

Hill helps Aggies run by Horned Frogs

By DON NORWOOD
Sports Writer of THE BATTALION

Any questions about A&M running back Greg Hill's heart should have been answered in Saturday's 37-10 win over Texas Christian.

With 187 yards rushing on 25 carries, the sophomore from Dallas had his best game statistically at Texas A&M since his first outing against Louisiana State in 1991. And with two important catches for 17 yards, Hill ended up accounting for 204 of A&M's 447 total yards.

But mere numbers cannot come close to telling the whole story. Hill seemed to thrive on the pressure involved with playing for the Southwest Conference championship, as he continually lowered his shoulder and broke tackles against an up-and-coming team and in terrible weather conditions.

Consequently, the TCU defense was forced to just try and slow Hill down, because he just did not

feel like being stopped.

"This was the best game of my career," Hill said gleefully. "I had 212 yards in my first game (against LSU), but that's behind me. I ran hard today, and that was my goal at the beginning of the season."

The adverb "hard" is a mild one to use when describing the way Hill frustrated TCU tacklers. Take for example his six-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, when he planted a shoulder in the chest of free safety Brashant Carter, leaving Carter on the seat of his pants. Or how about his 14-yard run in the third period, when he carried a pile of Horned Frogs five yards to help set up kicker Terry Venetoulis' third field goal of the game. He even displayed his tightrope-walking ability with a 22-yard carry at the beginning of that same drive, when he bounced off two defenders and danced down the A&M sideline to eke out extra yardage.

For a running back who specializes in pretty runs, Hill's performance against TCU was something special to watch. Even his teammates seemed to enjoy sitting back and enjoying the show.

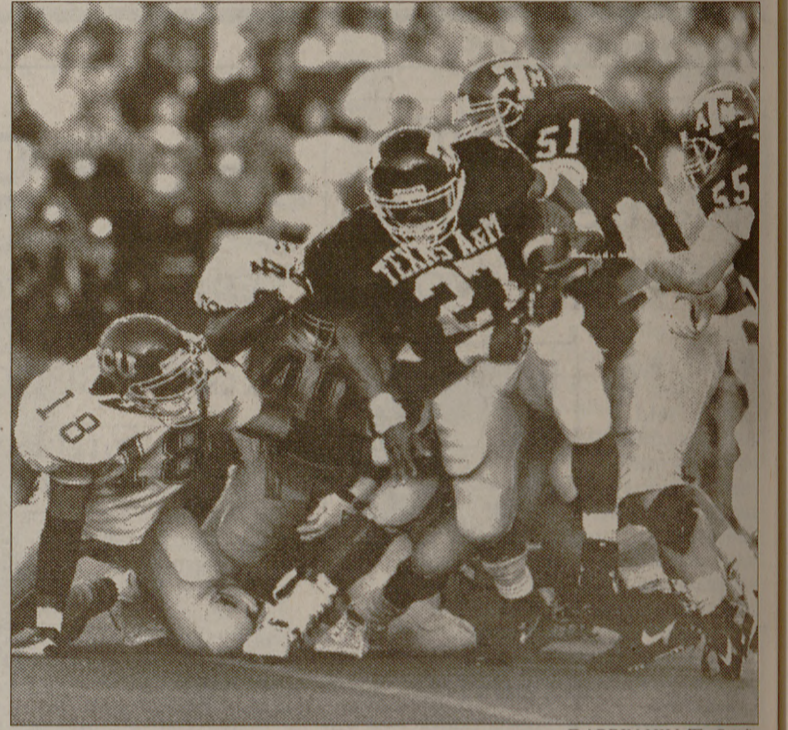
"Greg did a great job," A&M quarterback Corey Pullig said. "He impresses me more and more every game, not just as a player but as a person, too."

"Greg makes every play. He works hard in practice, and I think it shows in the games."

Granted, Hill has the benefit of playing behind one of the best offensive lines in the game. But the relationship between a line and their backs is 50-50, as senior guard and unofficial offensive line spokesman John Ellisor said.

