

Aggies

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Davie also said the key to opening the game up was getting to halftime with the lead and making the proper defensive adjustments.

"I think our football team did a great job of getting through the second quarter," Davie said. "I felt like if we made it to halftime without any more letdowns, we'd be OK after making adjustments in the second half."

"My hat goes off to Rice. I never expected them to throw the football and be that wide open with their offense. They really took us by surprise with their gameplan."

The 26-point victory over the Owls marked the largest margin of victory for the Aggies this season, and was also A&M's highest point total.

A&M free safety Patrick Bates, who grabbed his second interception of the season in the third quarter by picking off a floater from Emanuel, said the A&M offense also did a good job of adjusting at the half, rolling for nearly 300 yards in the final two quarters.

"At the half we said the offense had given us the 14-9 lead, and we said Rice wasn't going to score again," Bates said. "I have to give our offense a lot of credit, because they came back and put some points on the board in the second half and opened the game up."

Emanuel, who was Bates' roommate when the two attended UCLA, was constantly battered by A&M's blitzing linebackers, and Bates said his old friend wasn't as effective against the blitz as they thought he might be.



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A&M's Cliff Groce takes the ball down the field against Rice. The Aggies had less rushing yards than Rice on Saturday, 130-125.

"He really didn't handle the blitz that well," Bates said. "He never really got settled with the way we were mixing up our coverage, and Marcus (Buckley) and the rest of the linebackers were able to get to him most of the day."

"Our linebackers did a good job of containing him. I was worried about it early in the week because he's really fast, but Marcus and Jason (Atkinson) did a good job of keeping him in check."

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum said he was surprised with the diversity Rice head coach Fred

smith said that was something that helped the Owls with time against the blitzing A&M defense. "We get about six-tenths of second more when you're there in the shotgun, and you obviously need all the time you can against a team like Texas A&M," Goldsmith said. "I thought Emanuel did a heck of a job. They're a great blitz team, and caused us some problems up front, but he hung in there and made some big plays."

The Aggies tried a little more diversity themselves on the offensive side of the ball, working true freshman Corey Pullig, quarterback and scoring on a half back pass from Rodney Thomas. Tony Harrison in the final quarter.

Slocum said the final quarter was something that would help take the pressure off A&M's running game by keeping defenses from cheating up on the run.

"People will get reckless about stopping the run and will stand the line," Slocum said. "For while we looked out of sync, and that is a play that will keep the defensive backs from coming up to meet the run every time if they know they have to worry about our back passing the ball."

Despite the fact that the Aggies were able to blow the game open in the second half, there was little doubt amongst all involved that Rice was a team on the rise.

"The games they have lost this year have all been close," Hill said. "They only lost to Texas a few weeks ago by two points, so that tells you how much better a team they have than they did last season."

"We got beat worse this year on the scoreboard, but in no way was the score indicative of how physical we played," Goldsmith said.

Linebackers

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the game) that we haven't had all season."

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum minced no words in his assessment of his linebackers' ability to stop Cobb.

"When you have the threat of Emanuel, and you hold Cobb to less than 100 yards, you've done a good job," Slocum said.

Atkinson, in particular, rose to the occasion against the Owls at his inside position. The junior from Spring spent almost as much time blitzing as he did back in coverage against Emanuel's one-man spectacle, throwing a wrench into Rice's new offensive machine.

The biggest play for Atkinson, and possibly the entire A&M defense, came late in the third quarter as Rice was driving toward midfield. Atkinson blitzed on third and four on the Rice 40-yard line, sacking Emanuel for an eight-yard loss despite the Owls'

shotgun formation.

"He was about as fast as any player I've ever played against," Atkinson said about Emanuel.

"I just watched a lot of films. In two weeks, you get a chance to watch a lot."

Atkinson's sack typified the importance of Davie's reliance on the blitz Saturday to stop Emanuel, who is the fastest quarterback in Division I and can get rid of the ball to backs and slot receivers almost as quickly.

