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Cubs	0	2	0
Yankees	4	8	0

Cubs lead series 3-2

SPORTS

	R	H	E
Game 4 ppd until Monday at 7:18 p.m. due to rain.			
Yankees lead series 2-1			

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pvs
1. Oklahoma(61)	6-0	1
2. Miami(3)	6-0	2
3. Virginia Tech	6-0	4
4. Georgia	5-1	8
5. SouthernCal	5-1	9
6. WashingtonSt.	5-1	12
7. FloridaSt.	5-1	5
8. OhioSt.	5-1	3
9. Iowa	5-1	14
10. LSU	5-1	6
11. Arkansas	4-1	7
12. N.Illinois	6-0	16
13. Purdue	5-1	18
14. Wisconsin	6-1	23
15. MichiganSt.	6-1	21
16. TCU	6-0	18
17. Michigan	5-2	20
18. Nebraska	5-1	10
19. Auburn	4-2	—
20. Texas	4-2	11
21. Tennessee	4-2	13
22. OregonSt.	5-1	24
23. OklahomaSt.	5-1	—
24. Missouri	5-1	—
25. Minnesota	6-1	17

(First place votes in parentheses)

BATT SPORTS POLL

	Record	Pvs
1. OU (9)	6-0	1
2. Miami	6-0	2
3. Virginia Tech	6-0	4
4. Georgia	5-1	10
5. USC	5-1	9
6. Washington St.	5-1	12
7. Florida State	5-1	5
8. Ohio State	5-1	3
9. Iowa	5-1	15
10. LSU	4-1	6
11. Arkansas	4-1	8
12. Wisconsin	6-1	22
13. Minnesota	6-0	16
14. Michigan	5-2	19
15. N. Illinois	6-0	18
16. Michigan St.	6-1	23
17. Minnesota	6-1	13
18. Nebraska	5-1	7
19. Oregon St.	25	25
20. TCU	5-0	17
21. Texas	4-2	11
22. Texas Tech	5-1	—
23. Tennessee	4-2	14
24. Oklahoma St.	4-1	—
25. Auburn	4-2	—

(As voted on by Battalion sports writers)

QUOTABLE

"They just kicked our butt."
- BU linebacker Stephen Sepulveda's thoughts on the Bears' loss

"I think that was big for us to gain confidence in our offense, especially in our running game. We did a great job running the ball, and that adds another dimension if you can run the ball well."
- A&M WR Jamaar Taylor on A&M's offense

"Reggie threw the perfect pass, I didn't break stride, I made the catch and scored a touchdown."
- Taylor on his 91-yard touchdown catch

"It gives us a lot of confidence. Showing that we have all the tools to win a big game like Nebraska."
- A&M RB Courtney Lewis on confidence before facing Nebraska

A&M's offense runs wild on Baylor, Ags end three-game skid

By Michael Crow
THE BATTALION

Three weeks' worth of frustration boiled over Saturday at Kyle Field. After three straight losses, including a 59-28 drumming by Texas Tech, the Texas A&M football team rebounded in a big way, blasting Baylor 73-10.

From the game's onset, the Aggies played more aggressively on both sides of the ball than they had in previous contests this season. The cathartic victory over the Bears improved A&M's record to an even 3-3 overall and 1-1 in Big 12 play. It also shed new light on a season many had already written off as a failure.

"I think after a week like last week (against Tech), you find out what you're really made of," said A&M defensive coordinator Carl Torbush. "There was a lot of pressure on us today, no doubt about that. I do think we played hard, and I think we made a lot of big plays."

The A&M defense controlled the first quarter and immediately set the tone when Ronald Jones picked off a Baylor pass attempt and returned it 26 yards to the Baylor 9-yard line. The play set up a 6-yard touchdown pass from Reggie McNeal to Andy Matakis, the first of three passing scores from McNeal.

Later, on the third play of the second quarter, Jaxson Appel added an interception of his own, returning an Aaron Karas pass attempt 64 yards for a touchdown to extend the Aggies' lead to 17-3.