"Greg Hill always impresses me with the way he runs with the ball," Ellisor said. "He makes my job easier. It's a lineman's dream."

If one looks for a complicated answer for why Hill seems to have a knack for making defenses look hapless, do not ask the man himself. His answer is as basic



DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

A&M running back Greg Hill (27) tries to escape two Texas Christian defenders as John Ellisor (51) and Tyler Harrison (55) try to help him break free. Hill helped lead the Aggies to a 37-10 win over the Horned Frogs with 187 yards rushing.

and-to-the-point as it gets.

"I was just out there running the ball, and the holes were there," an understated Hill said. "I gave it my best, and the Lord helped me do my best and help my team win the game."

Hill seemed to be much more pleased with the fact that the fourth-ranked Aggies won the game and their second straight SWC title than with his role in the win. The excitement of a return trip to the Cotton Bowl was written all over his face. And that excitement bubbled over as he described the joy of repeating.

"You can't have a better game than this," Hill said with the look of a child in a candy store. "1992 Southwest Conference champions. It feels good to say that, so I'll say it again. 1992 Southwest Conference champions."

"You definitely did not see the number four team play today. We were better than that."

The only thing left for Hill and his teammates to prove is that their second straight conference crown will not go to their heads on Thanksgiving night. No matter what the record of each team is, the outcome of Thursday's A&M-Texas clash is very much up in the air. And do not think that Hill is taking the game lightly.

"That will take care of itself," Hill said about A&M's motivation for playing against Texas. "We will have no problem getting pumped up for the Texas Longhorns."

"This is one of those games that will be a knock-down, drag-out from the first quarter to the fourth quarter. You should feel honored to play in a game like that."

Lady Aggies fall to Texas in SWC Tournament semis

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Texas A&M volleyball team's Southwest Conference season came to an abrupt end Saturday night at the SWC Tournament in Austin.

One day after whipping Baylor in three straight games, the Lady Aggies got a taste of their own medicine as the University of Texas dropped A&M 15-1, 15-12, 15-8 in Austin's Recreational Sports Center.

The loss drops A&M's record to 16-14 overall, 3-7 in SWC play.

Texas's Erica Hibben was nearly unstoppable against A&M, as she led all scorers with 14 kills on 28 attempts for a .429 hitting percentage. She also had a team-high 13 digs.

Katy Jameyson backed up Hibben with 12 kills and a game-high two blocks, while setter Heather Pfluger led all players in assists with 33.

A&M outside attacker Eliza-

beth Edmiston, who was named to the SWC All-Conference Second Team, led the team in kills with 10 and led all players in digs with 15. Genny Wood led the Aggies in assists with 21.

The Lady Aggies were able to take out a few frustrations from the previous night against Baylor, beating them 15-5, 15-13, 15-11. Edmiston logged 17 kills and 11 digs in that match, with three other Lady Aggies finishing in double figures in kills.

Despite Saturday's loss, A&M finished the SWC tourney with a major bright spot in the form of freshman setter Suzy Wente. Wente, who is on a pace to break all career assist records at A&M, was named SWC Newcomer of the Year following the tournament.

In addition to her spot on the All-SWC team, Edmiston was also named to her second straight GTE/SWC Academic Honor Team.

Aggies

Continued From Page 5

of every game we've looked like the stronger team," Slocum said. "We got stronger as the game wore on," Slocum added. "The game was essentially over in the fourth quarter."

Sullivan said his team was eventually outmanned in the second half, despite sticking to the assigned game plan against the Aggies.

"Our game plan was to come out and not make many mistakes, not give them the ball, and make

them go a long way to score," Sullivan said. "We pretty much did that until late in the third quarter, then we just ran out of gas."

Sullivan, whose team lost to first-ranked Miami 45-10 earlier this season, put A&M in the same category as the Hurricanes.

"Texas A&M is a strong, physical ball team, and they play with a lot of class," Sullivan said. "I definitely think that they are one of the premiere teams in the nation."

