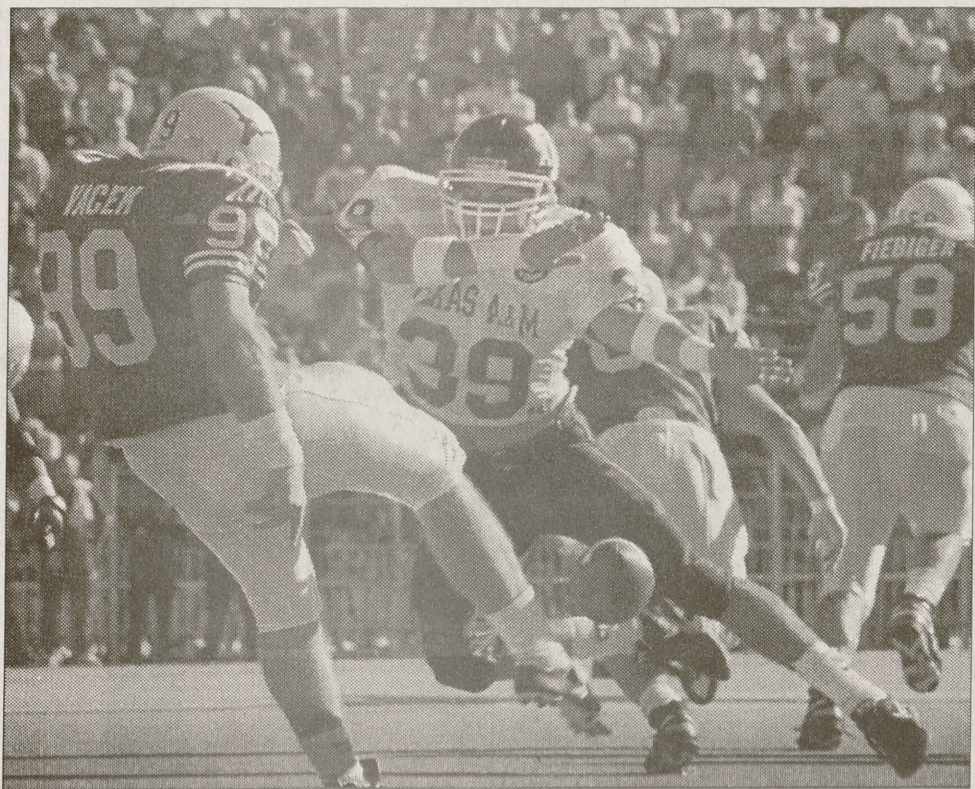


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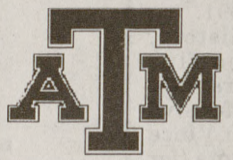


"Definitely, without any question, we look at the Texas game as the big one, our most important game of the year"

— Keith Mitchell
A&M outside linebacker



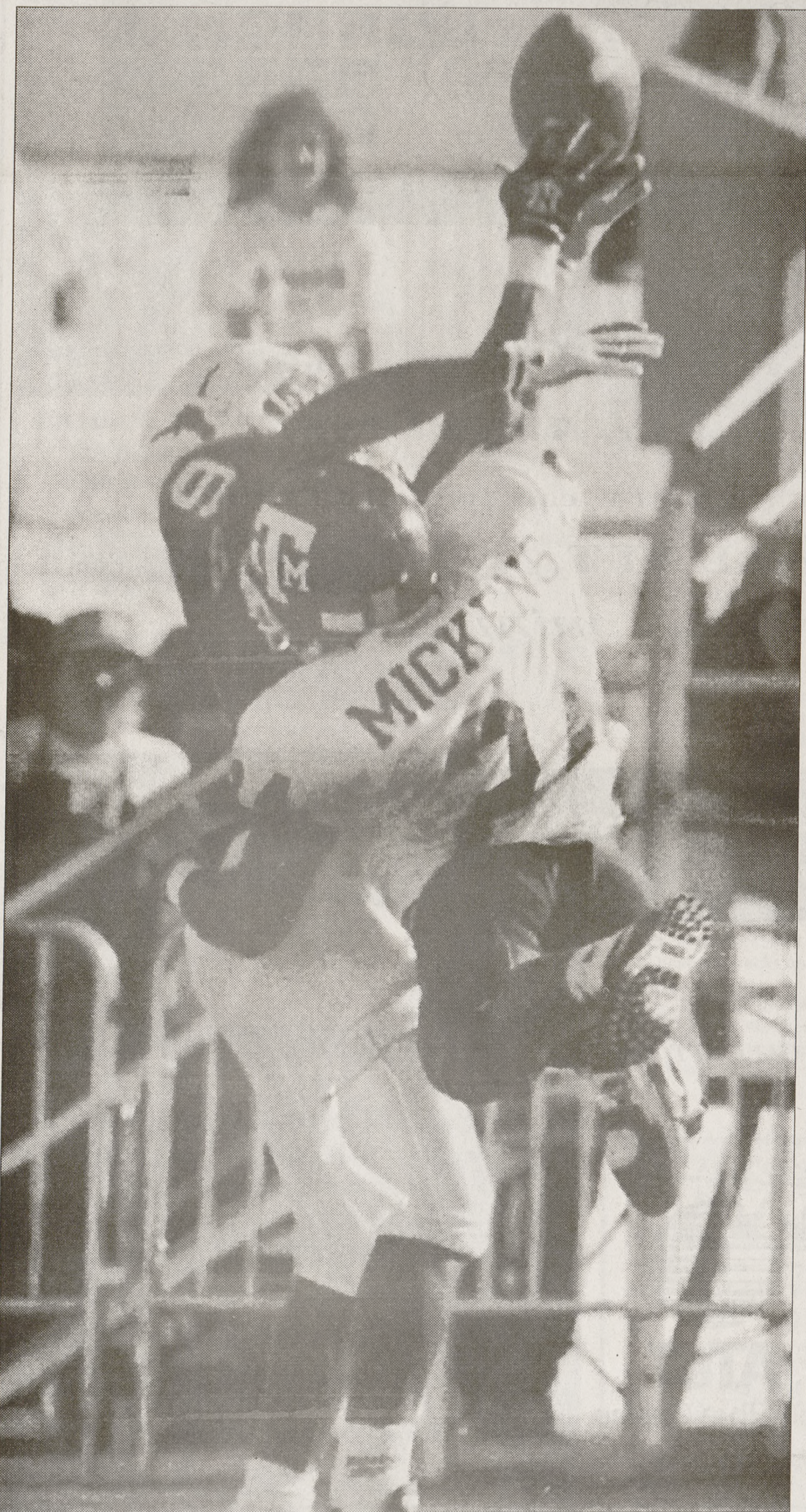
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Current record 8-1-1
Current ranking No. 9,
Head-to-head record leads
At UT's Memorial Stadium
At A&M's Kyle Field

