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Aggies score the points and make it count

The good news for the Aggies is the Oilers, but then what? The Oilers are a good team, but they are not the Aggies. The Aggies are a team that is looking to make a statement. The Aggies are a team that is looking to make a statement. The Aggies are a team that is looking to make a statement.



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Sports Editor

It was not the least bit shocking to witness A&M's 24-point eruption in the final two quarters. This is the way A&M wins football games. The way they compiled a perfect record last season. A&M is a second half team - much like the Houston Oilers, whom it's surprising to see up by any margin, only to lose later.

An explanation for A&M could be the general wealth of player depth that can wear down opponents in a matter of attrition, with a pound-it-out ground attack and a criminal amount of quarterback abuse over the course of the game.

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A&M runs by Tigers 24-0 in season opener

By Michael Plumer

The Battalion

Texas A&M's offense saved its best for the second half in Saturday's 24-0 victory over Louisiana State while the defense posted its first shutout since 1988.

A&M coach R.C. Slocum said he was pleased with the play of his team in the season opener, although the Aggies started slow.

"There is no prescription on how to win," Slocum said. "It's easy to win when you are always ahead, but the mark of a championship team is one that hangs in there through adversity and finds a way to win."

The Aggies struggled offensively through the first half before 61,307 at Kyle Field but scored three touchdowns in a ten-minute span behind three big plays from two running backs.

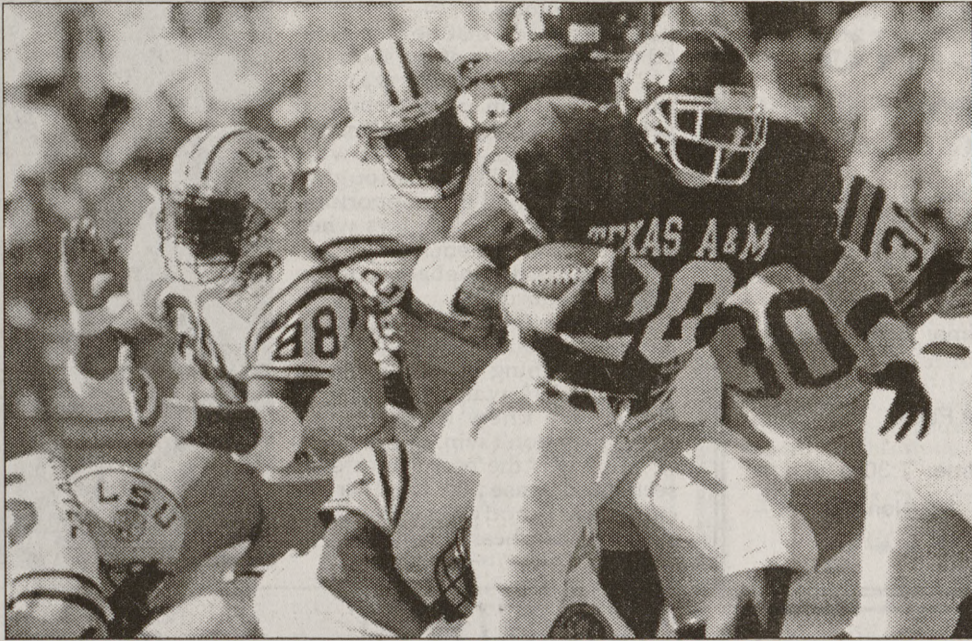
Redshirt freshman Leeland McElroy had two receiving touchdowns while junior Rodney Thomas had one rushing touchdown during the scoring spurge.

Thomas, who was starting in the place of the suspended Greg Hill, had a career day with 201 yards rushing on 25 carries. He echoed the sentiments of his coach.

"The first half was a little slow because things didn't seem to work out for us," Thomas said. "You can be concerned but we kept pushing and playing hard."

"We were patient, and things started working out."

Thomas said A&M came out of the locker room with a new-found confidence



Kyle Burnett/The Battalion

A&M junior running back Rodney Thomas is on his way to an 80 yard touchdown against LSU. With his 201 yards rushing, Thomas is the nation's leading rusher.

after a halftime pep talk from A&M coach R.C. Slocum, which showed on the Aggies' first post-intermission possession.

The Aggies capped an 11-play, 81-yard drive when sophomore quarterback Corey Pullig connected with McElroy on a screen pass. The Beaumont Central

product cut behind offensive guard Tyler Harrison's block and took the ball the remaining 26 yards for A&M's first score of the 1993 season.

"Leeland is one of the best guys we have had in a long time as far as taking a little play and making it into something

special," Slocum said. "We ran that play a lot in practice, because if I am going to throw the ball to a back, I want it to be Leeland."

On A&M's next possession, Thomas led the Aggies on a one-play drive. Barreling through a hole on the left side, Thomas rambled for 80 yards which gave A&M a 14-0 lead and control of the game.

"Everything happened just right on that play," Thomas said. "The credit should go to my offensive line because they got off the ball and had some great blocks."

