

Pathetic passing keys A&M's fall from elite

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For the third game in a row, the Texas A&M football team found itself in hot water in the closing minutes. This time, the end result was a win.

Woo hoo! The Aggies won by three points over SMU. Geez, what a great game.

To watch the Aggies struggle to the very end against the lowly Mustangs was flat-out painful. And while everyone is glad A&M won, the problems are more evident than ever.

Aggie fans have been tiptoeing around the problem for weeks now, and I just can't sit around and hope it gets better.

The A&M offense is sick, and there is no cure in sight. More specifically, the Aggies have no passing game.

Many fingers are pointing at Corey Pullig for the team's woes. Quarterbacks are often blamed when the offense doesn't click.

But for those fans who are calling for the head of Pullig, calm down. Pullig isn't the winningest quarterback in the nation for nothing.

It isn't his fault that the A&M offense sputters along about as well as Harvard's. Well, not totally anyway.

Pullig is only one part of a greater problem — A&M's offensive system and play calling have been terrible this year. When A&M's main weapon sat out of Saturday's game, the state of the offense became crystal clear.

A&M is plain mediocre without Leeland McElroy.

As great as he is, every defense

in the country knows. For most offenses, this would completely open up the passing game.

But not for our dear old Aggies. They just don't have a passing game to open up. A&M passing plays consist of screen passes to running backs, short passes to tight ends and sideline patterns to wide receivers.

Nice variety.

That's what made Albert Connell's game-winning touchdown so surprising. A&M almost never scores on long passes to wide receivers.

Depending on the running game translates into disaster if McElroy is shut down. He can't do it alone.

When watching offensive powers Florida State, Nebraska and Ohio State, it becomes evident just how far behind the times A&M is. It also makes it clear that A&M is overrated by being ranked as high as No. 3. Top five teams don't struggle offensively as A&M does.

And they don't lose to teams like Texas Tech or struggle with teams like SMU.

A loss to Colorado was perhaps understandable, but losing to Tech was a devastating blow. And the Aggies' home winning streak was almost destroyed by SMU, a team A&M should have destroyed.

Steve Ensminger needs to re-evaluate his offensive game plans to incorporate a better passing attack. Ensminger was hired after his successful seasons at Georgia and coaching offensive stalwarts like Eric Zeier and Garrison Hearst.

Pullig and the wide receivers have the skills, but are lost in a system that just doesn't work. Without a diverse attack of running and passing, the Aggies are just another team.

Snap the ball directly to Leeland. Have Sirr Parker run the option with McElroy and Detron Smith behind him. Do something. Anything.

Please.

Hershiser's magic continues in Cleveland

□ The Indians take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Triumphant, Omar Vizquel turned the game in hand.

Vizquel stabbed Luis Sojo's eighth-inning line drive to shortstop and demonstratively turned it into a double play as the Cleveland Indians held off the Seattle Mariners 3-2 Sunday night, taking a 3-2 lead in the AL playoffs.

Jim Thome put Cleveland on top with a two-run homer off Chris Bosio in the sixth inning, and the Indians twice wriggled out of difficult situations to stay there.

The gut-wrenching finish kept Orel Hershiser perfect in the postseason, improving his career record in the playoffs and World Series to 7-0 with a 1.47 ERA. He broke a tie with former Yankees pitcher Lefty Gomez for most postseason wins without a loss.

Game 6 will be back in the Kingdome on Tuesday night, and Randy Johnson once again will be asked to save the season for Seattle. It'll be his fourth appearance this month with the Mariners' season hanging in the balance.

Indians reliever Paul Assenmacher was the first to step up big on Hershiser's behalf. The left-hander struck out Ken Griffey Jr. and Jay Buhner in succession to end the seventh inning, stranding the potential tying run at third base.

The Mariners then put runners at first and second with one out in the eighth, but Sojo — whose RBI double had won

Game 1 — hit a 3-2 pitch directly at Vizquel.