Bowl records 46-2,
National championships 1

Heisman Trophy winners — UT: 11, 19



SWC rivals make to

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Burnt orange vs. maroon and white. The Orangebloods vs. the Twelfth Man. "Hook 'em" vs. "Gig 'em." Long-haired liberals vs. crewcutted conservatives.

This can mean only one thing: Texas vs. Texas A&M.

More than 100 years of gridiron strife has transformed this annual clash of Lone Star state heavyweights into one of the nation's most storied college football rivalries. A look at how the rivalry has developed over the years shows that both schools have had their stretches of mastery over the other.

The Longhorns led the overall series between the two teams 49-28-3, due in large part, to dominance over the Aggies from 1940 to 1974. During that lengthy period, the Aggies managed only two wins and a tie against Texas.

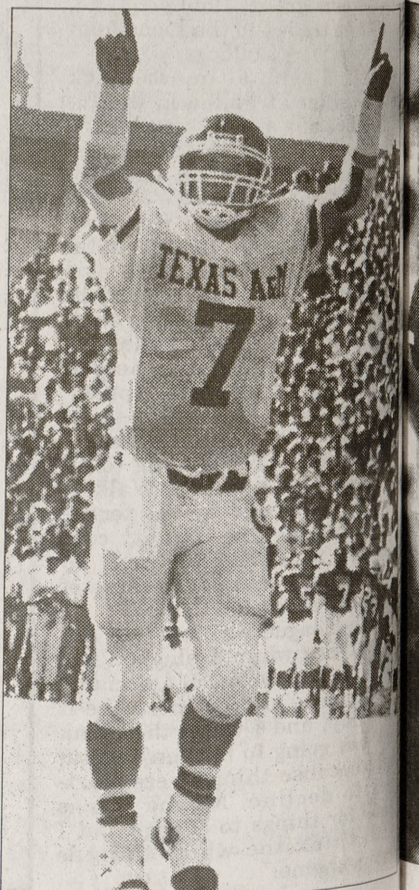
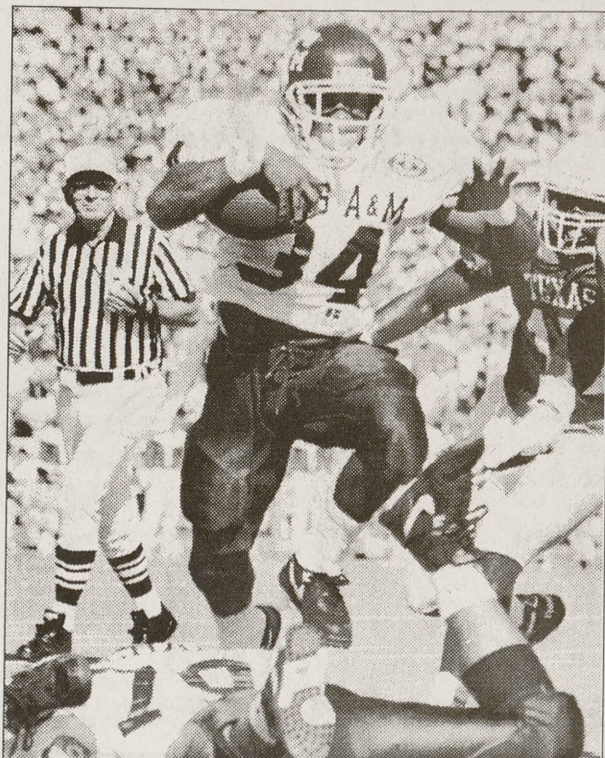
One of these Aggie wins came in

1956, when A&M halfback John D. Crow led his underdog teammates to a 34-21 victory over the Longhorns in Austin. The win gave the Aggies a historic 1 record and a Southwest Conference championship under head coach "Bear" Bryant.

Crow, who would go on to win the Heisman Trophy the next season, points to the 1956 game as a special moment in his illustrious career.

"A&M had never won at Memorial Stadium up to that point, and I realize what that meant until I arrived at the stadium before the game," Crow said. "Even back then I thought, 'My God, this place looks old.' It's just a great thing to go in there and pull out a win that season."

Darrell Royal would take over Texas head coaching reigns for the next 28-27 years in 1957, and, with the emergence of outstanding players like James White, Tommy Nobis and Earl Campbell, the Aggies would lead Texas to a number of victorious days against A&M during the



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