

Sports

'Real' Aggie team trounces Baylor Frosh QB leads team to season-high 34 points

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WACO — Sunday was the last day for the replacement players in the strike-torn National Football League, and hopefully the previous Saturday was the last game for the replacement Aggies, a group of players that apparently had been masquerading as the real A&M football team for the first five games of the season.

Analysis

And get this: Even the offense showed up.
The real Aggies finally showed up at right, battering Baylor by a convincing 34-10 score.
Baylor, a team that always gives A&M trouble at home and on the road, kept up for one half, but was totally destroyed in the second half.
How complete was the A&M domination?
• The Bears could only manage eight first downs compared to A&M's 27.
• The Bears could only manage 52 yards rushing compared to A&M's 310.
• The Bears could only hold on to the ball for a grand total of 19 minutes and 33 seconds compared to A&M's final tally of 40:27.
Figures don't lie.

True, the Aggies, 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the Southwest Conference, only had 80 passing yards, but at least the passing attack showed signs of coming around behind freshman Bucky Richardson's four completions on five attempts for 53 yards. Lance Pavlas, who was used sparingly, completed 2-of-4 for 22 yards. Senior Craig Stump played only on field goal and extra-point attempts, but he still completed a pass on a botched field goal try for a first down.

Freshman halfback Darren Lewis, who continues to have a sterling season, gained 103 yards on 25 attempts and scored two touchdowns. The game also marked the first time Lewis and senior tailback Keith Woodside both started the game for the Aggies.
Woodside finished with 49 yards on 13 carries. He also caught two passes for 21 yards.

The defense returned to form as well Saturday, limiting the Bears to just 213 total yards while recovering three fumbles and intercepting Baylor quarterback Brad Goebel once.

"In the second half A&M whipped our tails out there," Baylor Coach Grant Teaff said. "The way the game was going, I think we could have played until midnight and there would have been no way we could have won."
Baylor only had four first downs in the second half to go along with 82 total yards.

A&M established itself quickly, driving 66 yards on 10 plays to take a 6-0 lead. Place kicker Scott Slater botched the extra-point attempt, his second misfire of the season.

Lewis had scored on an eight yard run, but his touchdown may not have been because of an apparent A&M fumble four plays earlier.
Lewis took a pitch-out on the Bears' 38 yard line, but dropped the ball and Baylor's Eugene Hall recovered. However, an inadvertent whistle before the fumble enabled the Aggies to retain possession.

"Someone in the stands, some Aggie, blew a whistle," Teaff joked. "And once that whistle was blown, they (the referees) ruled the play dead."

Baylor's offensive unit drove down to the A&M five yard line on its next possession, but a goal-line stand by the Aggie defense held the Bears to a field goal.

"It was a big series (the goal-line stand) and we were up to the challenge," A&M linebacker Dana Battiste said. "We knew coming in here that they (the Bears) could make some big plays, but I think that defensive stand gave us some momentum."

The Aggies took a 12-3 lead when Larry Horton scored on a 4-yard run. The Bears came back to make it 12-10 on a 28-yard pass from Goebel to Ben Baker.

Baylor punted after three downs to open the second half, and the Aggies didn't waste any time in reaffirming themselves as the team to beat in the SWC.

Lewis got his second touchdown on another 8-yard run with 10:39 left in the third quarter.

