

Sports

Aggie defense stifles Tech 50-15

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Sports Writer

The Wrecking Crew II paved the way for Texas A&M's offense to run to victory over the Texas Tech Red Raiders Saturday at Kyle Field.

The Aggie defense held Tech to 207 total yards in the Aggies 50-15 thrashing of the now 1-3 Red Raiders.

The chalkboard in the Aggie locker room read, "Defense: Be reckless. Pressure quarterback, running backs, receivers."

The plan worked. A&M Defensive Coordinator R.C. Socum, wearing a "Wrecking Crew II" hat, said his team went in to play reckless regardless of what happened.

"We said before the game that it was time to start wrecking something again," he said.

On the other side of the line, A&M's offensive front consistently drove back the Tech defense.

Running back Darren Lewis made the most of every gap and made a

few of his own while gaining 177 yards to lead the Aggies, also 1-3.

The wishbone was a part of the Aggies offense this week for the first time since the late 1970s.

A&M Head Coach Jackie Sherrill compared quarterback Bucky Richardson to Oklahoma's wishbone quarterback Jamelle Holieway.

"We will run the wishbone because I think Bucky can run it and run it good," he said.

A&M's offense, who did everything but score last week against Oklahoma State, committed only one turnover Saturday.

The offense gained a total of 476 yards, all but 56 on the ground.

Richardson, who alternated with starter Chris Osgood, gained 66 yards on 6 carries with a long of 43.

Freshman fullback Robert Wilson, who started in front of the injured Matt Gurley and Randy Simmons, had 71 yards on 9 carries and two TD's.

The Aggies scored in every quarter. See Aggies, page 10

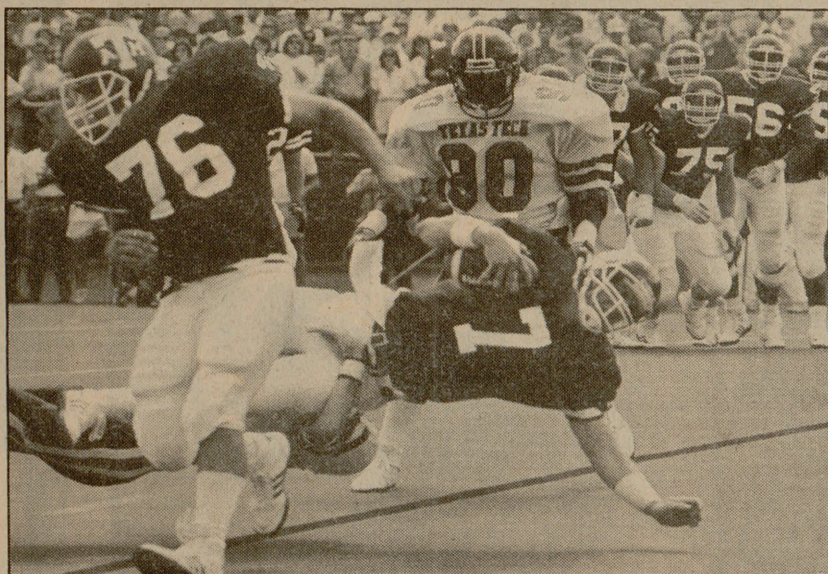


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Bucky Richardson scores on a "swinging gate" two-point conversion against Tech. He rushed for 66 yards and two touchdowns.



Photo by Jay Janner

Darren Lewis does a flip for a fourth-quarter touchdown against Tech. Lewis rushed 27 times for 177 yards to lead all rushers.

Take note SWC — the pulse still beats

The Aggies are back.

Saturday's drubbing of Texas Tech served to remind the rest of the Southwest Conference

just which team was the consensus pick to end the season on top. Recent weeks have made it very easy to forget that.

Jackie Sherrill has been second-guessed a lot about scheduling such an intimidating preseason docket. Even before the Aggies went

4-for-September, it looked questionable. Afterwards, well, you could hardly help but wonder if sprinkling in a pansy

or two wouldn't have been a good idea.



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Sports viewpoint

Maybe the big guy knew what he was doing.

One way or another, it seems the Aggies are more fit for that treacherous (*chortle, chortle*) SWC schedule after being drubbed by Top 20 opponents for five weeks than the rest of the conference after being drubbed by North Texas.

But don't think the problems are over. Despite an incredibly easy win over the Raiders, who seemed like probable contenders for the title, Texas A&M has several big question marks.

The most obvious one is at quarterback. Sherrill seems quite satisfied with using Chris Osgood as the starter and bringing Bucky Richardson off the bench for situational purposes.

The problem is still with the passing game, though. Although Osgood has a good arm, he still went 4-for-13 against Tech. That's got to improve.