"I thought I was going to get caught from behind," Appel said. "He was trying to throw it to the fullback, and I read it and he threw it right to me."

Once the A&M defense helped put the Aggies ahead, the offense took over and never looked back. Sparked by an overpowering running game, the Aggies closed out the first half with drives of 74, 67 and 64 yards to build a 38-10 halftime lead.

Baylor's lone touchdown of the game came on a 37-yard strike from quarterback Aaron Karas to wideout Marques Roberts that was nearly another A&M interception.

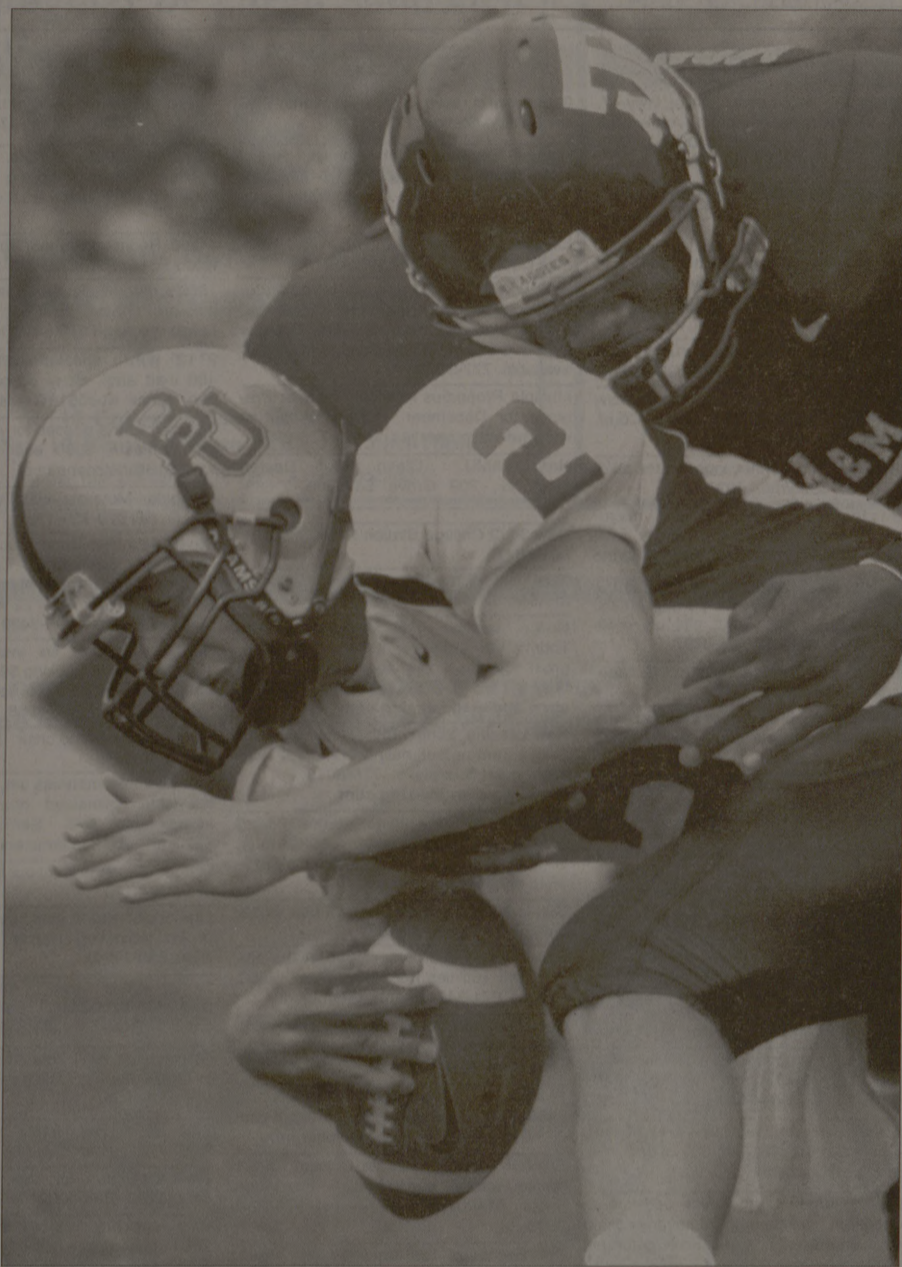
The Aggies nearly doubled Baylor's offensive production in the first half, and showed more of the same in the second.

