

## Intervention from above set tone on Saturday

The Lord was watching college football on Saturday. He must have. How else could you explain the strange, twisted events that occurred on gridirons all across America?



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Maybe now that the election is over, the Big Man upstairs had more time to spend on his favorite pastime. If there was ever a time for divine intervention to take place, God picked no better time than Saturday.

He started in Kyle Field by blessing Texas A&M's offense. The Aggies had, by far and away, their best offensive production of the year in their 40-18 victory over Louisville.

As a result, the Aggies looked more like the fifth-best team in the country than they have all year long. And God saw that it was good.

Everything clicked. There were no lapses, no lulls, and no mistakes. A&M executed as a team better than it has all season. In watching the game, you started to get the sense that this team has come together and now is ready for the stretch run that awaits.

Part of that is due to a heaven-sent reincarnation at quarterback. Bucky Richardson came back to A&M Saturday in the form of Corey Pullig. The freshman, who just recently turned

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# Aggies steamroll Cardinals, 40-18

## A&M offense dominates in best showing of year

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The mystery of who would start at quarterback for Texas A&M ended with the Aggies' first offensive play Saturday against Louisville. But it took the entire first half for the A&M defense to solve the riddle of Louisville's surprising offensive scheme in the Aggies' 40-18 home win.

Although Louisville head coach Howard Schnellenberger entered the game not knowing whether his defense would be facing Jeff Granger or Corey Pullig under center, he threw the A&M defense a curve of his own, as his running backs had 22 carries for 132 yards and one touchdown in the first half. And the fact that Anthony Shelman, a backup tailback, accounted for 92 of those yards on 12 carries emphasizes the departure from Louisville's passing-oriented scheme.

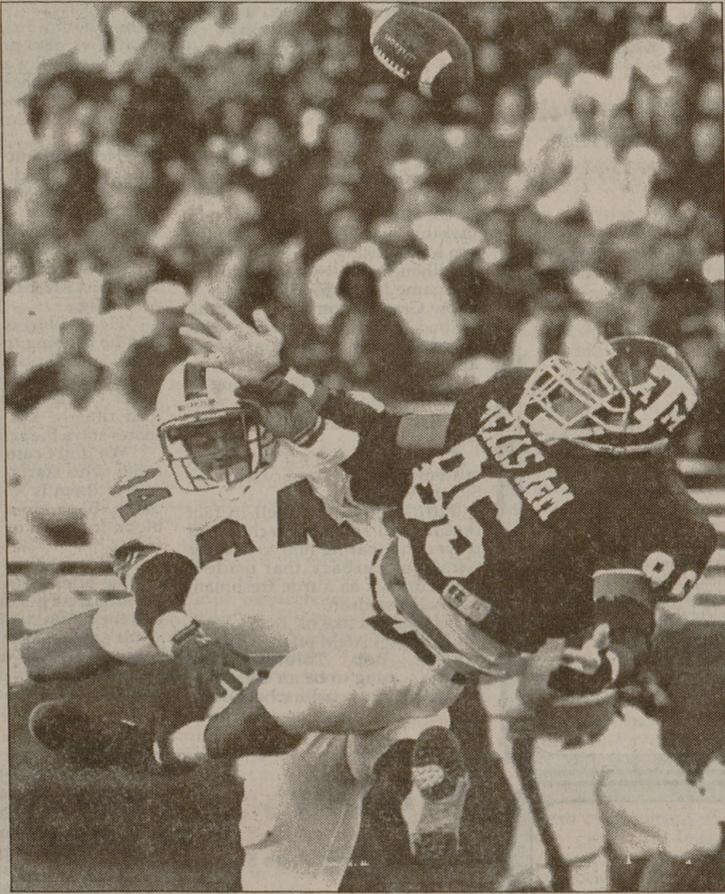
Like so many other times this season, the A&M coaching staff was forced to make major adjustments at halftime. For defensive coordinator Bob Davie, the adjustment had to be coming up with a way to stop Louisville's draws and misdirection plays without linebacker Larry Jackson, who was on the sideline with a broken hand.

Clearly, whatever Davie said, the "Wrecking Crew" took it to heart. The Cardinals had no positive yardage in the third quarter, and gained only 43 yards on the ground in the final period.

Davie took his defense's first half in stride, saying that it was merely typical of how this season has progressed.

"It seems like all year we've gotten off to a rocky start," Davie said. "It seems

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Louisville free safety Ray Buchanan (34) breaks up a pass in the end zone intended for A&M tight end Greg Schorp (86) in the third quarter of the Aggies' 40-18 win Saturday. Schorp finished the day with a season-best eight catches for 85 yards.

## Aggies climb to No. 4 in poll

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M moved up one notch in this week's Associated Press Top 25 college football poll to No. 4, its highest ranking since 1975.

The poll shows teams with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote, and ranking in last week's poll:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami (61)	8-0-0	1,549	2
2. Alabama (1)	9-0-0	1,463	3
3. Michigan	8-0-1	1,424	4
4. Texas A&M	9-0-0	1,340	5
5. Florida St.	8-1-0	1,313	6
6. Washington	8-1-0	1,201	1
7. Nebraska	7-1-0	1,192	7
8. Notre Dame	7-1-1	1,092	8
9. Arizona	6-2-1	1,074	12
10. Syracuse	8-1-0	1,033	10
11. Florida	6-2-0	886	14
12. Georgia	7-2-0	830	15
13. Colorado	7-1-1	788	16
14. N.C. State	7-2-1	699	17
15. Stanford	7-3-0	626	21
16. Miss. St.	7-2-0	588	19
17. Boston Coll.	7-1-1	571	9
18. Southern Cal	5-2-1	515	11
19. Ohio St.	7-2-0	467	22
20. Kansas	7-2-0	370	13
21. Wash. St.	7-2-0	298	25
22. Penn St.	6-3-0	280	23
23. Tennessee	5-3-0	190	24
24. Hawaii	7-1-0	151	—
25. N. Carolina	7-3-0	67	18

Others receiving votes: Mississippi 39, Texas 23, Brigham Young 20, Clemson 16, Wake Forest 12, Bowling Green 10, Oregon 8, Georgia Tech 5, Air Force 4, Baylor 3, Oklahoma 3.

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