The Aggies obviously needed an air attack Saturday like the Broncos need a quarterback. Like Joe Biden needs a speech writer. Like Telly Savalas needs a haircut. But that doesn't mean they won't need one later.

They also need to prove Saturday's stifling of the Tech rushing attack was no fluke. It was the performance of the defensive line that keyed the game. Shutting down the rush gave the Aggies the second-and-long situations they have been needing all year. That allowed the Wrecking Crew to unload on Billy Joe Tolliver two downs per offensive set.

Turnovers continue to look troublesome. It was that old Kyle Field magic that kept all six Aggie fumbles in Aggie hands. A&M fans need only to think about last week to remember how devastating they can be.

Osgood seems to be especially prone for some

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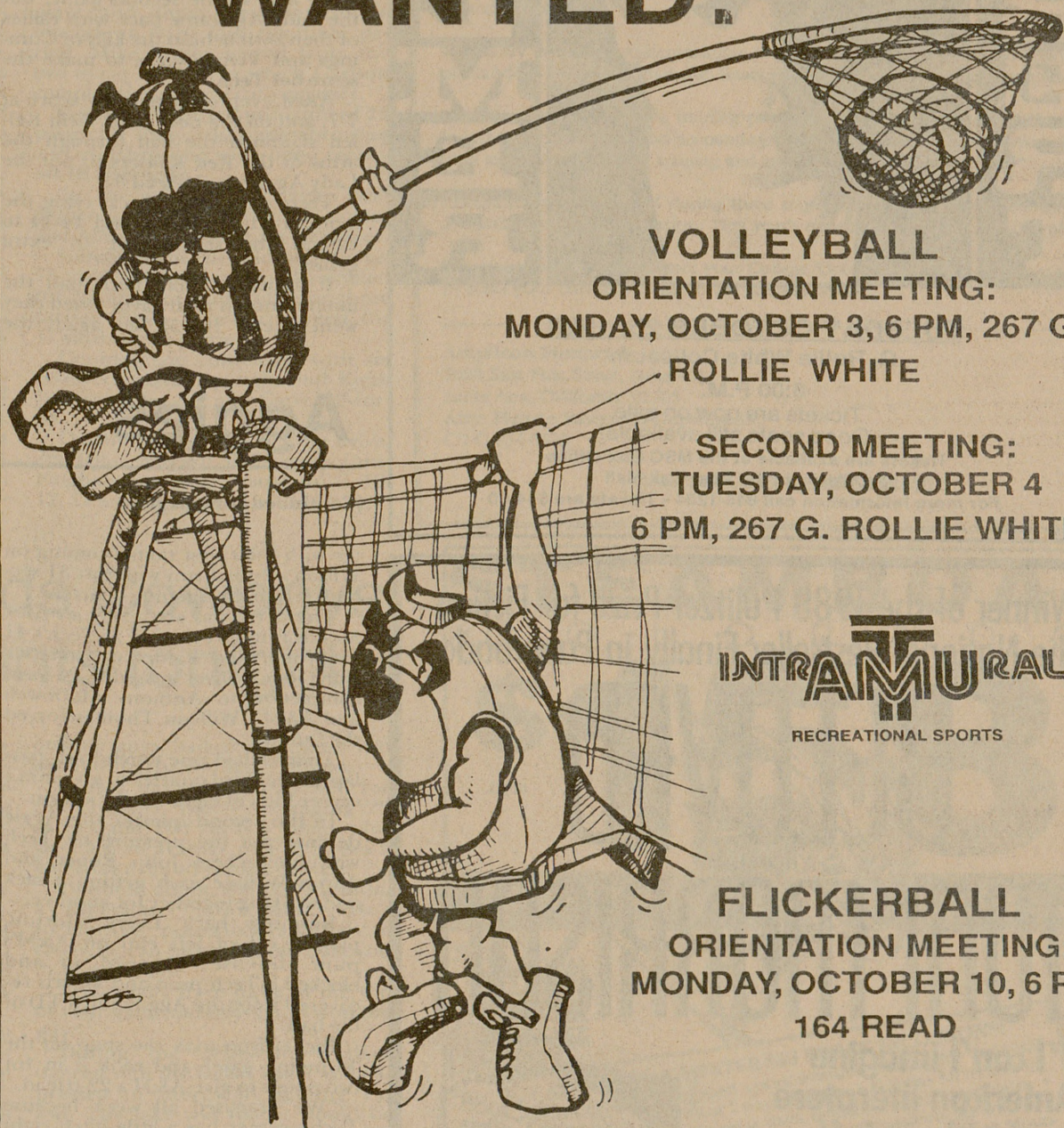
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