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A&M has the right 'stuff'

A&M football fans saw the stuff champions are made up of Saturday at Kyle Field. A&M's offense put together a crucial scoring drive at the end of the game to preserve victory over Houston. The Aggie defense came up with two interceptions by Kary Vincent to stop two Cougar comebacks during the second half. Senior quarterback Bucky Richardson didn't have a great day, but he did what it took to win.

That's the stuff of champions. It's hard to tell if other teams in the Southwest Conference have it. Texas isn't consistent but has all the right tools. Arkansas doesn't have the tools, but so far its team to beat. Baylor's got it all, they just need to learn how to win.

But the SWC season is long from over. A&M must travel to Rice and TCU before hosting the Hogs and Longhorns. The Aggies must win the rest of their games if they expect a conference crown and a trip to the Cotton Bowl.

Winning the rest of their games isn't asking too much. This A&M team is made of champions.

But the best part of Saturday's game was seeing Houston come to life. Some people were disappointed that the Aggies didn't thrash the Cougars, but there's good reason for the 28-17 final score.

First, UH quarterback David Klingler showed why he's an NFL prospect. Under tremendous pres-

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A&M continues climb up poll

No. 12 Aggies need to find second half formula

From Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M football team moved to No. 12 in this week's Associated Press Top 25 Poll.

The Aggies, 5-1 and undefeated in three Southwest Conference games, improved their national standing after a 27-18 victory over the University of Houston last Saturday.

A&M was one of three SWC teams in this week's poll. Baylor and Arkansas also moved up one spot each. The Bears sit at No. 21, and the Razorbacks are at No. 24.

Baylor and Arkansas will meet this Saturday in Fayetteville.

The Aggies travel to Houston Saturday to play Rice at 2 p.m. at Rice Stadium.

The A&M offense will attempt to get off to another fast start against the Owls. The Aggies have outscored their six opponents in the first half 162-13 this season.

But A&M has been outscored 80-41 in the second half this year. Last Saturday Houston rallied for 15 second half points before A&M finally put the lock on a win.

Quarterback Bucky Richardson said the A&M offense had to regain its composure in the second half to help the Aggies hold onto the win.

"We came out in the second half and made mental mistake after mental mis-

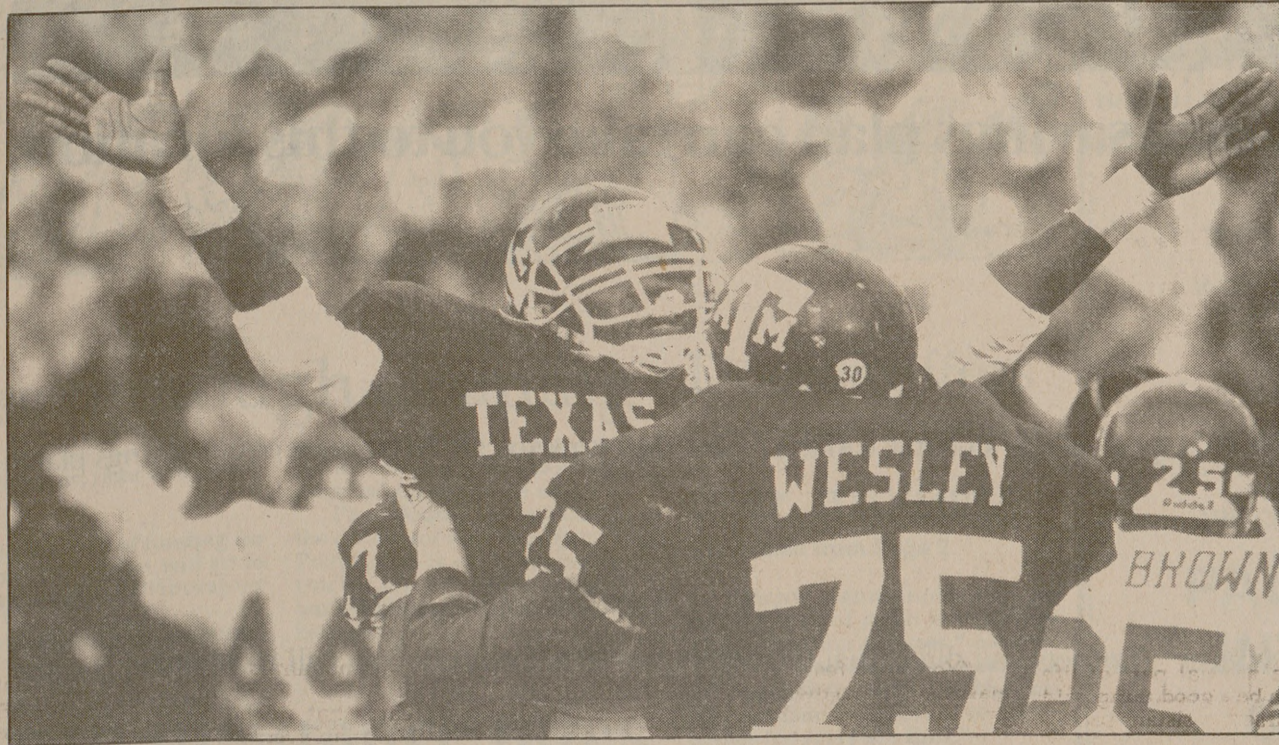
take," Richardson said. "There were people going the wrong way, I'd throw bad throws, people were running bad routes — it was everybody."