"I would give the offensive line a ten on a scale of ten because they allowed me to get off to the races."

McElroy hauled in his second touchdown of the game on a play that Notre Dame used to burn A&M in the Cotton Bowl last season. McElroy went over the middle for a screen pass and burst through a seam created by center Chris Dausin for a 58-yard touchdown.

"All he had to do was run right behind me," Dausin said. "That play was easy for me because all I did was screen the linebacker and it was off to the races for Leeland."

"It showed who's a man and who's a boy."

A&M's defense played like men in shutting out LSU. TCU was A&M's last opponent to be blanked by a score of 18-0. The Aggies held LSU to 67 yards total offense in the second half.

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McElroy and Thomas tandem fires up the Heisman hype, burns LSU

By David Winder

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In 1991 A&M running back Greg Hill ran for an NCAA-record 212 yards in his first collegiate game against Louisiana State stirring hopes for another Heisman halfback at Texas A&M.

Two years later, two more backs have stepped into the spotlight, premiering in Hill's absence and fostering the same Heisman hype at A&M.

In A&M's 24-0 victory over the Tigers Saturday, junior Rodney Thomas debuted as one of the front runners for the Heisman Trophy with a career-high 201 yards rushing, and freshman redshirt Leeland McElroy began his Aggie career much like Hill did, accounting for 121 total yards and two touchdowns.

Thomas said he did not feel the pressure playing without incoming starter Hill, who was suspended for the game. "Pressure is just like anything else,"

Thomas said. "You can use it as a stumbling block or a foot stool. But things work out because when you have champions around you, it rubs off."

"I think it rubbed off on me and on Leeland and I think that's one of the things that our team has is a lot of winners. It's just a lot of people here who don't mind giving one hundred and ten percent."

On his first carry, McElroy showed why he had been the talk of the offense

during the summer workouts with a 12-yard run. He was still a little nervous though.

"Before the game I did have butterflies," McElroy said. "But after my first play it was all over."

"I didn't have any set goals or anything. I just wanted to get in there and play with heart and do what I could do."

What McElroy did was rush for 30 yards on five carries and have four re-

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6:30-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Writing Children's Books**
Thurs. Sept 23, 30, Oct 7, 14
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - B&W Darkroom**
Thurs. Sept 23, 30, Oct 7
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
 - Photography**
Tues. Sept 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
 - Video Camera Methods and Techniques**
Thurs. Oct 28, Nov 4, 11, 18
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Social Phenomenon of Spiritualism**
Thurs. Sept 30 - Nov 4
7:30-9:30pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
 - Wines of America**
Tues. Sept 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
7-8:30pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
 - International Wines**
Wed. Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10
7-8:30pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

- SPECIAL INTEREST**
- Cake Decorating**
Sat. Oct 9, 16, 23, 30
10am-12noon
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Potpourri**
Tues. Oct 19
6-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Flower Arranging**
Tues. Sept 28, Oct 5, 12
6-9pm
\$17/student \$22/nonstudent
 - Bike Maintenance**
Tues. Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 5
7:30-9:30pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Intro To Falconry**
Thurs. Sept 23 - Oct 21
6-7pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
 - Backyard Wildlife**
Tues. Sept 28 - Nov 2
7:30-8:30pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Common Sense of Diamond Buying**
Wed. Oct 6, 13, 20
6:30-7:30pm
\$10/student \$15/nonstudent
 - Billiards**
Sat. Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
11am - 1pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Star Gazing**
T/Th. Oct 5 - Oct 28
7:30-10:30pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - Electronics**
Wed. Oct 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30-9:30pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

- DANCE**
- Beginning Country & Western Dance**
Wed. Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13
6-7:15pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
 - Advanced Country & Western Dance**
Wed. Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17
6-7:15pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
 - Jitterbug**
Thurs. Sept 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21
6-7:15pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
 - Ballroom Dance**
Tues. Sept 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26
6-7:15pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
 - Scottish Country Dance**
Tues. Sept 28 - Oct 26
7:30-8:45pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Beginning Clogging**
Thurs. Sept 30 - Oct 28
6:30-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
 - Bellydance**
Mon. Sept 20 - Oct 25
7:30-9:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

- WOOD WORKING**
- Indian Bow Making**
Tues. Sept 21 - Oct 26
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Woodworking I**
M/W. Sept 13, 15, 20, 22
6-8pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Woodworking II**
Sun. Nov 1, 8, 15, 22
6-8pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

