

Sports

Aggies humiliate Frogs on record-setting day

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Boys and girls, can you spell T-O-T-A-L D-O-M-I-N-A-T-I-O-N? Rest assured the TCU Horned Frogs sure can after Texas A&M's 74-10 laugher Saturday at Kyle Field.

Analysis

It was a game filled with offense and defense aplenty, at least on A&M's part, and it was a game where many records were obliterated along with the Horned Frogs. Here's a sampling:

- A&M set a school record for total offense with 705 yards, breaking the old record of 702 against Tulsa in 1985.
- The 74 points scored were the most ever by an Aggie team since a 77-0 drubbing of Sam Houston State University in 1925.
- A&M's 38 first downs established a new school record and tied the Southwest Conference record held by Texas against Baylor in 1968.
- A&M tight end Rod Bernstine passed Jeff Nelson as A&M's career

reception leader with 98 catches. A&M wide receiver Shea Walker now has 94 catches to move into second place.

• Kicker Scott Slater tied Alan Smith for the A&M single-season record for field goals with 18. Slater also is one away from the SWC record held by UT's Jeff Ward and Arkansas' Steve Little and Bruce Laha.

And these were just the beginning. Quarterback Kevin Murray set a school record for completions in a season with 187, six more than Gary Kubiak's old mark in 1982, and A&M increased its home-field winning streak to 14 games, the longest in the nation.

All in all, 10 records were either tied or broken.

The Aggies understandably weren't in the best of moods after last week's 14-10 loss to Arkansas and they played like it was all TCU's fault. Things looked grim for the Frogs after A&M's first possession when the Aggies promptly skipped 70 yards downfield through the imaginary TCU defense in nine

plays for the first of 10 A&M touchdowns. Slater kicked the first of nine extra points, which is another school record by the way, and A&M was on its way.

After the starters pushed TCU all over the field by establishing a 53-0 lead, A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill let the backups have some fun and they had the time of their lives, accounting for 21 points on the day. Backup running back Melvin Collins led all rushers with 110 yards and two touchdowns, and James Howse had 95 yards on seven carries. Reserve flanker Chris Ford only caught one pass, but it was a big one, good enough for a 50-yard touchdown gallop.

After all this was over, the question of the day was: Why did A&M run up the score?

"We didn't," Sherrill said. "They didn't," TCU Coach Jim Wacker said.

"We could have scored 90, maybe 100," A&M quarterback Kevin Murray said.

Ever since the supposed feud began between Sherrill and Wacker, A&M couldn't score against TCU without someone moaning about cheap shots. Last year's "onside kick" against the Horned Frogs with A&M leading 46-0 fanned the flames and a couple of things that happened Saturday did nothing to ease suspicions.

For one thing, Sherrill left Murray in the game long after the Aggies had established a wide margin.

"I was trying to get his (Murray's) statistics up," Sherrill said. "I kept him in there so he could get 300 or 400 yards."

Murray echoed Sherrill's remarks. "I wanted to play in the second half," he said. "It's boring on the sidelines. I'd rather be in there trying to make things happen."

He made things happen all right, much to TCU's dismay. Murray



Photo by Doug LaRue

A&M fullback Melvin Collins leapfrogs a TCU defender in Saturday's shellacking of the Horned

Frogs by the Aggies. Collins led all rushers with 110 yards on 20 carries. He also scored two TDs.

SWC Football

	Conference					All Games				
	W	L	T	Pts	OP	W	L	T	Pts	OP
Texas A&M	6	1	0	263	114	8	2	0	344	184
Baylor	6	2	0	221	146	8	3	0	304	198
Arkansas	6	2	0	206	114	9	2	0	303	142
Texas Tech	5	3	0	188	173	7	4	0	254	248
SMU	5	3	0	185	162	6	5	0	245	282
Texas	4	3	0	167	126	5	5	0	226	229
Rice	1	6	0	116	255	3	7	0	171	317
TCU	1	7	0	156	299	3	8	0	259	376
Houston	0	7	0	67	180	1	9	0	112	253

Saturday's Games

Texas A&M 74, Texas Christian 10
Baylor 18, Texas 13
Texas Tech 34, Houston 7
Rice 21, Air Force 17
Arkansas 41, Southern Methodist 0

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