

The Luck of the Irish

By BRIAN RUFF
THE BATTALION

The 0-3 Fighting Irish of Notre Dame forgot one thing they desperately needed coming into the game Saturday — their luck. The Texas A&M football team had all the luck it needed, and it was eliminated on one play. The Aggies faced fourth and one on their own 37-yard line, and lined up in a goal-line formation and looked to gain one yard through the middle of the Notre Dame defensive line, where they had success on previous short-yardage plays. The center-to-quarterback exchange fumbled, but lucky for the Aggies. Redshirt freshman Keith Joseph picked up the ball and ran around the right side, gaining three yards and giving the Aggies the first down.

The Irish saw more situations like this fourth-down play, including passes being intercepted after being tipped. When luck was not involved, however, A&M simply dominated by controlling the game from the start, and handed the Irish their

third loss of the season, 24-3.

The Aggie offense found their groove early, marching down the field and taking an early 7-0 lead. During the 10-play, 76-yard drive, the Aggies faced third down and four from their own 30-yard line.

Junior quarterback Mark Farris drew a Notre Dame defensive lineman offside, giving the Aggies the first down and allowing them to continue the drive. Highlighting the drive was freshman runningback Derek Farmer, who carried the ball five times for 46 yards, including a 31-yard touchdown romp through the middle of the Irish defense.

"When the bell rings, I wanted to come out swinging," said A&M football head coach R.C. Slocum. "It was very important for us to get off to a good start."

The Irish mounted an attempt to answer the Aggies' opening drive, getting good field position from junior Julius Jones' 43-yard kickoff return. The Irish covered 43 yards, but came to a stop when sophomore quarterback Carlyle Holiday's third-



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Redshirt freshman Keith Joseph dives over the pile on a third-and-one play while Notre Dame inside linebacker

Courtney Watson attempts to stop Joseph in mid-air. The Aggies won in front of a sellout crowd, 24-3.

down pass was intercepted in the endzone by sophomore cornerback Sean Weston.

The Aggie offense picked up where they left off in the opening drive, going 80 yards in only three plays to take a 14-0 lead. Freshman wide receiver

Terrence Murphy came down with a 45-yard pass from Farris, setting the Aggies up at the Notre Dame 22-yard line.

On the next play, Farris pitched the ball to sophomore runningback Oschler Flemming, who ran around the right side,

paused just short of the line of scrimmage, and heaved a pass back across the field.

Waiting on the crossfield pass was Farris, who slipped into the open field. Farris raced

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Ag Crew shines in victory

By TRUE BROWN
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Make no mistake about it. The Texas A&M Wrecking Crew beat Notre Dame.

Yes, the offense put the Aggies up 7-0 after its first drive. And yes, on its second possession, the offense went 80 yards for a touchdown, its longest drive of the season. But it was the Wrecking Crew who started that drive and set the tone for the entire game.

After the Irish had driven to the A&M 13-yard line, sophomore cornerback Sean Weston intercepted a fluttering Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday pass in the endzone.

Just 1:47 after Weston's pick, the Aggies took a 14-0 lead.

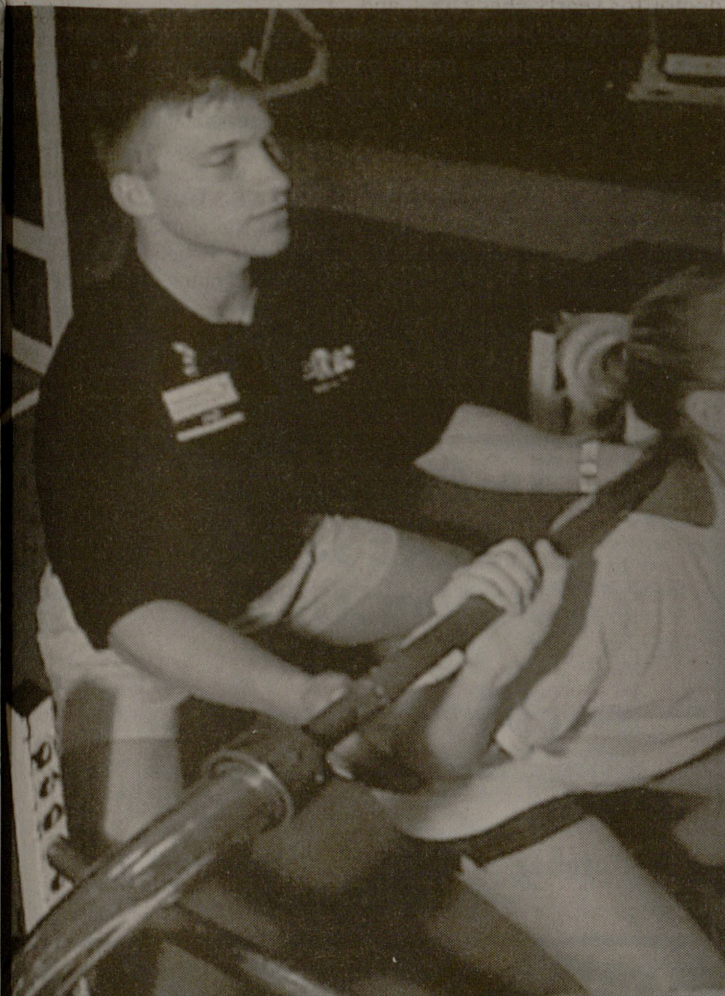
Weston's interception was only the tip of the iceberg. Every time Notre Dame headed for a score, the Aggies came up with big plays to neutralize the threat.

The lone scoring drive by Notre Dame added up to only 21 yards and ended with a 47-yard field goal.

For the game, the Irish managed a meager 191 yards of total offense, the second straight week A&M has held its opponent to under 200 yards.

After allowing 113 yards in the first half, the red-hot Aggie defense turned up the heat.

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