

## Top 20 Action

**How The AP Top 20 college football teams fared Saturday:**  
 No. 1 Miami, Fla. (8-0-0) beat No. 20 Florida State 41-23.  
 No. 2 Penn State (8-0-0) beat West Virginia 19-0.  
 No. 3 Michigan (8-0-0) beat Illinois 69-13.  
 No. 4 Oklahoma (7-1-0) beat Kansas 64-3.  
 No. 5 Auburn (7-1-0) lost to Florida 18-17.  
 No. 6 Washington (6-2-0) lost to No. 7 Arizona State 34-21.  
 No. 7 Arizona State (7-0-1) beat No. 6 Washington 34-21.  
 No. 8 Alabama (8-1-0) beat No. 19 Mississippi State 38-3.  
 No. 9 Nebraska (7-1-0) beat Kansas State 38-0.  
**No. 10 Texas A&M (7-1-0) beat Southern Methodist 39-35.**  
 No. 11 Iowa (6-2-0) lost to No. 17 Ohio State 31-10.  
 No. 12 Louisiana State (5-2-0) lost to Mississippi 21-19.  
**No. 13 Arkansas (7-1-0) beat Rice 45-14.**  
 No. 14 Arizona (6-2-0) lost to No. 18 Southern Cal 20-13.  
 No. 15 UCLA (6-2-0) beat Oregon State 49-0.  
 No. 16 North Carolina State (6-1-1) beat South Carolina 23-22.  
 No. 17 Ohio State (7-2-0) beat No. 11 Iowa 31-10.  
 No. 18 Southern Cal (6-2-0) beat No. 14 Arizona 20-13.  
 No. 19 Mississippi State (6-3-0) lost to No. 8 Alabama 38-3.  
 No. 20 Florida State (4-3-1) lost to No. 1 Miami 41-23.

## Aggies glad to get rest after big win

**Associated Press**  
 Defending Southwest Conference football champion Texas A&M is off next weekend and the Aggies are more than ready to give their cliff-hanging act a rest.

"The open spot is a big welcome," said A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill. "Our players are spent mentally and physically."

A&M came from 11 points behind to clip SMU 39-35 on Saturday to remain unbeaten at 5-0 in league play.

In other games on Saturday, Texas Tech defeated Texas in Lubbock 23-21 as David McWilliams beat his former boss, Fred Akers; Texas Christian broke a 14-game SWC losing streak by bouncing Houston 30-14; and Arkansas crushed Rice 45-14 to remain alive in the league chase with just one loss.

TCU junior halfback Tony Jeffery, the SWC's leading rusher, suffered a separated clavicle in the first quarter of the Horned Frog victory. "Tony may be through for the year," TCU Coach Jim Wacker said.

A&M has a week off to get ready for its road trip to Arkansas. The Razorbacks could have two losses before A&M gets there because Arkansas have to play Baylor at noon this Saturday in Waco on homecoming. Baylor had the past weekend off.

In other SWC games on Saturday, Houston is at Texas, Texas Tech is at TCU and SMU is at Notre Dame. Sherrill said Murray is getting into Vinny Testaverde's class.

"Everybody talks about Testaverde at Miami but Kevin has had a great season," Sherrill said. SMU Coach Bobby Collins said Murray has never been better.

"It's hard to describe what Murray means to that team," Collins said. "He's so strong he can throw the ball with people hanging on him. You could confuse him with your defenses a year ago. It's hard to do that now."

Tech's victory fueled rumors that McWilliams might go to Texas if Akers is fired at the end of the season.

"The whole thing has been awkward," said McWilliams, who was Texas' defensive coordinator last season. "There are enough distractions normally, but this has really made it tough. The easiest way to eliminate rumors is to just not talk about them."

The Raiders gave McWilliams the game ball.

## McWilliams finds way to beat mentor Akers

LUBBOCK (AP) — It started and ended with a bang and included a nifty coaching scenario, but Texas Tech's 23-21 Southwest Conference decision over Texas was hardly a work of art.

More lively than lovely was this first meeting Saturday between Longhorn coach Fred Akers and his former assistant, rookie Tech coach David McWilliams.

"Football at its finest," quipped a press box observer after the Red Raiders blew two scoring opportunities, tossed three interceptions in 13 minutes and still led by 14-7 at half-time.

The Longhorns, committed four turnovers of their own, then struck back with two fourth-quarter touchdowns off the arm of quarterback Bret Stafford and raised a Halloween spectre of a winning Jeff Ward field goal.

This time the Raider defense shut down the final Texas drive at mid-field, thanks in part to Tech linebacker Brad Hastings, who spent much of the wet, foggy afternoon wrecking the Longhorn offense.

College football's smallest player — 5-3, 130-pound Tyrone Thurman of Midland Lee — returned a Texas

punt 96 yards for a touchdown, a Raider record and the second longest in SWC history.

