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## A&M defense seizes the day

It's a typical football axiom - You While the Texas A&M

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Tech's Jones Stadium, the Aggie defense took a giant step forward.

Junior defensive end Sam Adams said he believed his individual play could have used some improvement, but said he was proud of the squad's effort that shut down Tech, the seventh-ranked offense in the nation.

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"The defense played good as a whole," Adams said. "We came together when the (A&M) offense turned the ball over a couple of times."

The Wrecking Crew came together and put on a clinic in pass defense and open-field tackling. A&M's run defenders, hurting from the losses of juniors Larry Jackson and Jessie Cox and sophomore Jason Andrus at the inside linebacker slots, made their best showing of the season against Tech's big back attack in Byron Bam" Morris.

Jackson played a solid game until he had to leave after reinjuring his troublesome left ankle in the third quarter. Then his replacement, junior Reggie Graham, made life hard for senior Raider quarterback Robert

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## Bam! A&M buries Texas Tech 31-6

Aggies win conference opener over Red Raiders

By Julie Chelkowski

LUBBOCK- Texas A&M's meeting with Texas Tech on Saturday was expected to be a battle between offenses. But Tech's at-

tack was stifled as the 14th-ranked Aggies undermined the number one rated offense in the Southwest Conference.

"This is a really sweet win," A&M head coach R.C. Slocum said about A&M's 31-6 victory. "To come out here and win against a team that is as talented and explosive as Texas Tech is great. We started off slow and had some bad things happen to us early in the game, but I'm really proud with the team and the

way they hung together."

A&M's defense opened with a solid performance in the Aggies'SWC opener against Tech's aggressive offensive attack. Tech, which had averaged 487 yards per game this season, was held to only 169 yards Saturday and did not score a single touch-

Defensive coordinator Bob Davie said A&M's defensive play was at peak performance and could not be compared with past

games.

"This is the biggest game for us this year in defense," he said.

"The wins against LSU and Missouri were nothing compared to

coming out here and playing like that.

"There's no question this is a big, big, big win for us."

Along with the defensive line's impressive play – sacking senior Tech quarterback Robert Hall six times and holding running back Byron "Bam" Morris to only 88 yards – the Aggie sections of the light of the impression of the light of the ligh

ondary established their presence, as well.
Senior A&M cornerback Aaron Glenn was assigned the responsibility of covering Tech wide-receiver Lloyd Hill - a player who has dominated much of Tech's offensive attack. Glenn said that Hill, a senior, posed one of the biggest threats of any receiver in the SWC and Glenn had been preparing for him throughout

the season.

"I was nervous throughout the whole game because I know he can make a big play at any time of the game," Glenn said.

But Glenn had little problems containing Hill as he allowed the Tech receiver only 22 yards on three receptions and made his

"Hill is a great receiver and I don't take anything from him,"
Glenn said. "But I'm just happy with the way I played."
The Aggie offense struggled in the first quarter, scoring only once when Terry Venetoulias nailed a 45-yard field goal.

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But the tempo picked up when sophomore wide receiver Gene Lowery broke a tackle and grabbed a pass from fellow See Aggies/Page 8



Texas A&M senior running back Rodney Thomas (20) skies over Texas Tech free safety DeWayne Bryant (19) in the Aggies' conference opening 31-6 whitewashing of the Red Raiders Saturday in Lubbock

#### A&M defense defuses Tech offense

By Matthew J. Rush

LUBBOCK- Going into Saturday's game, the Texas A&M defense had a quite challenge in stopping Texas Tech's offense and its All-America wide receivant layed Hill

The challenge became a mere

bump in the road.

A&M cornerbacks Ray Mickens and Aaron Glenn shut down Hill and the rest of the defense put a blanket on the Tech offense as A&M won 31-6 in its Southwest Conference opener.

After the defense shut down

ris, limiting him to only 49 yards in the first three quarters of the game, A&M's secondary took away the Tech air attack, as well. Glenn and Mickens proved that they were able to help stop Tech's receivers, the backbone of

running back Byron 'Bam' Mor-

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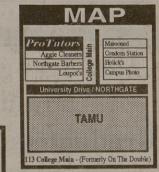
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