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Penn State continue Aggies' bowl trouble

BY JASON LINCOLN The Battalion

Tuesday, January 18, 2000

The 1999 Sylvania Alamo Bowl was billed as a defensive battle featuring Texas A&M and Penn State. Texas A&M's Wrecking Crew looked to redeem itself as the heart of a struggling Aggie football team. While the Wrecking Crew performed well, the Nittany Lion's defense would dominate the game, blanking Texas A&M, 24-0.

The Wrecking Crew started off strong, but the A&M offense was no match for Penn State's "Linebacker U." Junior outside linebacker LaVar Arrington led the Penn State charge, forcing three interceptions and adding an Alamo Bowl record 14 tackles and a sack for good measure.

The Aggies started the game with a weakened offensive front after Chris Valletta suffered a high ankle sprain in practice. That forced A&M to start two freshman on the left side against a seasoned Nittany Lion defense. It was just the opening Penn State needed.

"I knew that if we got in a situation where they could use their athletic ability to come after us, we'd have a hard time,' Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said.

On A&M's first offensive play, Arrington broke through chasing down Aggie quarterback Randy McCown. The All-American linebacker made contact with McCown during his pass release, causing the ball to float into cornerback David Macklin's hands for the first interception.

The Aggie defense was able to minimize the effects of the first turnover as the drive ended in a missed field goal by enn State kicker Travis Forne

A&M's second possession lasted a little longer. On first down, Toombs was held for no gain. That brought up a pass attempt by McCown, who was chased down by defensive end Justin Kurpeikis for a sack

On third-and-20, backed up against his own 10-yard line, McCown took aim for wide receiver Leroy Hodge. However, Penn State's Derek Fox stepped in front of the ball for the interception and returned it 34 yards for the

Nittany Lion's first touchdown.

"The turnovers played the art in the loss," A&M running Ja'Mar Toombs said. "It's just to that they came - getting ready to it in or make a big play. Stuff li can really hurt your motivation i bounced back from it and we drow ... but up to come another turnove

With four plays and two it tions, Penn State had the start the ed to pay a farewell tribute to de coordinator Jerry Sandusky wh coaching his final game. His for "Linebacker U" didn't stop accounting for 30 tackles.

"I've always felt they were i defense. They are traditionally Toombs said. "Today they played ly good game. We did some good against them but they made the when they needed to.'

With the A&M offensive shutdo gave Penn State quarterback Ras Casey the opportunity to exercise his ents in his first ever solo game be center. He didn't leave any doubts t ability. While the quarterback only pleted eight-of-16 with an interce the passes accounted for 146 yards

Casey's real talent showed who worked outside the pocket, allowing to scramble for 45-yards.

"I thought their quarterback (Ca played exceptionally well to Slocum said. "He was the different the game."

Despite being shutout, the A offense showed some signs of Toombs rushed for 70 yards D'Andre Hardeman rush McCown passed for 105 yards of completions.

The loss marks the Aggies' th straight loss in a bowl game, putting record at 2-6 for the 1990's. Texas A concluded the season ranked No. 20.

Texas A&M was also pay farewell to a long-time member of coaching staff. Quarterback coach Dorr coached his final Aggie game Lou Gehrig's disease forces him off

Former A&M coach to be hired as Packers head coach

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Mike Sherman, the Seattle Seahawks' offensive coordinator and a former Green Bay assistant, will be hired as the new coach of the Packers, a team source told The Associated Press on Monday.

Sherman likely will be introduced at a news conference on Tuesday, the source told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A longtime college assistant coach with just three years of NFL experience, Sherman suddenly emerged as general manager Ron Wolf's choice when the GM's early favorites - former Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer and Rams offensive coordinator Mike Martz took themselves out of the running.

The Post-Crescent of Appleton and ESPN first reported Sherman's hiring.

Sherman and his agent were on their way to Green Bay on Monday night, the source said. Wolf was returning to Green Bay from Mobile, Ala., where he was scouting at the Senior Bowl

Sherman, who has no head coaching experience, spent two years as Mike Holmgren's tight ends coach in Green Bay before moving to Seattle with Holmgren last January, where he doubled as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach. Sherman apparently made a strong

impression when Wolf interviewed him in Green Bay on Saturday. Wolf said the search for Rhodes' replacement would be "a lengthy process," yet he settled on Sherman just two weeks after firing Rhodes. Wolf and team president Bob Harlan,

who was traveling, did not return pho calls Monday night.

Like Holmgren in 1992, Shem comes to the Packers with no head cost ing experience, but a background in disciplined, hard-nosed style of footb favored by Wolf.

Wolf apparently chose a coach w would keep the West Coast offense the brought the Packers their recent succo and which three-time MVP quarterbo Brett Favre is most comfortable running

Sherman was popular with Green Bay's players, including tight end Ma Chmura, who made the Pro Bowl duris each of Sherman's two seasons with the Packers. Chmura missed all but to games of the 1999 season with a no

injury, but expects to return next season Before joining Holmgren in Gree Bay, Sherman was an offensive in coach at Texas A&M and UCLA fro

He was hired as Texas A&M's offer sive coordinator in 1997, but left for the Packers before the season begat Sherman also was an assistant at Hol Cross, Tulane and Pittsburgh.

Sherman was the offensive coordina tor at Holy Cross from 1985-88. Seattle, he coordinated the team's offense but Holmgren called the plays just as Holmgren did with offensiv coordinator Sherman Lewis during his seven seasons in Green Bay.

Sherman was one of eight assistant coaches Holmgren took with him from Green Bay to Seattle.



