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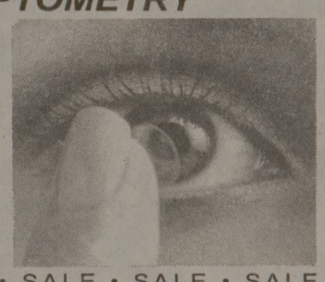

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Associated Press Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press 1992 college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote:

	Record	Pts
1. Miami	7-0-0	1,517
2. Washington	7-0-0	1,516
3. Michigan	6-0-1	1,402
4. Alabama	8-0-0	1,372
5. Texas A&M	**7-0-0**	**1,247**
6. Florida St.	6-1-0	1,245
7. Georgia	7-1-0	1,144
8. Colorado	6-0-1	1,046
tie. Nebraska	5-1-0	1,046
10. Notre Dame	5-1-1	981
11. Boston Coll.	6-0-1	929
12. Syracuse	6-1-0	886
13. USC	4-1-1	795
14. Penn St.	6-2-0	727
15. Stanford	6-2-0	642
16. Tennessee	5-2-0	580
17. Arizona	4-2-1	547
18. Kansas	6-1-0	513
19. Wash. St.	6-1-0	432
20. Florida	4-2-0	428
21. N. C. State	6-2-1	350
22. N. Carolina	6-2-0	210
23. Virginia	6-2-0	206
24. Missi. St.	5-2-0	191
25. Texas	**4-2-0**	**90**

Others receiving votes: Ohio St. 24, Georgia Tech 22, Clemson 18, Air Force 17, Hawaii 13, West Virginia 9, San Diego State 3, Auburn 1, Bowling Green 1.

Tailbacks

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the hands of one of his tailbacks.

"Our backs are good enough that I felt if we kept running them up in there, somebody could hit one of those cracks," Slocum said.

On the next play, Hill rumbled through another big hole opened by the A&M offensive line at the Baylor 40 and darted towards the end zone, breaking tackles along the way, to put his team ahead.

"As soon as I got the ball, the hole just suddenly blew open, and I said, 'man, I need to get this ball in the end zone,' and things worked in my favor," Hill said.

Thomas said it it could be the best run he has ever seen.

"When he had to score he went right through a guy for the touchdown, that's the difference between a great back and an average one," Thomas said.

Teaff again gave credit to the play of an A&M running back.

"I thought the run that Hill made was just a great, big-time run," Teaff said.

"Both of them are really super players."

In spite of the success, Slocum said that he did not see changing his plans to get them more carries.

"I don't envision a thing where we get to the point where they both play all the time," Slocum said.

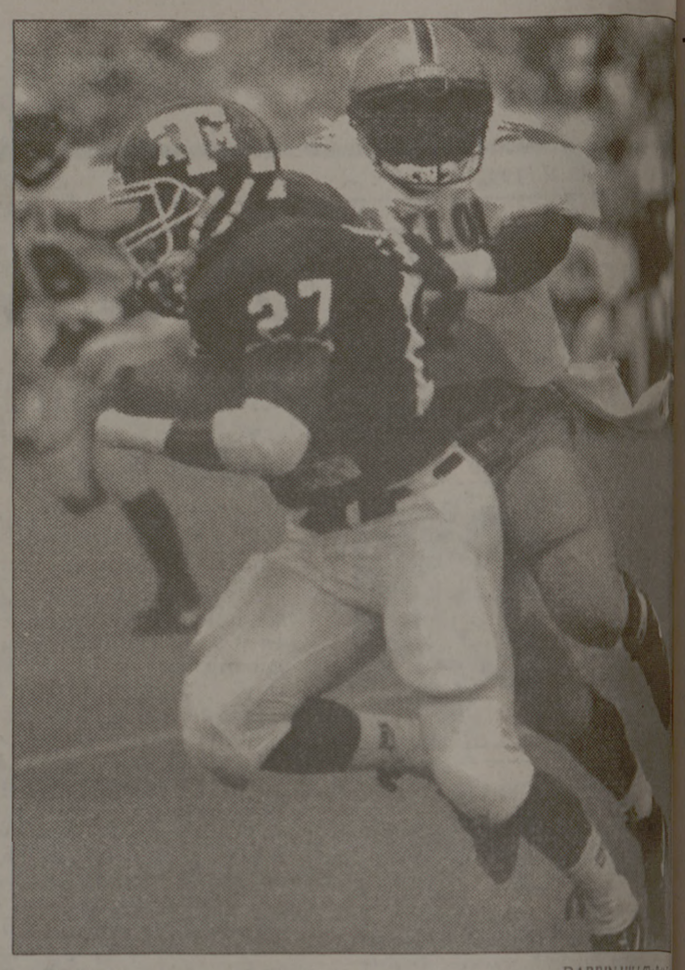
Thomas agreed that it is not necessary to change the offense to accommodate both running backs, and added that he is happy.

