

# Sports

## Ags Cotton Bowl-bound for 3rd straight season

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Not much else can be said about Texas A&M's 20-13 win over the Texas Longhorns Thanksgiving night at Kyle Field. Simply put, it was a night of heroes, both old and new, for the Aggies.

Names like Woodside, Richardson, Slater, Wallace and Stump enabled the Aggies to pick Cotton on Jan. 1 in Dallas for the third consecutive year. This year's opponent: the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

Granted, the Aggies' win over UT wasn't all that pretty, but A&M overcame a fiercely-determined Longhorn bunch to capture a third straight Southwest Conference title.

In the last two meetings in the rivalry, the Longhorns' appearance on the field was pretty much ceremonial. Longhorn players walked in their sleep while the Aggies waltzed over them.

Not so this time. UT held the upper hand during the first half, which ended in a 10-10 tie, the result of a late 53-yard field goal by A&M kicker Scott Slater. The Horns, however, could have substantially increased their score had they been able to take advantage of an early A&M fumble and if they had connected on a chip-shot field goal in the second quarter.

Instead, credit the Aggie defense for controlling UT's offense, espe-

cially on the Horns' first possession after a Craig Stump fumble early in the first quarter. Instead of a 7-0 lead, UT had to settle for a 3-0 head start after gaining exactly 0 yards on three plays.

Yep, zero. Zip. Goose egg. But compared to the Horns' luck in the second half, it was one of their better drives.

UT was totally shut down in the second half. Its first drive ended after gaining a whopping total of -1 yards, as did the second drive. The Horns finally evaded the -1 mark on their third drive when they managed -3 yards. The fourth possession, which ended in a Wayne Clements field goal, also netted a total of -3 yards.

UT didn't get any positive yardage in the second half until its first possession of the fourth quarter.

A&M linebacker Aaron Wallace was a big reason UT was stationary in the second half. He accumulated 16 total tackles overall, including 11 for losses.

The UT defense wasn't too shabby itself, keeping the Aggie offense in check for much of the game while forcing three turnovers.

Quarterback Craig Stump guided the Aggies for most of the game, but freshman quarterback Bucky Richardson stole the glory away from Stump with crucial runs late in the fourth quarter, including one for the winning touchdown.

Richardson replaced Stump for a series in the third quarter, and came

back in after Stump suffered a bruised knee in the fourth quarter.

Stump finished with 51 yards passing in completing five of 17 attempts. Despite the dismal numbers, many of Stump's passes were right on target, but dropped by receivers.

Tailback Keith Woodside finally had a good day for A&M, rushing for 135 yards on 12 carries, including a 90-yard touchdown run midway in the second quarter to give the Aggies a brief 7-3 lead.

