

Aggies

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backer Adam Bob — the Aggies' version of Chicago's William "Refrigerator" Perry — to try to score the touchdown. Bob scored on a touchdown plunge against North Texas State and fumbled on a similar attempt against Texas Tech. But this time, the "Ice-tray" — as one sports writer tagged him — was tackled for a three-yard loss and the Aggies turned over the ball on downs.

Punt protection was nearly nonexistent for A&M. Aggie punter Craig Stump was under heavy pressure on his first attempt and only booted a 14-yarder. In the second quarter, UH right cornerback Johnny Jackson broke through the line and deflected Stump's kick enough so that the ball only traveled 18 yards.

The lack of punt protection even spoiled the Aggies' chances of a shutout. With just over four minutes left in the game and a 19-0 A&M lead, Cougar Mat Otis blocked a Todd Schantz punt and Jackson recovered the ball at the A&M 12-yard-line. Houston scored on a Gerald Landry pass to Jet Brown three plays later.

The A&M defense deserved to get the shutout. It held Houston to only one yard of total offense in the first half and 109 for the game. Houston's six first downs was its all-time Southwest Conference low.

"That's the way we should be playing," A&M inside linebacker Larry Kelm said. "It's good for us to play like this, because Baylor runs a few options too. We'll be flying around against Baylor, just like we did against Houston."

UH starting quarterback Mark Davis found the Aggie defense with him in the backfield almost as often as his running backs. A&M had six sacks for 31 yards in losses.

And when Davis had to throw the ball, he found A&M cornerback James Flowers waiting there.

Early in the fourth quarter, Flowers picked off his first pass at the Houston 25 and scampered down the sideline for A&M's only touchdown of the game.

"I got a nice break on the ball and just saw nothing but end zone," Flowers said.

On the next Houston series, Flowers picked off another Davis toss and took that one back 29 yards before being stopped at the UH 11.

"I was looking forward to (scoring again)," Flowers said.

With this game as a tuneup for Saturday's showdown with Baylor, it looks like the A&M defense is well-

