

# Aggies

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A&M defense were the most points the Aggies have ever allowed in a winning effort. That's even more of a tribute to the ability of this A&M team—one which Sherrill calls his best team ever.

"These guys can find a way to win better than any team I've ever been around," Sherrill said. "The only other team I've been around like it was the 1981 (Pittsburgh) team with Dan Marino. And this team is better than that one."

Had A&M lost the game, Aggie fans would have been the first to call for the referees' heads and then call for instant replay rules in college football due to a blown call.

With 9:26 left in the second quarter from the A&M 1, SMU tailback Jeff Atkins fumbled the football. The ball rolled into the endzone where Aggie cornerback Terrance Brooks pounced on it for an apparent touchback. But the referees said the fumble occurred after Atkins crossed the goal line.

However, replays clearly showed that Atkins was at least two yards from the goal line when he lost possession of the football.

But the Aggies erased that score, and any drawn sabers sharpened for the officials were sheathed.

The usually tough rushing defense of A&M gave up 234 yards on the ground. However, a lot of credit should be given to the Mustang offense, which has a surprising amount of talent despite the sting of NCAA probation.

Murray, the all-time Southwest Conference leader in touchdown passes with 44, said he thought SMU quarterback Bobby Watters was one of the most underrated passers in the conference. Watters completed 17 of 30 passes for 173 yards and one touchdown.

Murray's statistics looked shy of his previous performances. But his 17-of-34 effort was hampered by several dropped passes by Aggie receivers. Before the game-winning toss to Woodside, Bernstine and Woodside dropped the two previous passes.

The Mustangs had a chance to try to pull out a victory after Woodside's final score. On a fourth-and-16 play at its own 33 with 0:42, Watters hit tight end Albert Reese in the hands with the football on the pass play, but Reese dropped it.

And had the SMU band members been considered part of the football team, SMU Coach Bobby Collins would have them running wind



Photo by Greg Bailey

A&M tailback Keith Woodside brings down a 50-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter of Saturday's SMU game.

sprints today. With 18 seconds left in the game, the band struck up the school's fight song during Murray's snap count on a third down-and-8 play—a violation of SWC rules. The yellow flags flew onto the field and SMU was penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct.

A&M then just had to run out the clock and snatch the victory.

That penalty was one of the few breaks A&M got that day. The bad call on Atkins' touchdown and two turnovers in the third quarter could

have buried the Aggies and their hopes for a return to Dallas.

But it didn't. Talk of Murray as a potential Heisman candidate resurfaced after the game as he finished with 278 yards and three touchdowns on the day. But more importantly, he and the team had the character to rally from a big deficit.

"We're the defending champs," Murray said. "I feel like people have to come beat us."

Could be. But does the rest of the SWC want to mess with destiny?

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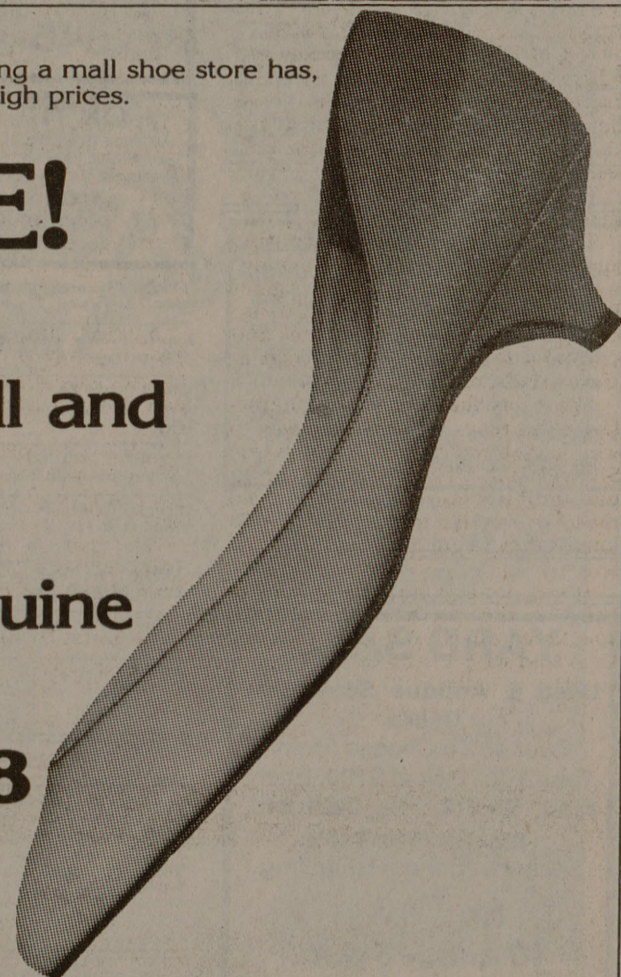
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# Joe Barton Voted For Student Loans

Here are the facts on student aid;

The Higher Education Program was due to expire in 1986. On Dec. 4, 1985, Joe Barton voted to continue the higher education program. the bill passed the House and went to the Senate.

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On Sept. 24, 1986, the legislation came back from the Senate and Joe Barton voted for it again.

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That bill was signed by the President and it is the law today. Work Study, Pell Grants, Direct Student Loans and Guaranteed Student Loans are continuing for 5 more years because of the new law Joe Barton voted for.

Joe Barton Works for Education. Let's Re-elect  
Congressman Joe Barton tomorrow Nov. 4.



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