

Sports

Osgood gave life to Ags at LSU

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The Texas A&M offense, to put it bluntly, wasn't very good Saturday. But one bright spot showed up in the second half.

Chris Osgood came out of the locker room after halftime as the A&M starting quarterback and proceeded to move the team — something Bucky Richardson and Lance Pavlas had not been able to do in the first half.

He rushed for 14 yards on his first carry and, after missing on his first three passes, went 8-for-12 and 110 yards.

But more than anything else, he settled the offense down. Richardson and Pavlas had looked extremely flustered by the Louisiana State defense, with All-America linebacker Ron Sancho being the main terrorist.

Osgood had seen this team before, though, under similar circumstances. Richardson and Pavlas had seen the Tigers play; Pavlas had taken the field against them last year at Kyle Field.

But Osgood had seen this team many times in the University of Mississippi's service. And he was ready.

No, he didn't lead the Aggies to any points, although one drive almost certainly would have yielded a field goal had not Head Coach Jackie Sherrill opted to go for the touchdown on fourth and goal from the two yard line.

But he may have shown the A&M coaches a way to establish some continuity in the offensive backfield.

Osgood was not satisfied with his showing, though.

"Offensively we didn't move the ball as well as we should have," he said after the game. "We turned the ball over way too many times. We couldn't move the ball in the air or

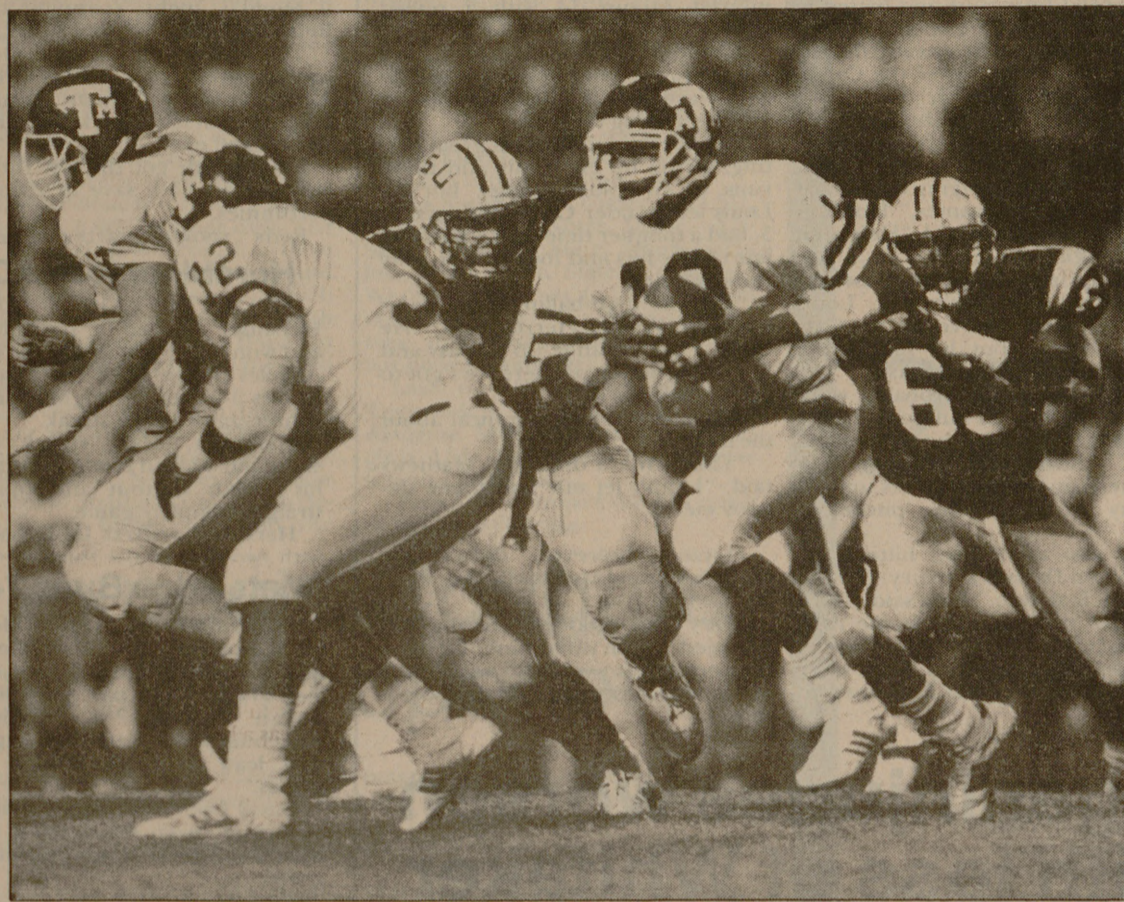


Photo by Dean Saito

A&M quarterback Chris Osgood rolls out on an option against LSU. Osgood played the entire second half and took the team on its only penetration inside LSU's 40 yard line.

on the ground.