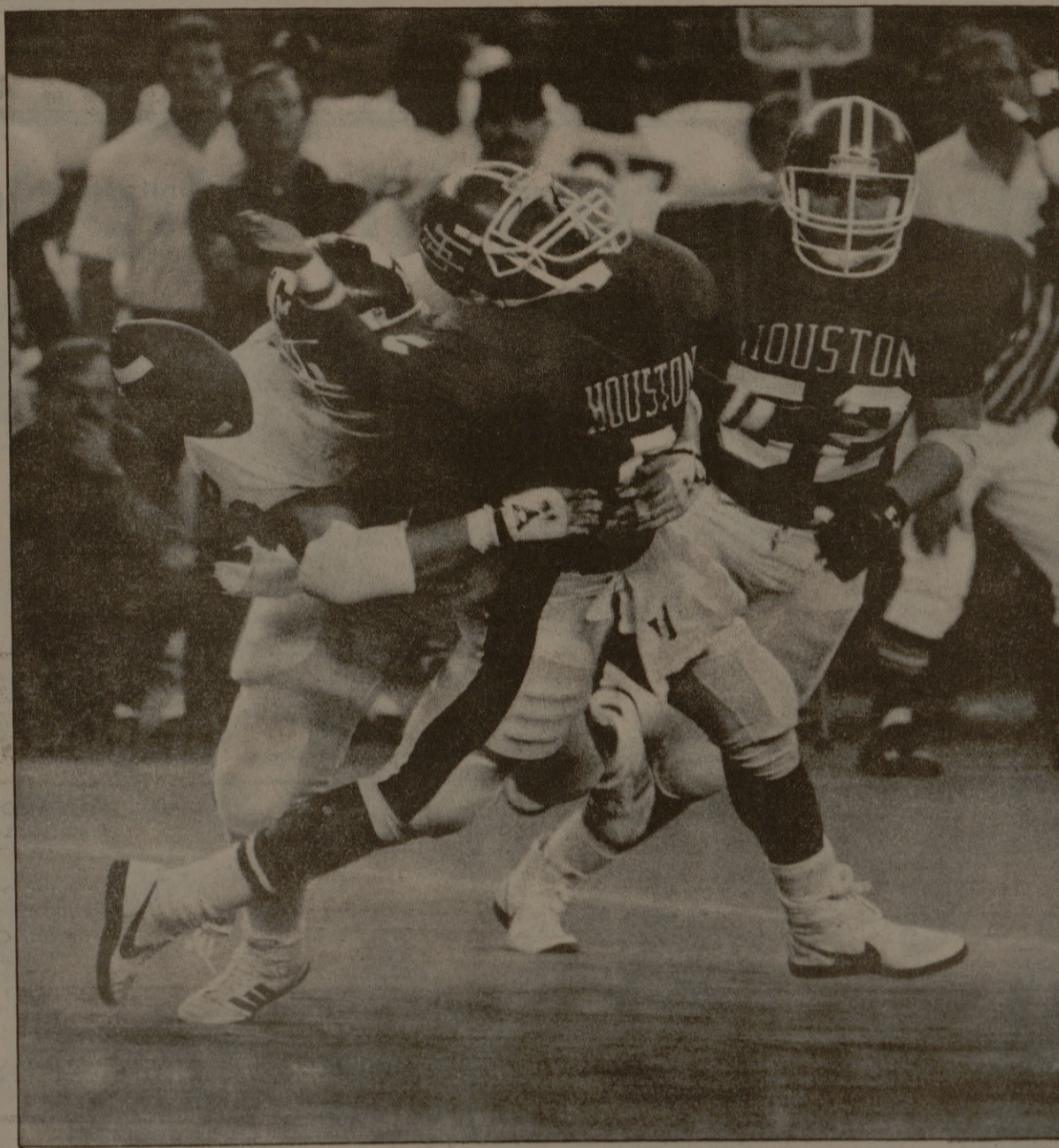


Photo by Dean Saito

Houston quarterback Mark Davis fumbles the ball after being hit by Texas A&M's Jay Muller.

Houston managed to recover the fumble. The Aggies' 19-7 victory boosted their record to 4-1.

prepared. The offense may be another matter.

"They are playing some great football," A&M wide receiver Shea Walker said of the A&M defensive players. "But we (the offense) need to turn around and put some points on the board. We moved the ball well, but untimely penalties hurt us. Those have to be corrected."

"Give Houston credit, they have a good defense. They're real aggressive. But we should have gotten into the end zone."

Aggie Notes . . . Quarterback Kevin Murray's 18-of-29 performance for 188 yards moved him up on the A&M and SWC all-time record list. Murray now has 408 career completions for first place on the Aggie list, passing Edd Hargett's 400 (1966-68). Murray is fifth in completions on the SWC list, behind SMU's Mike Ford's 475.

Moving up on the A&M career reception list are Walker and tight end Rod Bernstine. Walker's five catches for 85 yards Saturday gives him 77 receptions for fifth on the list. Bob Long (1966-68) has 79 for fourth. Bernstine grabbed three tosses in the game, which moved him into ninth on the list with 68 catches.

A&M fullback Roger Vick rushed for 104 yards, the same total as last week against Texas Tech.

Ag volleyball to host Bears

The Texas A&M volleyball team, ranked 20th in the nation in the NCAA poll, host the Baylor Bears tonight at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A&M is 15-4 overall and 2-0 in Southwest Conference play, after defeating Houston last Wednesday.

A&M doubles squad falls in regional final

The Texas A&M No. 1 doubles team of Marcel Vos and Dean Goldfine lost to Southern Methodist's Ritchie Reneberg and Den Bishop in Sunday's finals at the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association Region V Tournament at the TCU Tennis Center.

The top-seeded team of Reneberg and Bishop defeated the fifth-seeded duo by a 6-3, 6-4 score.

A&M Men's Tennis Coach David Kent said he was excited with the team's play.

"Vos and Goldfine just played outstanding tennis," Kent said. "Up to that final match, they hadn't lost a set. Reneberg and Bishop were just the class of the field."

A&M softballers finish fall at 18-1

By Homer Jacobs
Assistant Sports Editor

Texas A&M dropped its last game of the fall season Friday in the eight-team Oklahoma State Invitational Softball Tournament in Stillwater, Okla., to give the Aggies an 18-1 record overall.

A&M lost to Nebraska 3-0 to finish second in the Aggies' four-team pool. After pool play, a single elimination tournament was scheduled for Saturday, but rain cancelled the remainder of the tournament.

The Aggies posted impressive 4-0 victories earlier over Oklahoma City University and Southwest Missouri State.

Shawn Andaya, 8-0, pitched a one-hitter against Oklahoma City and a two-hitter against Southwest Missouri State.

A&M Coach Bob Brock said the Aggies were not their enthusiastic selves.

"We were a little flat," Brock said. "I think it was from the eight-hour trip."

Although Brock said he felt the Nebraska game was the team's worst outing of the year, he said good things did stem from the Aggies' loss.

"(Julie) Carpenter pitched a heck of a game," Brock said. "And I'm real happy with the young freshmen."

Carpenter gave up four hits to Nebraska in the losing effort.

The big hitters for the Aggies were senior second baseman Judy Trussell who went 2-for-4 in both A&M wins and junior shortstop Liz Mizera who had a solo home run against Oklahoma City.

Mizera also was the only Aggie who could muster a hit off Nebraska's All-America pitcher, Lori Sippel.

Brock said he was pleased with his squad's overall performance this fall and its ability to adapt to a new pitching distance (43 feet instead of 40).

"Nobody was down about the loss," he said.

The Aggies won't have to get "up" for a game until the spring season starts next semester.

Ag men's golfers take third

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Texas A&M men's golf team tied for third place in a 29-team field at the Ohio State Buckeye Fall Classic this past weekend.

The Aggies shot a team total of 908 strokes, two behind second-place Arkansas's 906 and 23 strokes behind tournament champion Oklahoma State.

In individual action, A&M's Neil Hickerson was ninth on the leader-

board with a 54-hole total of 223 strokes. Randy Wylie tied for 10th with 224; Gary Gilchrist shot a 230; Roy Mackenzie finished with a 237; while Randy Lee shot a 240.

Oklahoma State's Michael Bradley was the individual tournament champion with a 223.

Ohio State's par-72 Scarlet Course also will hold the 1987 NCAA Men's Golf Championships next June.

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