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pical Storm Frances dumped favorable conditions on the Aggie defense

The Battalion

solid all-around defensive effort the Texas A&M secondary kept a Tech wide receiver Troy Edcheck, but the best defense of all ve been Tropical Storm Frances. 3 attributed to Frances dumped over 3 of rain on Kyle Field prior to the ween the Aggies and the Bulldogs.

Edwards recorded 11 receptions for 67 yards, but the 1997 Biletnikoff Award finalist never seemed to get on track.

On Tech's first play from scrimmage, quarterback Tim Rattay threw a pass on a wide-receiver screen pattern that Edwards caught, but he immediately slipped to the turf for no gain on the play.

Edwards averaged only six yards per catch for the game.

The Bulldogs' high-octane passing of-

fense averaged only eight yards per pass completion in the game as compared to the 12.5 yards per completion they averaged entering the contest.

"We approached the game a little more conservatively than usual because of the field conditions," Tech coach Gary Crowton said, "but both teams have to play in the same conditions.

Due to those wet conditions, fumbles became a problem for both teams as the game carried on.

The Aggies fumbled the ball six times, losing the ball once, while the Bull-dogs fumbled twice, losing the ball once.

The last home game for the Aggies, also their last victory, was against Texas on Nov. 28, 1997 — a game in which a driving rainstorm led to five fumbles between the

The weather, and the stifling Aggie defense, forced Tech to its running game. Edwards scored his only touchdown — and the only Tech score of the game when he lined up at quarterback, taking a snap from center and scampering around the right tackle for a 9-yard touchdown run.

The Aggie rushing attack did its damage in the second and third quarters, racking up 130 yards in those two quarters and more importantly keeping the ball out of Tech's hands by winning the time-of-possession battle,18:52 to 11:08.

A&M quarterback Branndon Stewart said the attack did not change because of weather, but his passing efficiency suffered slightly because of the rain.

"They were nasty conditions, but we got done what we needed to get done," Stewart said. "We missed opportunities with turnovers, but we played to win, and that is what we did.

'We stuck to our game plan. If it wasn't so nasty we might have been able to make more throws, but we probably had a good throwing day anyway.

AP Top 25 Poll

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. OhioSt.(57)	2-0	1,733	1
2. Florida(9)	2-0	1,625	3
3. Nebraska(1)	3-0	1,582	4
4. UCLA(1)	1-0	1,527	6
5. KansasSt.(2)	2-0	1,466	5
6. Tennessee	1-0	1,353	8
7. LSU	1-0	1,348	7
8. PennSt.	2-0	1,283	9
9. Washington	1-0	1,157	11
10. Virginia	2-0	1,074	12
11. FloridaSt.	1-1	987	2
12. Georgia	2-0	919	15
13. Syracuse	1-1	874	19
14. Wisconsin	2-0	771	17
15. Colorado	2-0	722	16
16. Arizona	2-0	608	21
17. TexasA&M	1-1	562	18
18. SouthernCal	2-0	520	22
19. WestVirginia	0-1	456	20
20. N.C.State	2-0	434	-
21. Missouri	2-0	330	25
22. Oregon	2-0	245	24
23. NotreDame	1-1	199	10
24. Alabama	2-0	163	
25. Miss. St.	2-0	110	

Others receiving votes: Virginia Tech 94, Kentucky 89, Arizona St. 68, Colorado St. 60, Air Force 53, Miami 51, Michigan 49, Brigham Young 48, North Carolina 37, Boston College 25, Utah 22, Tulane 20, Miami, Ohio 19, Georgia Tech 14, Texas 14, Auburn 13, Cent. Florida 8, Michigan St. 8, Texas Tech 4, Purdue 3, Arkansas 2, Washington St. 1.

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A&M—Hardeman 1 run (Bynum kick),

A&M—FG Bynum 23, 14:51

Third Quarter **A&M**—Hardeman 10 run (Spiller pass from Stewart) 6:42

LaTech—Edwards 8 run (Pond kick),

A&M—Hardeman 9 run (Bynum kick),

Choice quotes from Texas A&M - La. Tech

"It's a gut feeling. I had good gut feelings tonight."

> — A&M coach R.C. Slocum on going for it on fourth down.

"He did a lot of talking for 67

— A&M safety Rich Coady on Tech's

"It makes you [A&M] look bad. You're not going to win with that many picks.'

– A&M linebacker Dat Nguyen on the Florida State loss to North Carolina State.



&M senior linebacker Dat Nguyen (No. 9) stands up Louisiana Tech running back Bobby Ray urday. Tropical Storm Frances dumped over six inches of rain on Kyle Field prior to the game.

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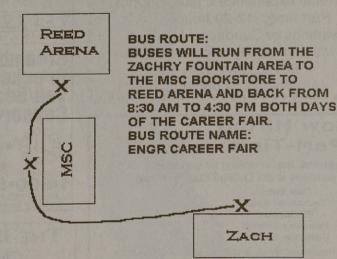
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