"When I first caught it, I didn't know which way to run," said Thurman, a sophomore. "I knew if I didn't get anything I'd get griped out when I got to the sideline."

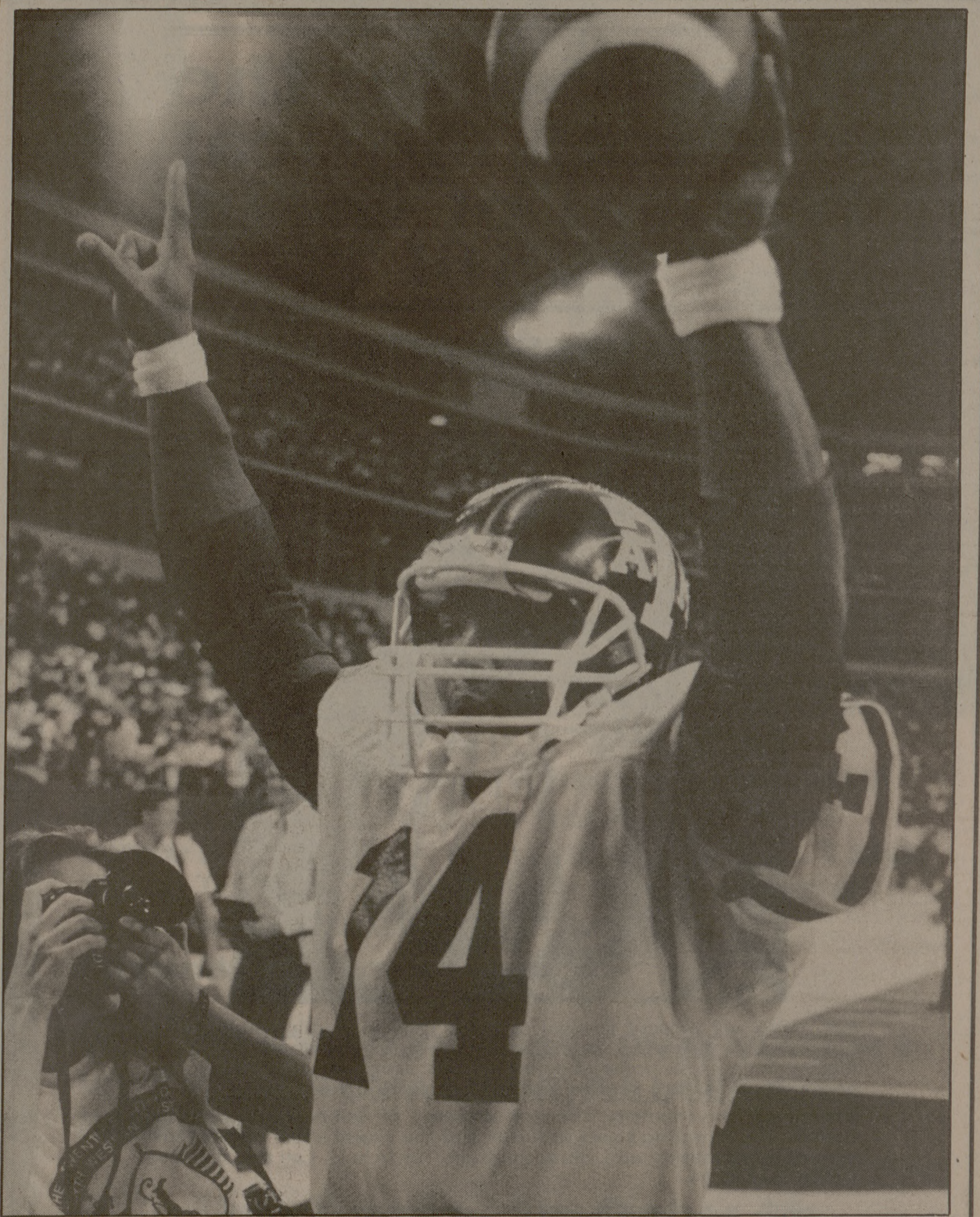
Longhorn safety-cornback Stephen Bragg picked off three Tech passes in the second quarter, but Texas turned only one into points, using 35 yards in Tech penalties to do that.

Tech's Scott Segrist nailed field goals of 24, 38 and 28 yards as the Raiders turned their 14-7 halftime edge into a 23-7 cushion.

"I wanted to kick against Ward and beat him," said Segrist. "That's what I was wishing for, for my field goal to be the winning points."

Stafford nearly spoiled the Raider party, running 20 yards for one Texas touchdown before passing 28 and 19 yards for the fourth quarter scores.

The victory enhanced the 5-3 Raiders' bowl hopes while the Longhorns' 3-4 slate is their worst in 20 years. With 2-2 records, neither team looms as a SWC title contender.



## Exhilaration

Aggie quarterback Kevin Murray raises his arms in celebration after 10th-ranked A&M

defeated SMU 39-35 in Texas Stadium Saturday to up its record to 5-0 in the SWC.

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