Vizquel, the former Seattle shortstop, caught it before tagging out Alex Diaz as he overran second. Had there been no outs, Vizquel would have had an easy unassisted triple play, because he stepped hard on second base for emphasis.

Sojo flung his bat toward the Seattle dugout in disgust.

Jose Mesa closed it out for Cleveland, his first of the postseason save after converting 46 of 48 during the regular season. Edgar Martinez ended the game with a fly to the warning track in center.

Hershiser, the MVP of the playoffs and World Series for Los Angeles in 1988, wasn't as sharp as usual, but he still managed to strike out eight batters in six innings, surpassing his own team record of seven in a postseason game.

He's 3-0 with an 0.84 ERA in three playoff starts for Cleveland.

Eddie Murray had three hits, drove in a run and scored another for the Indians, who could scarcely have afforded to go back to the Kingdome trailing by a game. The Mariners are 4-1 at the dome in the playoffs, and ace Randy Johnson up next.

Seattle's Chris Bosio matched Hershiser through five innings, limiting baseball's best-hitting team to one unearned run on five hits. But with one out in the sixth, Murray doubled, and three pitches later Thome homered into the mezzanine in right field, putting Cleveland ahead 3-2.



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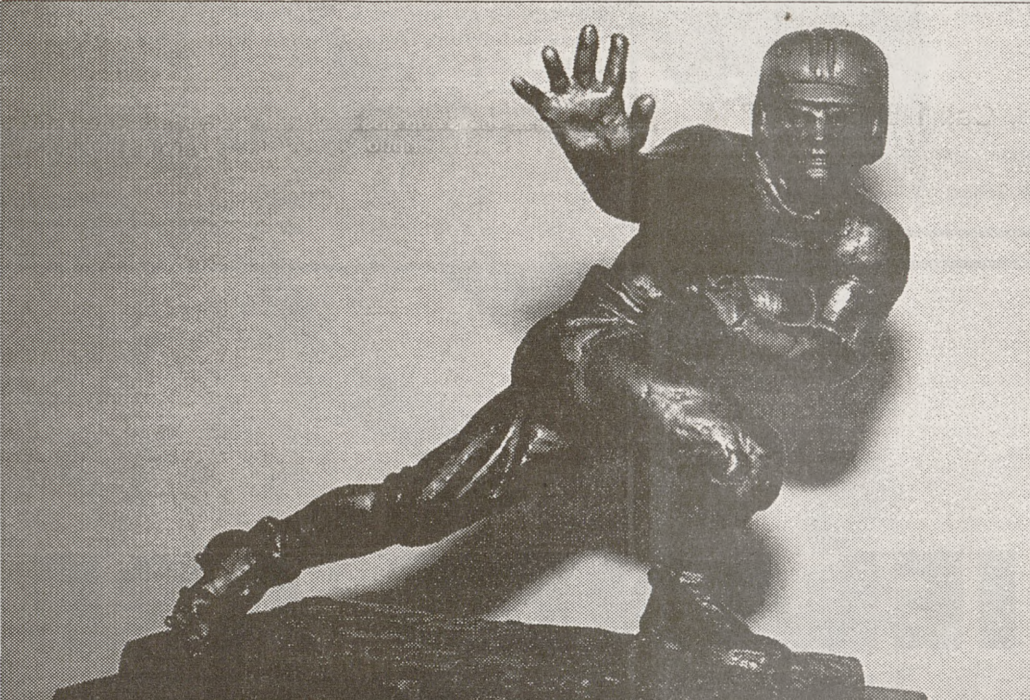
Heisman Trophy Watch '95

Eddie George, RB, Ohio State: Rushed for 141 yards and three touchdowns. Season totals: 882 yards rushing.

Warrick Dunn, RB, Florida State: Rushed for 112 yards. Season totals: 801 yards rushing, seven touchdowns.

Danny Kannell, QB, Florida State: Completed 28 of 36 passes for 342 yards and five touchdowns. Season totals: 120-152 for 1,335 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Keyshawn Johnson, WR, USC: Caught nine passes for 85 yards. Season totals: 52 catches for 765 yards and four touchdowns.



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