"I love to compete and I like to show what I have," Thomas said. "But as far as more carries are concerned, I don't dwell on that because when that happens, I forget what means more, and that's to win." Thomas added.

And what is beginning to mean more to both A&M runners is the relationship between them as they pace their team this season.

"We're two totally different people off the field," Hill said. "He's a real quiet and soft-spoken person and I'm an outgoing person, but you know, opposites attract, and I love Rodney.

"There's a deep love between Rodney and I," Hill added. "It's just like a brotherhood."



DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

Texas A&M tailback Greg Hill tries to escape from Baylor linebacker Le'Shai Maston during the Aggies' 19-13 win Saturday. Hill and Rodney Thomas combined for 235 yards on 28 carries.

Smith, Cowboys run by Raiders, 28-13

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Emmitt Smith ruined the day for the largest crowd of the NFL season.

Smith rushed for 152 yards and three touchdowns Sunday as the Dallas Cowboys maintained their one-game lead in the NFC East with a 28-13 victory over the Los Angeles Raiders.

Smith, who carried 29 times, scored on a 6-yard run in the first quarter, a 4-yarder in the third period which put the Cowboys (6-1) ahead for good, and a 26-yarder with 3:26 left in the game.

The Raiders (3-5), cheered on by a crowd of 91,505 at the Los Angeles Coliseum, had won their previous three games.

Smith's second touchdown run capped a 75-yard, five-play drive and made it 14-13. It came immediately after the Raiders had gone ahead 13-7.

Big play of the Cowboys' march was a 52-yard pass from Troy Aikman to Alvin Harper to the Los Angeles 21-yard line.

The Cowboys, playing on grass for the first time this season, extended their lead to 21-13 on a 3-yard run by Aikman with 10:06 left in the game, capping a 64-yard, 12-play march, and held the Raiders in check thereafter.

In fact, Los Angeles didn't cross midfield after a 31-yard pass from Todd Marinovich to Willie Gault had given the Raiders their 13-7 lead just 4:18 into the third quarter.

The Los Angeles touchdown came two plays after Tim Brown returned Mike Saxon's 29-yard punt 29 yards to the Dallas 33-yard line.

Aikman completed 16 of 25 passes for 234 yards without being intercepted. He was sacked five times — twice each by Howie Long and Aaron Wallace.

Marinovich struggled, completing only eight of 23 passes for 117 yards without being intercepted and was sacked three times. He was relieved by Jay Schroeder after Smith's third scoring run.

The Raiders, who entered the game having scored only 14 first quarter points in their previous seven games, took a 6-0 lead by driving 83 yards on 11 plays after receiving the opening kickoff. Marcus Allen scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run.

The conversion attempt was aborted when holder Jeff Gossett was unable to handle a low snap from center Dan Turk and place kicker Jeff Jaeger's desperation pass was incomplete.

The Cowboys responded by moving 80 yards on 14 plays to take a 7-6 lead, scoring on Smith's 6-yard run. The Raiders hadn't allowed a touchdown in their 10 previous quarters.

