a heavy-weight bout.

"Their quarterback (Brister) is excellent," Sherrill said. "He gives them a chance to win some games and win their conference."

"Bubby Brister did a good job," agreed NLU Head Coach Pat Collins. "He was able to get out of the rush with his agility."

"Brister is a good quarterback," A&M cornerback Jimmie Hawkins concluded. "He'll go far."

Especially if he receives 15 yard head-starts and automatic first downs on stalled offensive drives.

Both NLU touchdowns followed roughing-the-kicker penalties on A&M that gave the Indians first-down-and-second-chance to go.

"I think their kicker did a pretty good acting job," said A&M's Lance Haverda, the guilty party on the second infraction.

A&M wide receiver Shea Walker said, "If we eliminate the penalties, we'll be able to improve our performance."

Offensive lineman Doug Williams agreed. "It's the same old thing. Once we iron everything out, we'll

- How the AP Top 20 Fared:**
1. Auburn (2-0-0) was idle. Next: at Tennessee.
 2. Oklahoma (0-0-0) was idle. Next: at Minnesota.
 3. USC (1-1-0) lost to Baylor, 20-13. Next: at Arizona St.
 4. Iowa (2-0-0) beat N. Illinois, 48-20. Next: at Iowa St.
 5. SMU (1-0-0) was idle. Next: at TCU.
 6. Florida St. (3-0-0) beat Memphis St., 19-10. Next: Kansas.
 7. Ohio St. (2-0-0) beat Colorado, 36-13. Next: Washington St.
 8. Oklahoma St. (2-0-0) was idle. Next: vs. Miami (Ohio).
 9. LSU (2-0-0) beat Colorado St., 17-3. Next: No. 11 Florida.
 10. Penn St. (3-0-0) beat E. Carolina, 17-10. Next: Rutgers.
 11. Florida (1-0-1) was idle. Next: at Mississippi St.
 12. UCLA (2-0-1) beat San Diego St., 34-16. Next: at Washington.
 13. BYU (3-1-0) beat Temple, 26-24. Next: at Colorado St.
 14. Arkansas (2-0-0) beat Tulsa, 24-0. Next: New Mexico St.
 15. S. Carolina (2-1-0) lost to No. 19 Michigan, 34-3. Next: at Georgia.
 16. Alabama (3-0-0) beat Cincinnati, 45-10. Next: at Vanderbilt.
 17. Maryland (2-1-0) beat West Virginia, 28-0. Next: at No. 19 Michigan.
 18. Nebraska (1-1-0) beat No. 20 Illinois, 52-25. Next: Oregon.
 19. Michigan (2-0-0) beat No. 15 S. Carolina, 34-3. Next: No. 17 Maryland.
 20. Illinois (1-2-0) lost to No. 18 Nebraska, 52-25. Next: No. 7 Ohio St.

be able to march 80 yards on anybody."

While Williams' prediction remains to be proven, the Aggies showed they could certainly march the ball on Northeast Louisiana — and in the fourth quarter to boot. With the possible outcome of the game hanging in the balance, no less.

A&M, leading 24-17 and driving for the game-clinching score, churned out big yardage on the ground, while running big chunks of time off the clock.

"I never believed they could march the length of the field," NLU's Collins said. "I think that's when their depth really hurt us — in the second half."

"There is a gigantic difference in depth when you have 25 more scholarships (the difference between Division I and Division I-AA) and I think that was one of the major factors in the game."

The revitalization of the A&M rushing game certainly ranks up there somewhere.

The Aggie offensive front cleared moving van-sized holes for running backs Anthony Toney (106 yards on 22 carries), Roger Vick (76 on 16), Keith Woodside (97 on 12) and a supporting cast of thousands.

They picked up the blitz fairly well in most passing situations and only allowed one sack of an A&M quarterback (Stump).

And they played like an offensive line that outweighed their opponents by 40 pounds per man.

By the end of the game, the Aggies had rolled up 539 yards of offense, 31 first downs and 313 rushing yards, all of which are the highest totals since the '82 Rice game.

"Our offense was able to do a lot of things tonight," Sherrill said. "I am very pleased with the way we are working toward having a very good offense, one which can run and throw the ball equally well."

And score points. And win games in the clutch. And do it all with the possibility of a potential scandal hanging over their heads.

Christiaanse paces Ag netters at tourney

By KEN SURY
Sports Writer

Texas A&M's Helen Christiaanse placed second in singles play, while third-seeded Kim Labuschagne and the doubles team of Cathy Nutt and Julie Vaughan earned consolation victories in the four-team intercollegiate women's tennis tournament at A&M's Omar Smith Tennis Center Sunday.

Christiaanse, A&M's No. 5 player last year, entered the finals after upsetting top seed Teresa Dobson of TCU Saturday. But she lost the finals match to TCU's No. 2 player,

Rene Simpson, in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

Simpson gained entry to the finals after upsetting A&M's Vanne Akagi, the No. 2 seed in the tournament.

After the loss, Christiaanse commented on Simpson.

"I've seen her play in Canada; she's a very hard hitter," Christiaanse said. "She played a great match. I felt I had a really great tournament, but it just wasn't my match."

In the singles consolation match, Labuschagne defeated Oklahoma's Anne Gibbons 6-2, 6-2.

In doubles action, Nutt and Vaug-

han rebounded from an early loss to take a pair of matches to earn consolation honors.

A&M first-year women's tennis coach Bobby Kleinecke said he felt his team did better than he thought they might for their first tournament of the '85 season.

"It gave me a chance to see them play, other than in practice," Kleinecke said. "It showed us what we need to work on."

Kleinecke also said he was impressed with the play by the doubles teams, especially since they are changing to a more aggressive playing style.

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