



It's always good to win by a large margin of victory, but it's apparent there is still a lot of work to be done." — R.C. Slocum on the team's overall performance

"Our goal was to get a touchdown, and we were able to get more than that." — Chris Valletta on the team's offensive goals

"We are happy to come home and get a win in front of the fans at Kyle Field." — Randy McCown on returning home after a loss

"The intensity in practice showed up and that's what changed the outcome." — Ja'Mar Toombs on the team's progress

"We were confident the whole game. We moved the ball but hurt ourselves in the red zone." — BU quarterback Jermaine Alfred on Baylor's performance

## The Battalion Top 25 Poll

Team	Record
Florida State	(6-0)
Penn State	(6-0)
Nebraska	(6-0)
Virginia Tech	(5-0)
Michigan State	(6-0)
Tennessee	(4-1)
Florida	(5-1)
Georgia Tech	(4-1)
Michigan	(5-1)
Kansas State	(5-0)
Alabama	(4-1)
<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>(4-1)</b>
Marshall	(5-0)
Mississippi State	(6-0)
Georgia	(4-1)
Syracuse	(5-1)
Ohio State	(4-2)
Purdue	(4-2)
Texas	(5-2)
Mississippi	(5-1)
Wisconsin	(4-2)
East Carolina	(5-1)
Air Force	(4-1)
So. Mississippi	(3-2)
Notre Dame	(3-3)

## Associated Press Top 25 Poll

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Florida State	(6-0)
Penn State	(6-0)
Nebraska	(6-0)
Virginia Tech	(5-0)
Michigan State	(6-0)
Tennessee	(4-1)
Florida	(5-1)
Georgia Tech	(3-1)
Kansas State	(5-0)
Michigan	(5-1)
Alabama	(4-1)
Miss State	(6-0)
<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>(4-1)</b>
Georgia	(4-1)
Marshall	(5-0)
Syracuse	(5-1)
Wisconsin	(4-2)
Ohio State	(4-2)
Texas	(5-2)
Purdue	(4-2)
BYU	(4-1)
Mississippi	(5-1)
East Carolina	(5-1)
Miami Fla	(2-3)
So. Miss.	(3-2)

## Big 12 Standings

	North			
	W	L	PF	PA
Nebraska	6	0	234	58
Texas St.	5	0	200	61
Colorado	3	2	198	163
Owa St.	3	2	116	101
Missouri	3	2	155	165
Texas	2	4	150	213
	South			
	W	L	PF	PA
Texas	5	2	262	137
<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>70</b>
Oklahoma	3	2	190	103
Ola St.	3	2	136	104
Texas Tech	2	3	107	129
Baylor	1	5	99	215

# Answered Prayers

## Aggies bounce back after loss to Texas Tech, defeat Baylor, 45-13

BY AL LAZARUS  
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For the third consecutive game, the Texas A&M Football Team's defense scored the first touchdown for the Aggies.

But unlike the first two games of this unlikely streak — in which A&M scored no offensive touchdowns — the Aggie offense decided to join in the action Saturday at Kyle Field, contributing five touchdowns in A&M's 45-13 victory over Baylor University in front of 75,476 fans.

Senior quarterback Randy McCown completed 9 of 17 passes for 187 yards, but the most satisfying part of the game for him and the rest of the Aggies may have come on a running play.

**"We took a step to get better today, but it's just a small step."**

— Ja'Mar Toombs  
A&M fullback

Running back Joe Weber took a McCown pitch in the second quarter and ran it seven yards for a touchdown — the A&M offense's first in almost 10 quarters of play.

"We came out today and got the pressure off of us," McCown said. "We finally got the monkey off our back."

The Aggies finished the game with 195 rushing yards, an improvement from the previous weeks' totals, but still not acceptable, offensive lineman Chris Valletta said.

"There was definitely some improvement in the offense," Valletta said. "We're happy right now, but this offensive line is never going to be satisfied."

"Coach had more confidence in us running the ball this week," sophomore running back Ja'Mar Toombs said. "We took a step to get better today, but it's just a small step."

A&M coach R.C. Slocum said he was pleased with the improved Aggie ground attack, but he is still looking for more.

"I thought we ran the ball better today," Slocum said. "But I'm still not totally pleased with our performance."

Another stalled A&M drive ended with a Terence Kitchens field goal in the second quarter, but as the sun finally broke through the clouds later in the quarter, the Aggies' offensive drought ended on Weber's run.

The A&M offense looked proficient inside the 20-yard line for the first time since the Aggies' victory over the University of Tulsa.

In addition to Weber's run, A&M got red-zone touchdowns from wide receiver Leroy Hodge on a 12-yard catch and from running back Eric Bernard on a two-yard run.

"We've got things we've got to get ironed out to be a good team," Slocum said. "Today we did better in that area [inside the 20]."

The Aggies' defensive touchdown came when safety Michael Jameson picked off a Baylor pass and returned it 20 yards to the Baylor end zone, giving the Aggies a 7-3 lead after BU kicker Kyle Atteberry booted a 52-yard field goal on the Bears' opening drive.

The Wrecking Crew allowed Baylor 275 total yards but repeatedly clamped down on the Bears inside the 20-yard line, forcing BU to settle for field goal attempts.

"When they get down there close to the end zone, we may bend, but we're not going to break," Jameson said.

