

Bears give No. 24 A&M first scare of season

Last-second interception seals win for Ags

By TRUE BROWN
THE BATTALION

It came down to one play. With two seconds left and the Aggies leading 16-10, Baylor quarterback Greg Cicero's 40-yard "Hail Mary" pass into the A&M end zone went unanswered, as sophomore defensive back Dawon Gentry came down with the interception to give the Aggies a six point win over the Baylor Bears.

The six point margin of victory is A&M's smallest over Baylor since the Aggies defeated the Bears 19-13 in 1992.

A&M (5-0, 2-0 in Big 12) now owns a 11-year winning streak over Baylor.

"We're always happy to win," said football head coach R.C. Slocum. "But we can't take it for granted. I'm glad our guys showed character enough to hang in there and get the win."

The turnover-filled game turned into a battle of defense in the first quarter, as neither team drove more than 20 yards.

The Aggies appeared to take an early lead after a 40-yard field goal by sophomore Cody Scates, but the kick was nullified by an illegal formation penalty on the Aggies. The five-yard penalty forced Scates to try again, and the 45-yard attempt was wide left.

After taking over on downs,

Baylor (2-2, 0-2 in Big 12) failed to move the ball and Baylor punter Adam Stiles pinned A&M at its own 11-yard line.

On the Aggies second play, junior quarterback Mark Farris was hit by Baylor's A.C. Collier and fumbled. The Bears recovered on the A&M one-yard line.

Baylor took a 7-0 lead two plays later after running back Jonathan Golden scored on a one-yard run.

A&M finally got on the board with 10:59 left in the half, capping an 11-play drive with a 48-yard field goal by

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Aggies salvage victory, season

By BRIAN RUFF
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All 82,589 pairs of eyes at Kyle Field Saturday were fixed on the south end zone, waiting for a mass of players to untangle so the most important call of the Texas A&M and Baylor football game could be known.

Fortunately for the Aggies, sophomore free safety Dawon Gentry came away with an interception in the end zone for the Aggies, ending the Bears' final chance at coming away with the upset victory, and completing A&M's 16-10 victory over the Baylor.

"It was a toss up," said junior linebacker Jarrod

Penright. "Anyone could have had the ball."

Once again, the Aggie defense had their backs against the wall, and again, answered with a solid defensive performance. The Wrecking Crew did so without two starters, senior linebacker Christian Rodriguez and junior nose-guard Ty Warren, who were recovering from injuries.

After the Aggies handed the ball to the Bears on the Aggies' 1-yard line, the defensive unit was forced to buckle down and take on the Bears.

On the first play from the one, junior linebacker Jessie Hunnicutt met Baylor running

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Sophomore free safety Dawon Gentry goes up for the ball as strong safety Terrence Kiel (48) and Baylor's Marques Roberts looks on. Gentry came down with the interception and secured the Aggie victory, 16-10.

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