

Quarterback situation looks like soap opera

And now, it's time for another episode of *As The Quarterback Turns*.

When last we left you, the story revolved around young Corey, the vision of the future who had made offensive coaches cry with his explosive passing potential. He had made great strides against the intellectual behemoths from Rice in last week's show.

Corey looked like the successor to the throne currently held by Jeff, the accomplished baseball pitcher/quarterback. Even though Jeff has had a few problems keeping his slider off the football field, his team somehow found a way to win in the clutch.

Enter R.C., who is in charge of this operation. R.C. decided to let the young Corey play more in case something happened to Jeff.

But none of the fair citizens of College Station on Saturday expected R.C. to take Jeff out after one possession against the big, bad Bears of Baylor and put in Corey. Least of all, Jeff.

"I was real upset," Jeff said. "When I got pulled after the first series, I just didn't understand why I got pulled. I was mad at myself."

"I really didn't get a chance to get into a groove. It seemed like it went so quick that the first drive was over and gone before I realized what was happening."

So in went the young Corey playing earlier than he had ever played before. On the fifth play of the drive,

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A&M escapes with 19-13 victory

Undefeated season remains intact after second-half surge by Aggies

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Baylor head coach Grant Teaff wanted to show that he was one of the few coaches who knew how to win in Kyle Field during his last trip to Aggieland Saturday.

He almost pulled it off. Teaff's last trip to Kyle ended in a 20-20 tie and was Texas A&M's only non-win at home since 1989, brought his Bears into College Station with a 4-3 record overall and a 3-1 Southwest Conference mark trying to knock off the fifth-ranked Aggies on regional television.

After reading the box scores, one might think Teaff and Baylor were successful. But the Aggies, now 7-0 and 3-0 in SWC play, were able to break two long touchdown runs on the way to a 19-17 win over the Bears.

Baylor outgained A&M in total yards, 387-292, thanks to a 181-33 advantage in passing yards. The Aggies outgained the Bears on the ground, 259-206, thanks mostly to an 84-yard touchdown run by sophomore Rodney Thomas and a 40-yard touchdown by sophomore Greg Hill.

Teaff, who will resign as head coach this season and take over as athletic director, said the close game was what he ex-

pected when the Bears and the Aggies locked up.

"It was the kind of game I thought it would be," Teaff said. "It was hard-fought. We did the things we set out to do. We just didn't capitalize on all of our opportunities."

The Bears had two fourth-and-goal opportunities in the first half, but the Aggies denied them each time as Baylor quarterback J.J. Joe fumbled the snap from the center on each occasion.

Joe said those two plays may have cost his squad the game and a shot at the conference championship.

"You can't make the mistakes we made and expect to beat a quality team like Texas A&M," Joe said. "Both snaps near the goal line were bobbles that I take full blame for."

"Overall, we didn't convert when we needed to and that was the difference in the game."

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum, who became only the second A&M coach to win 11 straight SWC games with the victory, said the matchup was a typical A&M-Baylor game.

"It was about what I expected from this game," Slocum said. "I knew we'd get their best shot, and I knew they were a pretty good team. They've been playing with a lot of confidence, and this was a big game for them if they wanted to



BILLY MORAN The Battalion

A&M cornerback Derrick Frazier pulls down Baylor tight end Mike McKenzie as free safety Patrick Bates comes over the top of the play during the Aggies' 19-13 win over the Bears Saturday.

stay in the conference race and have a chance to go to the Cotton Bowl."

Slocum said the pressure from A&M's defensive line forced Joe to try and pull out from center too quickly to get down

the line, forcing the two fumbles at the goal line.

"We've got good interior linemen, and I knew we'd get good penetration,"

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Hill, Thomas provide offensive firepower on ground

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With Texas A&M facing third down on its own one-yard line with a true freshman calling signals, sophomore running back Greg Hill took a handoff and gave the Aggies breathing room with a bruising 14-yard run.

Two snaps later, fellow sophomore tailback Rodney Thomas burst through a huge hole and sprinted to an 84-yard

touchdown.

The two principal members of A&M's "Lion Offense" had struck for 98 of the 235 yards rushing that they would amass during the course the Aggies 19-13 win over the Baylor Bears at Kyle Field Saturday.

"The hole was there, and I just ran through it," Thomas said in his trademark understated style.

After coaching his last game at Kyle Field, Baylor head coach Grant Teaff

credited Hill and Thomas with the victory.

"They did a real good job," Teaff said, "That long run at the first, I believe it was Thomas, was just a great, great run."

With the Aggies passing for 33 yards during the entire game, the abilities of A&M's biggest offensive threats were again the difference between winning and losing a close game.

After Baylor kicked a field goal to extend their lead over A&M to 13-7 in the

third quarter, the Aggie offense, dormant for nearly half of the game, again stirred to life.

Starting a drive at A&M's own 38-yard line, Hill slashed for seven yards on first down.

But after starting quarterback Jeff Granger was forced to scramble upfield for 15 yards and a first down, A&M head coach R. C. Slocum again put the ball into

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