"It was just a matter of us saying, 'Look, let's calm down, we've got nervous feet a little bit, and get our composure back, and let's go out and get on the victim.'"

Greg Hill's 22-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter capped a five play, 46-yard drive that provided the final margin of victory for the Aggies.

Arkansas sits in first place in the SWC race at 4-0 and 5-2 overall.

A&M holds the second spot, while Texas, 2-1 in the conference and 3-3 overall, and Baylor 3-2 and 6-2, follow.



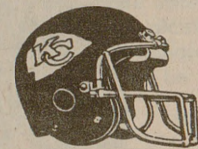
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A&M running back Greg Hill celebrates his 22-yard fourth quarter touchdown run with offensive lineman Dexter Wesley in the Aggies' 27-18 victory over the University of Houston. The win helped A&M move up to No. 12 this week in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll.

Chiefs chop Raiders in final minute

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — At least the week was not a total flop for the tomahawk chop.

Steve DeBerg hit Tim Barnett with a 6-yard touchdown pass with 47 seconds to go Monday night, capping a 57-yard drive that vaulted the Kansas City Chiefs over the Los Angeles Raiders 24-21.



One night after the Minnesota Twins beat the Atlanta Braves in the seventh game of the World Series, the 77,000 tomahawk-chopping Chiefs fans saw their team slice through the Raiders defense for two late touchdowns.

DeBerg faced fourth-and-four from the 11 and rifled a pass to Todd McNair, who leaned away from a tackler for a first down at the 6 with 51 seconds left. He then found Barnett cutting across the end zone for the winning score.

The Raiders (5-4), losing for only the seventh time in 37 Monday night games, led 21-10 and had the ball inside the 10 when Lloyd Burruss intercepted Jay Schroeder's pass and returned it 83 yards to the 15. On fourth-and-inches, Christian Okoye slanted around left end for the touchdown, making it 21-17.

After forcing a punt, the Chiefs got 18 yards on DeBerg's pass to Pete Holohan that almost was intercepted by Ronnie Lott, whose fourth-quarter interceptions were pivotal in the Raiders' previous two victories.

After rookie Harvey Williams ran 11 yards to the 39, Fred Jones caught a 9-yard pass at the goal line, but he was called for offensive interference against Lionel Washington. That dropped the Chiefs back to the 19, but DeBerg hit McNair at the 11, then again for the critical first down.

Then he and Barnett chopped down the Raiders.

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