Running backs Courtney Lewis and Derrick Farmer took turns barreling through the Baylor defensive front for big gains. Both backs finished with more than 100 yards and each averaged more than 10 yards per carry.

Lewis picked up the bulk of his yardage on an 86-yard touchdown scamper after breaking free on a draw play.

"The offensive line did a good job blocking and opening up holes," Lewis said. "The wide receivers, they were getting blocks down field ... so that made it a lot easier for the running backs to pick up yards."

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JOHN C. LIVAS • THE BATTALION

Above: Texas A&M junior defensive lineman Mike Montgomery takes down Baylor quarterback Aaron Karas in one of six sacks for the Aggies Saturday afternoon. Heading into the game against Baylor, the Aggie defensive line had recorded just one sack the entire season. Prior to A&M's six sacks Saturday the Aggie defense had tallied just seven sacks in their first five games of the season.



SHARON AESHBACH • THE BATTALION

Right: Aggies celebrate following a touchdown by A&M freshman receiver Chad Schroeder. It was his first career touchdown reception. Schroeder hauled in two receptions in the game for 48 yards including the 42-yard touchdown from junior quarterback Dustin Long late in the game. The 10 touchdowns for the Aggies was second-most in school history. A&M scored 11 touchdowns in 1944 against Miami in a 70-14 win.

Aggie defense shows it can play, could be Wrecking Crew

After three weeks of being put under a microscope big enough to make a microbe nervous, the Aggie defense let off some steam Saturday in a 73-10 dismantling of the Baylor Bears (3-3, 1-1 Big 12).

Coming into the game, all the talk was about how bad the defense had been playing, and deservedly so. In three consecutive games, the Aggies gave up more than 30 points, a statistic that would send any defensive coordinator to the edge of a nervous breakdown. Not only that, but the Aggies were falling quickly into a defensive downward spiral, progressively getting worse each week, bottoming out with a 59 point bloodletting in Lubbock.

Enter Baylor, a team that was on a hot streak, winning three in a row, including a win over last year's Big 12 North champion Colorado the previous week.

The Bears came in hungry to gain respect and beat a team they had not beaten since 1985; there would have been nothing better for them than to kick the Aggie defense while it was down. However, things did not go as planned.

Although the score told the story of the offense's record day, it was the defense that made it all possible.

From the first series, the Aggie defense was bound and determined to set the tone for the entire game. In contrast to the previous three weeks, there was a different feeling in the air as the defense took the field. For the first time in a long time, the defense came out fired up and on a mission to do one thing: destroy the Baylor offense.

The demolition began when sophomore defensive back Ronald Jones intercepted an Aaron Karas pass and returned it 26 yards to the Baylor 9-yard line, leading to an Aggie touchdown. At that point, the rout was on, and the Aggie defense never looked back.

After last week's defensive collapse, the Baylor game was the perfect catharsis for A&M defensive coordinator Carl Torbush.

"After a game like last week, you find out what you're made of, and you find out who's willing to go out there and fight," Torbush said. "This week, we got ourselves off the field for a change, and we were able to come out and make a statement."

The defense made a statement. After gaining more than 200

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Strutz nets two as Ags beat Baylor

By Troy Miller
THE BATTALION

On a squad full of youngsters, the Texas A&M women's soccer team was led by its upperclassmen who were involved in each goal Sunday in A&M's 3-0 win over Baylor.

Midfielder Kristen Strutz, the lone senior on the team, took over the scoring leadership as she gained two tallies in the win over Baylor (6-8, 1-5 Big 12) giving her four goals and an assist on the weekend. The No. 5 Aggies defeated Texas Tech 8-0 on Friday.