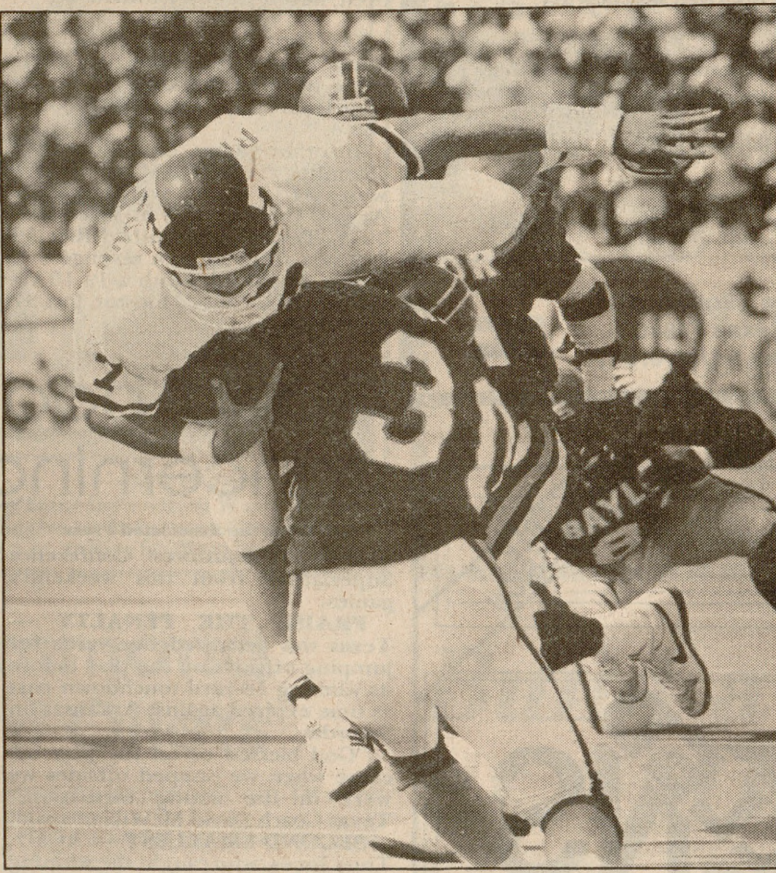


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A&M freshman quarterback Bucky Richardson is hit by Baylor free safety Mike Welch in the third quarter of the Aggies' 34-10 win over the Bears. Richardson had 45 yards on 11 carries for A&M.

A&M got the ball back after another stalled Bear drive, and it promptly drove down to the Baylor 18 where Scott Slater set up for a field goal attempt. However, Stump mishandled the snap and instead found tight end Wally Hartley for a 5-yard completion and a first down. Matt Gurley dove in for a 2-yard touchdown five plays later to make the score 27-10 after Pavlas completed a 2-point conversion pass to Rod Harris.

A&M scored for the last time when Richardson fired a 5-yard touchdown strike to Harris, who was

all alone in the corner of the end zone.

"It (the touchdown pass) was a corner route and it felt great," Richardson said. "It's nice to get into the rhythm of the game and we're finally jelling as an offensive unit."

The Aggies are virtually assured of having a 6-2 record going into the Nov. 14 game with Arkansas at Kyle Field. In the next three weeks A&M faces Rice in Houston and Louisiana Tech at Kyle Field before an open date Nov. 7.

Hopefully, we've seen the last of the "replacement" Aggies.

Lady Aggies still winless in SWC play

By Tammy Hedgpeh
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The Texas A&M volleyball team is still missing one thing — its first conference win.

The Lady Aggies' hopes for that first win were shattered by Baylor Friday night in Marrs-McLean Gym in Waco.

The Bears defeated the Lady Aggies 16-14, 15-13, 11-15, 15-8, which left the Lady Aggies with a 9-16 record overall and an 0-4 mark in Southwest Conference play. Baylor is 1-2 in the SWC.

The Lady Aggies and A&M Head Coach Al Givens took the loss harder than other conference losses.

"This is a real hard loss personally," Givens said, "because this is only the second time in the history of our program that Baylor has beaten us. So it hurts a little more than some of the other losses we've suffered."

Junior outside attacker Cheri Steensma said, "I don't know what happened. If we knew, it wouldn't have happened. The only way we can go is up."

A&M junior Vivian Viera led the team on offense and defense. On offense, she recorded 13 attacks out of 35 attempts and two service aces. Defensively, Viera had 15 digs.

The Baylor attack was led by

freshman Susan Musgrove who had 18 kills in 46 attempts.

The Lady Aggies' problem is difficult to detect.

"I think the problem is two-fold," Givens said. "The players are not taking responsibility for their play on the court. That's the biggest problem."

"The second thing I see out there is an attitude that shows a real lack of trust in their teammates. They feel like they have to do it all themselves, individually, or it's not going to get done. That leads them to overplaying or attempting things tactically

that they cannot do technically.

"When the game is on the line, instead of showing that true fighting Aggie spirit, we crumble under pressure. I really don't know what that's a function of."

Steensma agreed that it is a mental problem.

"It's not physical," Steensma said. "It's something mental. We just have to put our minds to it and have faith in one another. We have to trust the person we are playing next to."

The Lady Aggies will play Notre Dame Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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