- MUSIC**
- Voice Training**
Sun. Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10
6-8:30pm
Sun. Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14
6-8:30pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent
 - Music Theory**
Thurs. Oct 7, 14, 21, 28
6:30-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Music Appreciation**
Thurs. Oct 7, 14, 21, 28
8-9:30pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Drum Training**
Mon. Oct 4 - Nov 8
6-7:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
 - Suzuki Strings I**
Mon. Sept 13 - Oct 18
6:30-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
 - Suzuki Strings II**
Mon. Oct 25 - Nov 29
6:30-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
 - Beginning Guitar**
Mon. Sept 20 - Nov 8
7-8:30pm
Tues. Sept 21 - Nov 9
7-8:30pm
Wed. Sept 29 - Nov 17
7-8:30pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent
 - Intermediate Guitar**
Tues. Sept 21 - Nov 9
8:30-10pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent
 - THREADS**
 - Quilting**
Wed. Sept 15, 22, 29
6-9pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
 - Patchwork Shirts**
Mon. Nov 8, 15, 22
6-9pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
 - Smocking**
Thurs. Oct 21, 28, Nov 4, 11
6-9pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent
 - Wearable Art A Dofuko Collage Coat**
Wed. Oct 6 - Nov 17
6-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - Sewing II**
Mon. Oct 4 - Nov 1
6-9pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

- ARTS CRAFTS HELP**
- Painting I**
Thurs. Sept 16 - Oct 14
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Painting II**
Thurs. Oct 21 - Nov 18
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Adv. Painting**
Mon. Sept 20 - Oct 18
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Watercolor**
Wed. Sept 22 - Oct 20
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Drawing I**
Tues. Sept 14 - Oct 12
6-8pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
 - Drawing II**
Tues. Oct 19 - Nov 16
6-8pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
 - Drawing for Kids**
Sun. Sept 19 - Oct 24
2-4pm
\$30 Class fee
 - Matting & Framing**
Wed. Sept 15, 22, 29
6:30-8:30pm
Thurs. Oct 21, 28, Nov 4
7:30-9:30pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent
 - Jewelry Casting**
Sat. & Sun. Nov 6 & Nov 7
10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm each day
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent
 - Patchwork Shirts**
Mon. Nov 8, 15, 22
6-9pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
 - Indian Bow Making**
Tues. Sept 21 - Oct 26
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Potpourri**
Tues. Oct 19
6-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Calligraphy**
Wed. Sept 29 - Nov 10
7-9pm
\$28/student \$33/nonstudent
 - Stained Glass**
Thurs. Sept 16 - Oct 14
6-9pm
Wed. Oct 6 - Nov 3
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Etched Glass**
Tues. Oct 19
6-9pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
 - Leaded Glass**
Mon. Oct 25 - Nov 22
6-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

- YOURSELF**
- Public Speaking**
Wed. Sept 22, 29, Oct 6
6:30-8:30pm
Mon. Oct 18, 25, Nov 1
6-8pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
 - Business Etiquette**
Thurs. Sept 23, 30
6-8pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
 - Tae kwon do**
Tues. Sept 21 - Oct 26
6:45-8:15pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent
 - Self Defense**
Thurs. Sept 23 - Oct 28
6:45-8:15pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent
 - Emotional Wellness and Self Esteem**
Tues. Sept 28 - Nov 2
7-9pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent
 - Stress Management**
T/Th. Sept 21 - Oct 7
6:30-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - First Aid**
M/W. Sept 27, 29, Oct 4
7-9pm
M/W. Oct 25, 27, Nov 1
7-9pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
 - CPR**
M/W. Sept 20 & Sept 22
6-9pm
M/W. Oct 18 & Oct 20
6-9pm
M/W. Nov 1 & Nov 3
6-9pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent
 - POTTERY**
 - Beginning**
Tues. Sept 21 - Oct 26
7:45-9:45pm
Wed. Sept 15 - Oct 20
5:30-7:30pm
Wed. Sept 15 - Oct 20
7:45-9:45pm
Thurs. Oct 7 - Nov 11
7:45-9:45pm
M/W. Oct 25 - Nov 10
5:30-7:30pm
M/W. Oct 25 - Nov 10
7:45-9:45pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Glazing Techniques**
Tues. Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
7:45-9:45pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Pottery II**
M/W. Nov 15 - Dec 6
5:30-7:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
 - Wheel Throwing**
M/W. Nov 15 - Dec 6
5:30-7:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

- LANGUAGES**
- French**
T/Th. Oct 5 - Nov 11
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - German**
T/Th. Sept 28 - Nov 4
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - Italian**
M/W. Sept 20 - Oct 27
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - Chinese**
M/W. Oct 4 - Nov 10
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - Japanese**
M/W. Sept 13 - Oct 20
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - Spanish I**
M/W. Sept 20 - Oct 27
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - Spanish II**
T/Th. Nov 2 - Dec 9
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - ESL I**
M/W. Sept 20 - Oct 27
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - ESL II**
M/W. Nov 1 - Dec 8
6:30-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - Sign Language I**
T/Th. Sept 21 - Oct 21
6-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - Sign Language II**
T/Th. Oct 26 - Nov 23
6-8pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
 - BUSINESS**
 - Job Interviewing**
M/W. Nov 1, 3, 8, 10
6:30-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Basics of Investing**
Tues. Sept 28 - Oct 26
7:30-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - International Business Success**
Thurs. Oct 14, 21
6-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
 - Strategic Marketing**
Mon. Sept 27
6-8pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
 - Business Etiquette**
Thurs. Sept 23, 30
6-8pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent