

Sports

Ags break hex, upset Ponies

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According to an old Scottish proverb: fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me. But fool me thrice?

In Texas A&M's 19-17 victory over SMU, the third time proved to be the charm as the Aggies broke a two-year-old "tradition" of letting the Mustangs come from behind to steal narrow wins.

"It's the greatest win of the season for us so far," said A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill.

With the victory, A&M moved into a second place tie with Arkansas in the Southwest Conference championship race at 4-1, only one game behind the league-leading Baylor Bears.

The NCAA probation-stricken Mustangs, who were a preseason No. 1 team in many national polls, fell to 3-2 within the conference.

The only people who seemed to be working strenuously in the first half were the officials.

A&M seemed well on its way to breaking the record for total number of penalty yards in one game. In the first half alone, the Aggies were penalized 11 times for 105 yards. The Mustangs, meanwhile, were whistled five times for 40 yards.

And when A&M wasn't being penalized, they were fumbling the ball — three times, losing one, in the first half.

At the halftime break, the only scoring on the Aggies' side of the ledger resulted from Eric Franklin's 38-yard field goal.

In the second half, the Aggies eliminated the penalties, the fumbles, the Mustangs' outside run defense and SMU's four-point lead.

And they started returning punts and kickoffs for long, long distances.

Freshman speedster Rod Harris got the ball rolling for the Aggies in the second half by returning the opening kickoff 71 yards to the SMU 24-yard line.

Four plays later the Aggies were into the end zone and in possession of a precarious 10-7 lead. Three of the four plays were runs by A&M senior running back Anthony Toney, the game's leading rusher with 117 yards on 21 carries.

But the Ponies came back with a 33-yard Brandy Brownlee field goal, after driving 55 yards in 11 plays.

One problem for the Mustangs, however: They had to kickoff to the Aggies and Harris again.

After a 31-yard Harris return, the Aggies drove 58 yards in 10 plays to take the lead again, this time 16-10.

Toney and Keith Woodside, who had the best game of his career with 104 yards on 12 carries, provided the meat-and-potatoes ground game, but the dessert came on a six-yard scoring pass from quarterback Kevin Murray to wide receiver Shea Walker.

Franklin's extra point attempt sailed wide after a five-yard penalty backed up the Aggies to their eight yard line.

And that momentary show of weakness was all the Mustangs needed to breathe life back into a tired old horse.

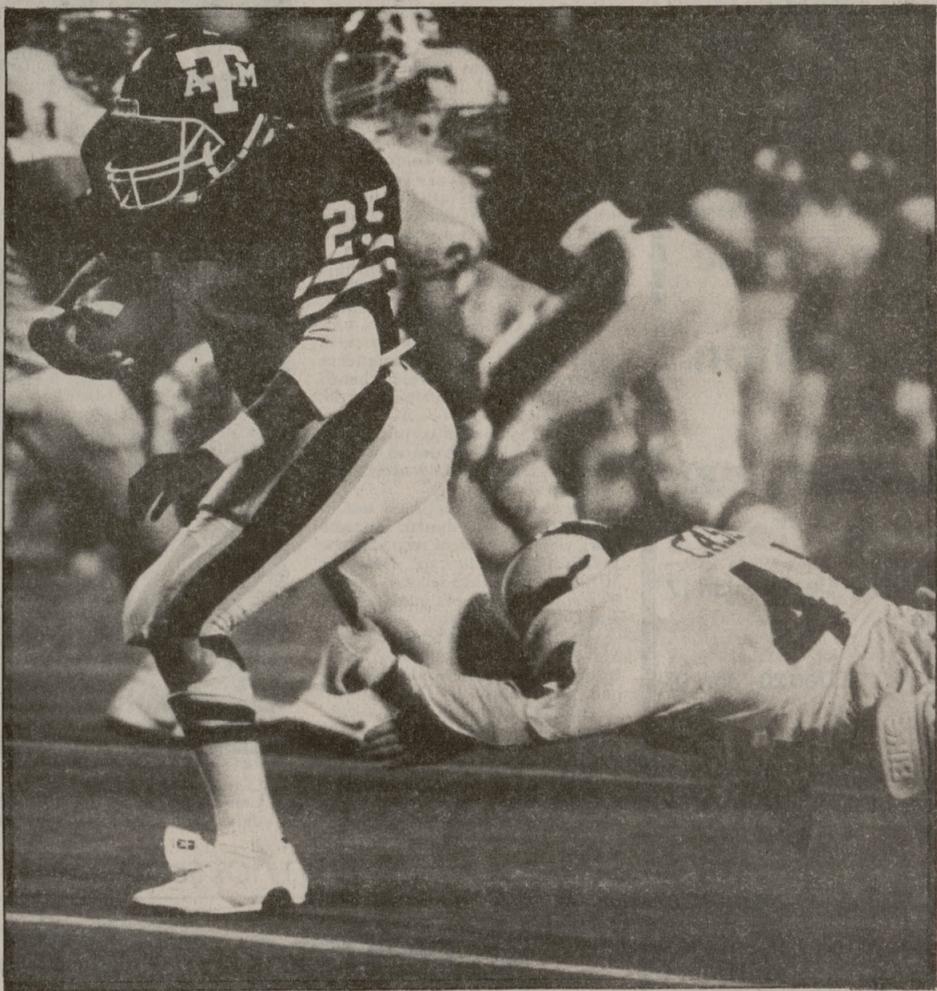
The Ponies illustrated the explosiveness that made them the early-season conference favorites by driving 91 yards in no time flat for the go-ahead score. And it looked like the Mustangs would come from behind against the Aggies like they had for the last two years.