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Aggies

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Slocum said. "You're in a situation down there where if you're going to get down the line, you have to get out from the center pretty quickly. Sometimes when you get in too much of a hurry, you wind up leaving the ball."

The game also marked the first time this season that a reserve quarterback has seen a substantial amount of playing time for the Aggies, as true freshman Corey Pullig replaced starter Jeff Granger on A&M's second offensive series and played the rest of the first half and the opening series of the second half. Granger returned after that and played the rest of the game.

Slocum said the Aggies got some bad breaks in the first series, and that since he had wanted to get Pullig some playing time, he felt that was a good time to put him in.

"I went into the game wanting to get Corey more playing time so he could get a feel of things, so after the first series I decided we would get him in and see how he did," he said.

Slocum said he felt Pullig performed well in only his third appearance of the season, considering the scope and intensity of the game.

"I thought he did good considering his experience and the amount of playing time he has had," he said. "Going into a big game like that the way he did, I thought he did exceptionally well."

Pullig's appearance in the first quarter came after a goal-line stand from the A&M defense at their own one-yard line. Slocum said one reason he put Pullig in such a tough position was to demonstrate that he had confidence in his abilities.

"I have a lot of confidence in Corey, and I wanted to demonstrate that to him," Slocum said.

Pullig finished the game completing 3-for-11 for 41 yards, and Granger was 3-for-6 for minus-eight yards.

Slocum said he would look at this week's films before deciding who would start Saturday against Southern Methodist.

In the fourth quarter, the Granger-led Aggies took the ball at their own 29 with a 14-13 lead and marched 51 yards to set up a 37-yard field goal by Terry Venetoulias. Teaff said the drive decided the game, and that the Aggies proved their worth on that drive.

"They had two great runs and one great drive. They had their best drive in the fourth quarter. It was a championship drive.

"That's what champions do."

Whitley

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Corey handed the ball to Rodney, the running back, who promptly steamrolled 84 yards for the team's first touchdown.

And the fair citizens of College Station cheered.

In the next drive, Corey again pleased the crowd with passes of 25 and 11 yards. He looked like the new man at the helm. Corey was on his way.

Then, it seemed like the young Corey had developed the same off-speed pitch that Jeff was throwing. R.C. had to wonder if his team was playing in Olsen Field instead of Kyle.

The Bears managed to climb ahead. At halftime, the home team was behind.

And supporters of the home team knew how detrimental this was. Last week's show was not televised so the people who vote in the AP poll could not see the home team's occasional slip-ups. All they saw was a 35-9 win.

But this week's show was televised all over the Southwest and, for a nominal fee, other parts of America. There was no avoiding it.

After one possession in the second half, R.C. decided that he would save the young Corey for another week. He finished the day completing only three passes out of 11 attempts.

"I'm not happy with my performance, but I'm not disappointed," Corey said. "I feel more comfortable with each game. It gets a lot easier as the games go on."

Jeff came into the game. He looked impressive on a third down taking the ball himself for 15 yards to move the chains.

But it was none other than Greg, the running back who keeps his own time, who saved Jeff by running up the middle for a 40-yard score that would end up being enough for the home team.

Jeff ended up completing three of six passes, but for a total of minus-eight yards. His longest completion was for negative-four yards.

Although the young Corey and the elder Jeff combined for a total of 33 yards passing, the home team still found a way to win. . .again.

R.C., who must be getting officers each week, said after the show that he would study the tapes, look at practices and decide later who would be the starter next week.

"I will continue to play both (Jeff) Granger and (Corey) Pullig," R.C. said. "If they are both healthy next week, they'll both play."

Will Corey take over Jeff's job? Will Jeff keep his position? Either way, will the team come from behind again next week against hapless Southern Methodist? Will R.C. hire a pitching coach?

Will Rodney, who remains the only player to complete all of his passes (1-for-1), move behind center? Will the fair citizens of College Station remain fair? If one day, the home team doesn't find a way to win? Or will the home team keep winning unimpressively to the national championship?

Find out in next week's show.