"1992 Southwest Conference champions," Hill said. "It feels so good to say it that I'll say it again. 1992 Southwest Conference champions."

The champions should be very grateful that Baylor took care of their business in Floyd Casey Stadium. Although many would have preferred a winner-take-all matchup for the whole enchilada on Thanksgiving night, it's much better for the Aggies to have it wrapped up now.

There's never any problem getting hyped for a Texas game. It's the rivalry that A&M revolves around every year. And the everpresent image of a national championship dangling in front of the Aggies should be inspiration for anyone.

But now, the Aggies can travel inside the belly of the beast with the official title of champions, and they can bask in the glory of knowing they are the best again.

AP Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami (61)	10-0-0	1,549	1
2. Alabama (1)	10-0-0	1,483	2
3. Florida St.	9-1-0	1,407	3
4. Texas A&M	11-0-0	1,389	4
5. Notre Dame	8-1-1	1,289	7
6. Florida	8-2-0	1,166	9
7. Michigan	8-0-3	1,084	6
8. Syracuse	9-2-0	1,077	8
9. Georgia	8-2-0	1,030	10
10. Colorado	9-1-1	976	11
11. Washington	9-2-0	928	5
12. Nebraska	7-2-0	914	12
13. N. C. St.	9-2-1	856	13
14. Stanford	9-3-0	828	14
15. Ohio St.	8-2-1	653	17
16. Miss. St.	7-3-0	575	18
17. Boston Coll.	8-2-1	516	19
18. Tennessee	7-3-0	432	20
19. USC	6-3-1	357	15
20. N. Carolina	8-3-0	351	21
21. Wash. St.	8-3-0	314	-
22. Penn St.	7-4-0	282	23
23. Arizona	6-4-1	257	16
24. Mississippi	7-3-0	204	24
25. BYU	8-4-0	114	-

Others receiving votes: Hawaii 41, Bowling Green 31, Kansas 16, Illinois 9, Southern Mississippi 5, Virginia 4, Wake Forest 3, Arizona St. 2, Baylor 2, Rice 2, Fresno St. 1, Rutgers 1, Texas 1, UCLA 1.

Whitley

Continued From Page 5

they did.

In August, they were practically handed the title. All the media, all the coaches, all the experts, and all the fans picked A&M without a shadow of a doubt to defend their 1991 championship.

Maybe it was our fault. Maybe the media made too big a stink about the possible national champions and forgot that they had to play 13 games before they could actually make a claim to it.

The expectations for this team had reached such astronomical heights that A&M would have had to win every game by nine touchdowns just to please everybody. And that didn't happen.

Granted, they didn't much look like the No. 4 team in the country in the early part of October. Top ten, yes. But not No. 4.

Study Abroad in PUEBLA Summer '93

Take Spanish 221, 222 in Mexico and receive TAMU credit! For more info and an application, attend this Informational Meeting:

Monday, November 23, 7:00 - 8:15 PM in the MSC, room 230

OR CONTACT

Dr. Maria Marin Academic 202C

Study Abroad Programs 161 Bizzell Hall West (409) 845-0544

MEXICO

Study Abroad Programs

SPRING 1993

STUDENTS OF ALL MAJORS

Receive TAMU Credit while Studying Abroad in

ITALY

ALL Classes Taught by TAMU Faculty! FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE!

Time is running out, so reserve your place NOW! For more Information and Application, come by or call the

Study Abroad Programs Office 161 Bizzell Hall West 845-0544

As a Marine Officer, you could be in charge of a Mach 2 + F/A-18A, a vertical take-off Harrier or one of our other jets or helicopters. And you could do it by the time you're 23. But it takes a special commitment on your part. We demand leaders at all levels. We teach you to be one. If you're a freshman, sophomore,

or junior, ask about our Platoon Leaders Class program. If you're a senior, check out our Officer Candidate Class programs. Starting salaries are from \$24,000 to \$27,000. And you can count on going further... faster.

Go farther... faster.

We're looking for a few good men and women.



Marines

Marines We're looking for a few good men and women.