But this year's scenario had a different ending.

"I was confident the whole game that we were going to win, until they kicked the field goal," SMU running back Reggie Dupard said of a 48-yard Franklin field goal in the last two minutes that proved to be the deciding points in the contest.

A&M safety Kip Corrington sealed the victory by intercepting an overthrown pass from Mustang quarterback Don King in the closing moments.

Murray took to a knee, Franklin jumped ecstatically and the Aggies



Ag Juggernaut

A&M runningback Anthony Toney rolls up yardage en route to a game-leading 117 yards on 21 carries as SMU's Kit Case tries to bring Toney

down to the Astroturf. Toney shared ball carrying chores with Keith Woodside, who carried 12 times for 104 yards.

were the team still punching in this year's SWC knock-down, drag-out.

"I would say that for me personally, it's the biggest win we've had since I've been here," Toney said, "because we won and we still have a chance for the championship."

And, for the first time in a long time, that ain't no fooling.

Photo by JOHN MAKELY

No. 1 Iowa tumbles to Ohio State

Associated Press

With Election Day just around the corner, the Iowa Hawkeyes blew a landslide victory.

They were beaten 22-13 by eighth-ranked Ohio State and when the next AP poll is released on Tuesday, the college football world will have its fourth No. 1 team of the season.

The only question seems to be whether it will be second-ranked 7-0-1 Florida, a 14-10 winner over No. 6 Auburn, or third-ranked 8-0 Penn State, which remained one of the nation's three unbeaten and untied teams by rallying from a 12-3 deficit to defeat Boston College 16-12.

"Usually when No. 1 loses and you're No. 2, you move up," Florida Coach Galen Hall said after the Gators turned back Auburn and stretch the nation's longest unbeaten streak to 18 games (16-0-2).

Ironically, Penn State is Hall's alma mater. The Nittany Lions also happen to own a 17-10 victory over Rutgers, which tied Florida 28-28.

Elsewhere in the Top Ten, fourth-ranked Michigan was tied by Illinois 3-3, No. 5 Nebraska whipped Kansas State 41-3, ninth-ranked Oklahoma pounded Kansas 48-6 and No. 11 Miami, Fla., downed No. 10 Florida State 35-27.

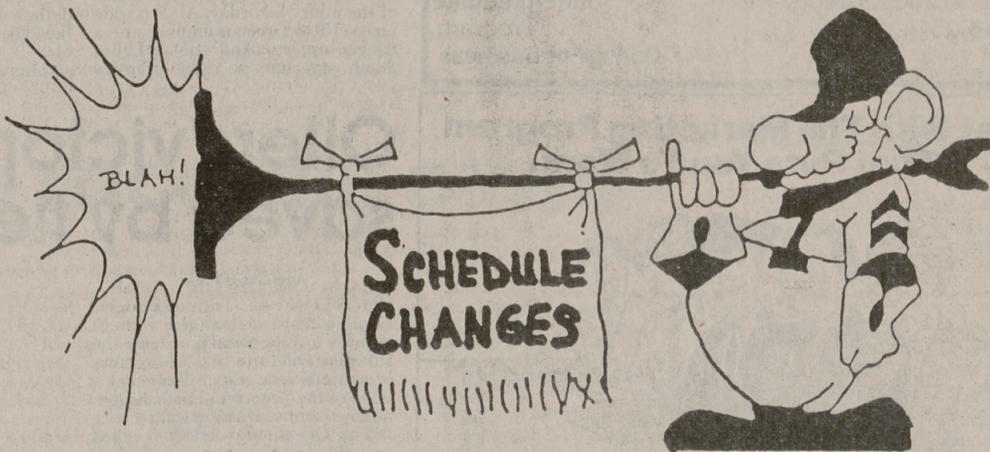
The only other Top Twenty loser was No. 20 Southern Methodist, which bowed to Texas A&M 19-17. Rounding out the Second Ten, No. 12 Oklahoma State edged Colorado 14-11, No. 14 Arkansas trimmed Rice 30-15, No. 16 LSU blanked Mississippi 14-0, No. 17 Brigham Young crushed Wyoming 59-0, No. 18 Georgia swamped winless Tulane 58-3 and No. 19 Tennessee battered Rutgers 40-0. Baylor and UCLA, ranked 13th and 15th, respectively, were not scheduled.

Ohio State, which leads the nation in turnover margin, intercepted Iowa's Chuck Long four times and recovered a fumble in knocking off the previously unbeaten Hawkeyes.

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