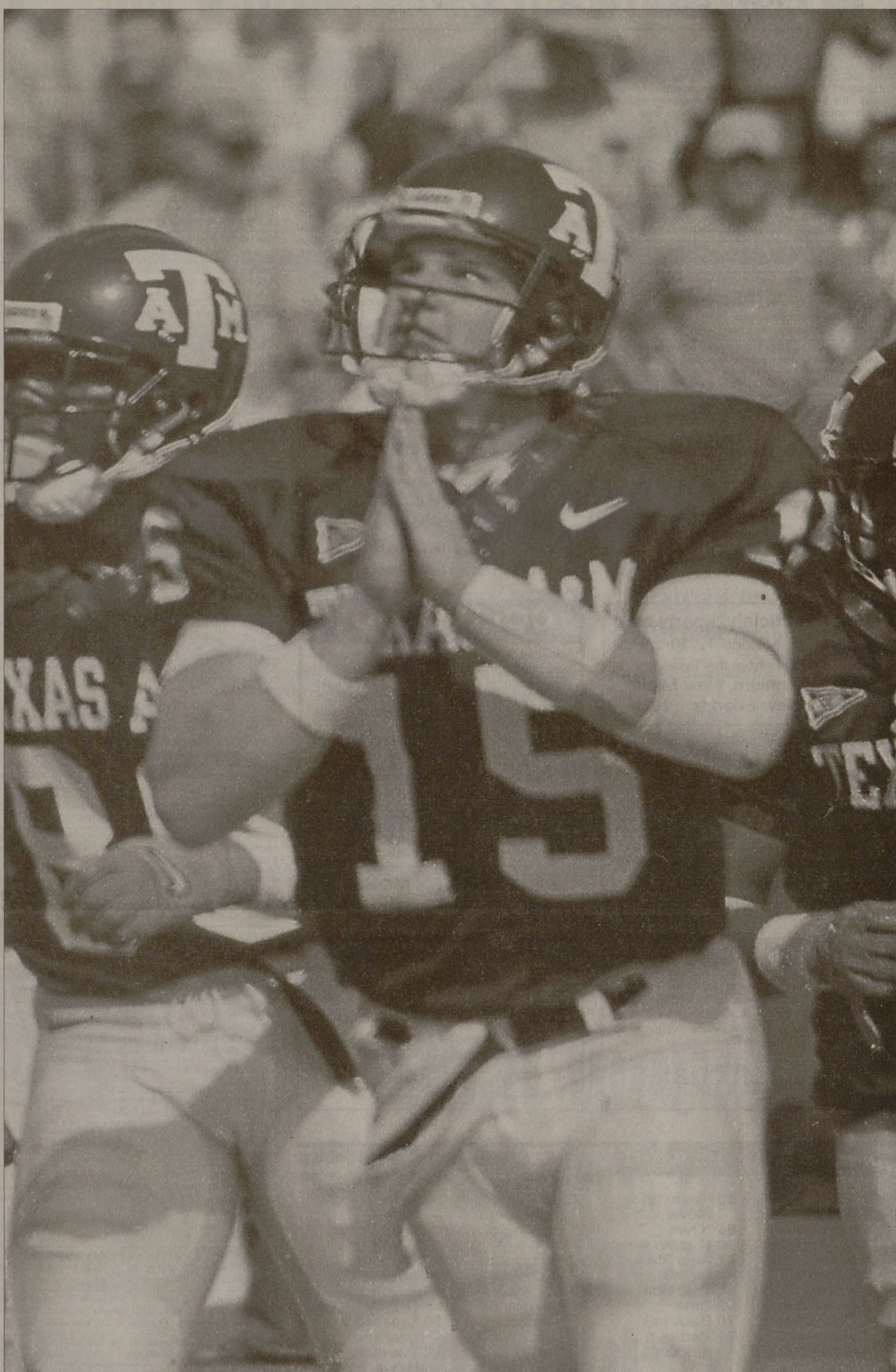
After Baylor's defense continued to stack defenders near the line to stop the Aggies' running attack in the second half, A&M decided to take to the air.

Toombs took a short pass from McCown and rumbled 26 yards for a touchdown.

"I thought we got better today," A&M offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe said. "In the second half, we were able to come out and take advantage of some of the structures they presented us and throw the ball down the field."

Late in the third quarter, McCown rolled out and hit freshman wide receiver Bethel Johnson in stride for a 74-yard touchdown pass.

"Our big-play capability is better than what it's been," Slocum said.



Senior quarterback **Randy McCown** celebrates after throwing a touchdown pass in the third quarter against Baylor University Saturday at Kyle Field.

## Offense receives boost from play of McCown

BY BETH MILLER  
The Battalion

Before the Texas A&M-Baylor football game Saturday, Aggie senior offensive lineman Chris Valletta referred to senior quarterback Randy McCown as the type of guy that hits receivers.

The A&M offense proved him right this weekend, compiling 222 yards passing as McCown threw for three touchdowns in the second half — a 26-yard pass to sophomore running back Ja'Mar

The Aggies' passing game exploded after having two games with no offensive touchdowns.

The irony of the passing game improvement is that the team's mission against Baylor was to focus on the running game.

"We went into the game with that mindset, that we were going to run the football," A&M football coach R.C. Slocum said. "Games are strange in the way they work out."

McCown said the Aggie offense performed better this weekend because of the effort players put in during practice. He said the team practiced as if it was playing the game.

Although the emphasis this season has been comparing the Aggies' running and passing games, McCown said they complement each other, rather than compete with each other.

"We got our running game going [in the first quarter], and it helped the passing game," McCown said. "When you get your running and passing games going, they improve each other."

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— R.C. Slocum  
A&M coach



McCown attempts a pass against Baylor University Saturday at Kyle Field. McCown finished the game 9-of-17 passing for 187 yards and three touchdowns.

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