"I was displeased with my outing. After sitting out for a whole year, I think I should have done better."

But not all of it was his fault. He credited much of A&M's difficulty to circumstances.

"It was mostly misfortunes. A fumble here, an interception there. We beat ourselves mostly, but I can't take anything away from LSU."

He threw one interception, but that was toward the end of the game when hope was nil.

That hope was lost on the two yard line.

"After we weren't able to punch it in, we lost a lot of momentum offensively and defensively," he said.

Bad weather not only at Open Wimbledon has long-standing tradition of rain

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Tennis and rain go hand in hand. The U.S. Open was rained out Sunday and play resumed on a clear but windy Monday.

Wimbledon without at least one day washed out is not Wimbledon. Play must be halted one day or people will begin to worry that they are at the wrong tournament.

This past Wimbledon, the men's final was delayed and those spectators at the gates and those watching at home waited breathlessly for the impending outcome.

Who would win? The rain. The players and the world had to wait an entire day for the crowning of the new champion.

It was a tough wait for avid tennis fans, but then Wimbledon is all about waiting — and scandal of course.

Non-ticketholders must trek out to Wimbledon and line up with a few thousand others in hopes of getting through the gates for a thrilling, if not soggy, day of matches.

Regardless of the weather, the lines of people are waiting. Some arrive in the early, dark morning hours to await the late morning to early afternoon start of play.

Tickets to this coveted event can be had if one has the time and the patience to wait. The early matches are the ones to hit because as Wimbledon gets into full swing, the harder the competi-

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tion for tickets.

At times it seems that obtaining a ticket is as hard as winning the championship.

Both the U.K. and the U.S. have a love affair with Wimbledon. People who don't even like tennis take time to watch the matches.

From the opening day to the final set, the coverage was both in-depth and shallow. There was coverage of the play, the antics and the gossip.

The match of Wimbledon 1988 was the clash of former champion Boris Becker and the then-defending champion Pat Cash.

The match was controversial for the open antagonism between the two opponents.

Becker and Cash marched onto the court as if they were already enemies. As the match progressed it was apparent that this statement was grounded in truth.

The play heated up and so did the Becker-Cash tempers.

Becker was joking his way through the match in a way that was clearly annoying to Cash who struggled to put games on the board. As Cash became frustrated, insults began to fly between the two.

fessor of neurology at the medical center, said Tyson was being kept there for observation and diagnostic tests and that his condition was "quite stable."

"He suffered minor trauma to the head and the chest wall," Britton said. "He's neurologically normal."

Britton said Tyson, who was recuperating from a broken bone in his right hand suffered in a street fight two weeks ago with heavyweight Mitch Green, was brought to Columbia after his car skidded off a slippery road.

Dan Klores, a spokesman for Tyson, said Tyson's car was the only vehicle involved and no one else was present.

Camille Ewald, a family friend whom Tyson has been close to since he started training in Catskill eight years ago, said Tyson's wife, actress Robin Givens, and his mother-in-law, Ruth Roper, wanted Tyson taken to Columbia Presbyterian because they know the doctors there.

A state police trooper said the accident had not been reported to any

police agency and was not under investigation.

Givens was in the back of the ambulance with Tyson as he was being transferred to New York and she tried to put a sheet over the windows to keep camera crews from photographing her husband.

A few moments later, Tyson was wheeled into the hospital on a stretcher with a sheet over his body and a towel over his face.

As cameramen pressed forward, Givens pushed them back, shouting, "Give him a break."

Tyson knocked out in car accident Sunday

NEW YORK (AP) — Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, who has avoided injury in the ring, was knocked out in a car wreck that left him with minor head and chest wounds, according to friends and relatives.

The wreck occurred about 11:20 a.m. Sunday near his training camp in Greene County, and Tyson was brought to Manhattan where he was hospitalized overnight at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, officials said.

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