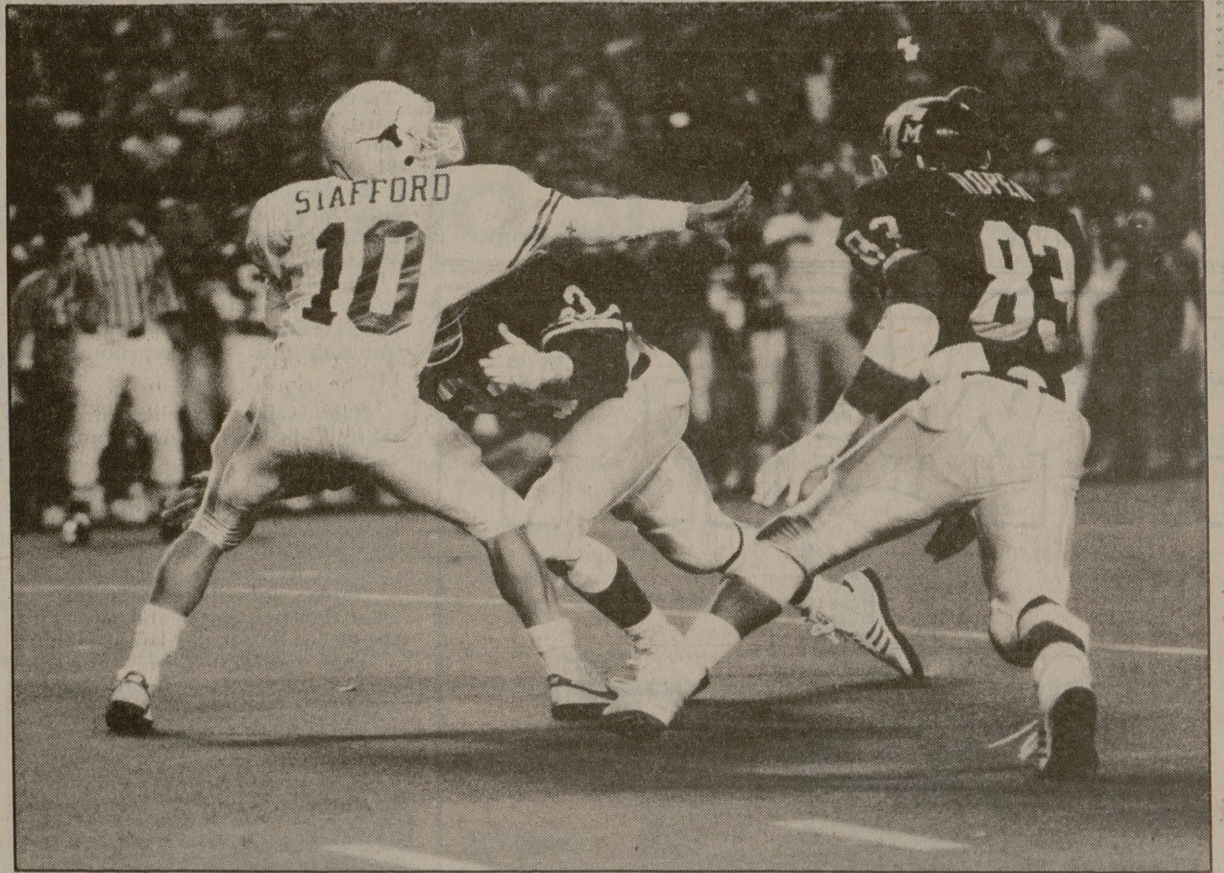
Perhaps his greatest run came in the fourth quarter, however, when the senior tailback broke four sure tackles on his way to a 24-yard gain that eventually led to the winning touchdown.

A&M kicker Scott Slater also returned to form after a lackluster season with two field goals.

Another big factor in A&M's win was the loud Kyle Field crowd of 78,573 — a stadium record. The crowd was a force for the entire game, especially on UT's first possession of the game, when quarterback Bret Stafford stepped back from center four times while the crowd, encouraged by Coach Jackie Sherrill and the Aggie defense, roared on.

For the fourth straight time the Horns were turned away by an Aggie team that simply wanted the win more than UT did.

Finally, there is no doubt that best team in the SWC will face Notre Dame on New Year's Day.



## Ineligible player causes Cougars to forfeit 37-7 victory over Temple

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Houston must forfeit its 37-7 victory over Temple because safety Randy Thornton was ineligible to play in the Nov. 14 game, Houston Athletic Director Rudy Davalos said Sunday night.

Davalos said an examination of Thornton's class records showed that two courses were added to Thornton's schedule on Nov. 12, past the late-add deadline.

The courses were added incorrectly, Davalos said, meaning

Thornton was not enrolled for 12 semester hours at the time of the Temple game as required by Southwest Conference and NCAA rules.

Davalos said he planned disciplinary action in the case.

"There is going to be a real keen look at that operation, there's just going to be a real tough check-out system," Davalos said. "We're going to have disciplinary action appropriate for that. I won't say who it is, but it's people in our department."

Thornton, a starter since his

freshman season, had been demoted this season but played well in the Cougars' 60-40 victory over Texas on Nov. 7 and regained his starting position.

Thornton played well again the following week against Temple before his class problems surfaced.

After the Temple game, Thornton was dropped from another class, giving him only nine semester hours, and the Cougars declared him ineligible for the rest of the season.

## Aggie hoopsters take on Huskies tonight

The Texas A&M men's basketball team, which lost its season opener to Oklahoma 104-80 Saturday in Norman, Okla., faces Houston Baptist University tonight at 7:30.

The game, which will be played at

the Spring Branch Coliseum in Houston, is the second matchup of the season for both teams. HBU defeated Quincy College last Friday.

A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf, in his 25th season with the Ag-

gies, needs only three more wins to reach the 400-victory mark.

Darryl McDonald, A&M's only returning starter, paced the Aggies with 26 points — a career high — against OU.



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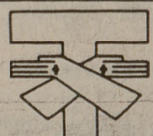
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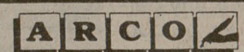
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