"I knew we could blitz," Davie said. "The problem was the crack screens. We felt great with the blitz. It's just getting the right people back to cover."

With all of their blitzing, the A&M linebackers occasionally got burned by the scramble-happy Emanuel and his sub-4.40 speed. But, as Buckley said, that comes with the territory.



Atkinson

"With the type of defense we run, everyone pushes," Buckley said. "The main thing to do is to have fun and fly around."

"I was getting back fast, but they would sprint out. They tried to throw us off. We tried to get off the ball, but sometimes we beat ourselves."

Davie also voiced the frustration of trying to stop Emanuel, who ended up accounting for 189 yards of total offense.

The A&M assistant coach had outside linebackers Buckley and Solari blitzing from both sides throughout the game. However, Davie was still dismayed about the defense's inability to keep Emanuel contained on a consistent basis.

If Davie was a tad critical about the occasional letdown in containment, A&M free safety Patrick Bates was more complimentary about the ability of the players in

front of him to deflect pressure away from the secondary.

"I really don't think he (Emanuel) handled the blitz that well," Bates said of his former UCLA roommate. "I was happy they were coming up, because they were containing. Jason and Marcus and those guys did a good job."

"I think it works hand in hand. They know we've got great cover guys back there. Together, I think we make for a great defense."

After Saturday's outcome, Rice head coach Fred Goldsmith is one of the many that would agree with Bates' last statement.

"They're a great blitz team, and it caused us some problems up front," Goldsmith said.

"Not too many people have the firepower to bring at you defensively like they do. That's a heck of an assignment for a young offensive line."

might worry about his job.

"Rodney threw the ball better than I did," Granger said jokingly.

Slocum added, "I'd say Rodney's per-play average is a heck of a lot better than Granger's." But seriously, if anyone is going to take Granger's job, it will be Pullig. Pullig showed late in the game why he was so highly touted coming out of high school. He completed four of five for 99 yards and one well-thrown touchdown pass to Tony Harrison.

Slocum took Granger out of the game after two possessions and put in Pullig, who did not get a chance to show very much. When he came into the game later, he showed that should something happen to Slocum, Slocum will have someone to go to.

It was good for the Aggies to win convincingly over some team, even if it was Rice. They have had experience all season long on how to win close games. Now, maybe they'll get some experience in blowouts.

The AP writers will thank them for it.

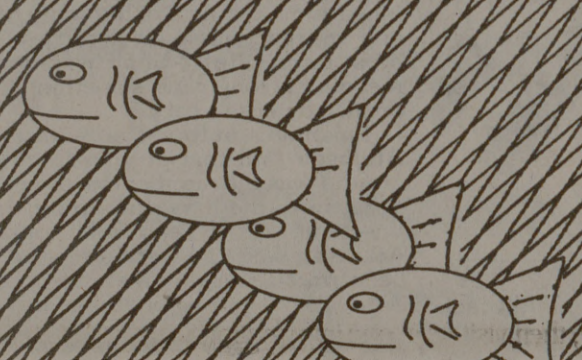
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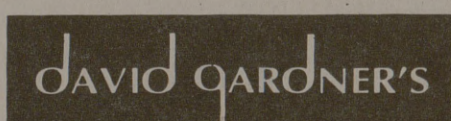
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Whitley
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 Cobb, but the Aggies did as good a job of stopping him as anyone.
 Much of the time the intense blitzes from A&M's "Wrecking Crew" defense kept Cobb from even getting the ball. Linebacker Marcus Buckley was in the face of Rice quarterback Bert Emanuel the whole game.
 On the other end of the rushing spectrum, the "Lion Offense" had an off day. Greg Hill and Rodney Thomas combined for 113 yards Saturday. Each of them had more yards on the ground against Texas Tech.
 A&M had 125 total rushing yards on the day, Rice had 130 rushing yards and the Aggies still won. Not only that, but the Aggies also had 285 yards in the air. Does this look like they are getting some semblance of a pro-style offense?
 Yet it was Rodney Thomas who gets credit for 50 of those passing yards. In fact, Granger

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