"Kristen Strutz is the real deal," said A&M coach G. Guerrieri. "I'm real pleased."

Strutz was not the only upperclassman getting into the act against Baylor for the Aggies (10-12, 3-0-2). Junior defender Amanda Burke earned an assist and led the team in shots, along with Strutz, with five.

Burke seemed to be everywhere on the field during the match, thwarting Bear attacks and spurring the Aggies on their own onslaughts.

"Amanda Burke had a real good game," Guerrieri said. "It's great to see her getting that much of her potential out (on the field)."

"It's great to be with a home crowd. When we come out here and see the bleachers full it just gets us really motivated."

— Kristen Strutz
A&M midfielder

The Aggies began the scoring in the third minute of play as junior forward Emma Smith got behind the Baylor defense and streaked to the left post of the Baylor goal. Her cross found the foot of freshman forward Madison Klovstad, who buried the ball into the back of the goal to give the Aggies a 1-0 lead.

Despite peppering Baylor goalkeeper Monica Housden's goal with

13 first-half shots, the Aggies could not increase their lead until Strutz headed in a goal off a beautiful cross from Burke 18 minutes into the second half that threw the 2,449 in attendance into a frenzy.

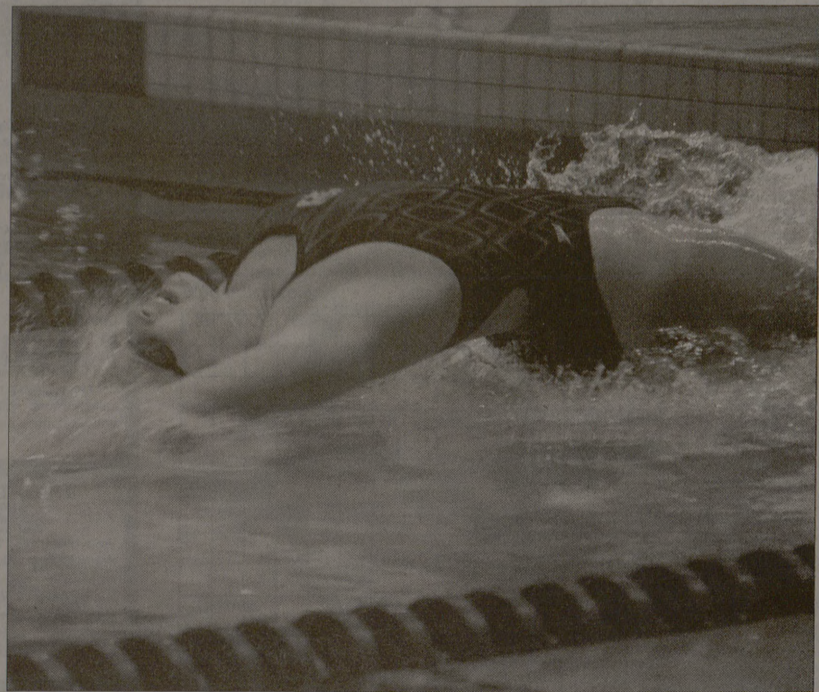
"It's great to be with a home crowd," Strutz said. "That's extra intensity. When we come out here and see the bleachers full it just gets us really motivated."

Strutz added an insurance goal in the 77th minute when she collected a rebound from Housden and shot it past her just inside the right post.

The win gave A&M its second straight shutout and eighth on the season, but it's not enough for the Aggies. It won't be enough until they are clutching the Big 12 Championship trophy for the second year in a row.

"All this week we put in so much work in practice," Burke said. "This week having a home crowd is so much easier to play for, but we still weren't satisfied. A 3-0 today, yeah, it's convincing, but we're still not satisfied. Why win by three when you can win by eight like we did Friday."

Ags dominate UNT



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Texas A&M's Erin Briskie pushes off before winning the 200m backstroke. The Aggies won all 16 events during A&M's 171-109 win over the University of North Texas on Friday.