

Final 1986 Texas A&M University Football Statistics

After Eleven Games (9-2-0); Home (6-0-0); Away (3-2-0)

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG	LP	GM AVG	RECEIVING	G	NO	YDS	TD	YDS/CATCH	LP	CATCHES/GAME
Murray	11	393	-115	2463	2348	6.0	68	213.5	Bernstine	11	65	710	5	10.9	32	5.9
Vick	10	220	960	0	960	4.4	31	96.0	Woodside	11	52	603	5	11.6	60	4.7
Woodside	11	97	569	0	569	5.9	41	51.7	Walker	11	40	565	3	14.1	28	3.6
A&M TOTALS	11	895	2151	2691	4842	5.4	68	440.2	Vick	10	20	128	0	6.4	26	2.0
OPP TOTALS	11	721	1222	1613	2835	3.9	66	257.7	Harris	11	21	326	2	15.5	68	1.9

RUSHING	G	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	TD	AVG	LP	GM AVG
Vick	10	220	1001	41	960	10	4.4	31	96.0
Woodside	11	97	586	17	569	2	5.9	41	51.7
Collins	5	38	250	3	247	3	6.5	44	49.4
Valentine	9	46	196	2	194	2	4.2	12	21.6
Howse	8	18	142	1	141	0	7.8	57	17.6
Gurley	8	24	95	1	94	1	3.9	23	11.8
Tr. Jones	6	7	13	2	11	0	1.6	6	1.8
Harris	11	3	18	0	18	0	6.0	8	1.6
Bernstine	11	2	13	0	13	0	6.5	8	1.2
Taylor	8	1	9	0	9	0	9.0	9	1.1
Stump	11	8	22	15	7	0	0.9	6	0.6
Motley	6	2	3	0	3	0	1.5	2	0.5
Bob	11	4	3	3	0	2	0.0	2	0.0
Murray	11	44	52	167	-115	1	-2.6	15	-10.5
A&M TOTALS	11	514	2403	252	2151	21	4.2	57	195.5
OPP TOTALS	11	441	1639	417	1222	14	2.8	58	111.1

PASSING	G	ATT-COMP	PCT	INT	YDS	TD	LP	GM AVG
Murray	11	349-212	60.7	8	2463	17	68	223.9
Stump	11	28-15	53.6	1	204	1	50	28.5
Haverda	11	2-2	100.0	0	23	0	27	2.1
Motley	6	2-1	50.0	0	1	0	1	0.2
A&M TOTALS	11	381-230	60.4	9	2691	18	68	244.6
OPP TOTALS	11	280-127	45.4	14	1613	8	66	146.6

PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	NET	LP
Stump	35	1296	37.0	34.4	50
Wichantz	12	575	47.9	43.5	66
Team	2	0	4.0	4.0	0
A&M TOTALS	49	1879	38.3	35.4	66
OPP TOTALS	74	3088	41.7	36.1	60

Stump-Punt Analysis: Of the 18 punts Stump has kicked from closer than the A&M 40, he has put 8 out inside the 20-yd. line and 3 out inside the 10.

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	YDS	TD	AVG	LP
Harris	42	345	0	8.2	40
Haverda	1	19	0	19.0	19
Taylor	1	9	0	9.0	9
Washington	2	14	0	7.0	14
Woodside	2	13	0	6.5	7
Landrum	0	20	1	—	20
A&M TOTALS	48	420	1	8.8	40
OPP TOTALS	15	144	0	9.6	23

KO RETURNS	NO.	YDS	TD	AVG	LP
Harris	17	319	0	18.8	26
Washington	5	116	0	23.2	33
Taylor	4	70	0	17.5	22
Valentine	5	69	0	13.8	24
Tn. Jones, Haverda, Thompson and Marks, 1 each for total 17 yards.					
A&M TOTALS	35	591	0	16.9	33
OPP TOTALS	48	937	0	19.5	39
12th Man	35	651	0	18.6	39
Varsity	13	286	0	22.0	32

INTERCEPTION RETURNS	NO.	YDS	TD	AVG	LP	GAME AVG
Flowers	5	73	1	14.6	29	0.5
Corrington	3	12	0	4.0	7	0.3
Taylor	1	20	0	20.0	20	0.2
G. Jones	1	40	1	40.0	40	0.1
Morris	1	29	0	29.0	29	0.1
Bullitt	1	10	0	10.0	10	0.1
Brooks	1	5	0	5.0	5	0.1
Holley	1	0	0	0.0	0	0.1
A&M TOTALS	14	189	2	13.5	40	1.3
OPP TOTALS	9	145	2	16.1	45	0.8

SCORE BY QUARTERS	A&M	OPP
1st	69	117
2nd	91	83
3rd	83	360
4th	51	24
TOTAL	35	77

RECEIVING	G	NO	YDS	TD	YDS/CATCH	LP	CATCHES/GAME
Bernstine	11	65	710	5	10.9	32	5.9
Woodside	11	52	603	5	11.6	60	4.7
Walker	11	40	565	3	14.1	28	3.6
Vick	10	20	128	0	6.4	26	2.0
Harris	11	21	326	2	15.5	68	1.9
Thompson	11	15	162	1	10.8	20	1.4
Valentine	9	6	69	1	11.5	18	0.7
Collins	5	2	16	0	8.0	15	0.4
Gurley	8	2	29	0	14.5	19	0.3
Howse	8	2	18	0	9.0	13	0.3
Ford	6	1	50	1	50.0	50	0.2
Washington	11	2	14	0	7.0	8	0.2
Stump	11	1	-4	0	-4.0	-4	0.1
Haverda	11	1	5	0	5.0	5	0.1
A&M TOTALS	11	230	2691	18	11.7	68	20.9
OPP TOTALS	11	127	1613	8	12.7	66	11.5

SCORING	G	TD RUN	TD CATCH	OTHER TDS	FG	PAT	OTHER X-PT	SFT	TP
Slater	11	0	0	0	21-27	37-38	0	0	100
Vick	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Woodside	11	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	42
Bernstine	11	0	5	0	0	0	2-3	0	34
Valentine	9	2	1	0	0	0	1-1	0	20
Walker	11	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
Collins	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Bob	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Harris	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Murray, Thompson, Ford, G. Jones, Landrum, Gurley, Flowers each with six points									
A&M TOTALS	11	21	18	3	21-27	37-38	3-4	1	360
OPP TOTALS	11	14	8	2	6-14	23-23	1-1	0	187

1986 Defensive Statistics After Eleven Games (9-2-0)

PLAYER	TOTAL TACKLES	UT	AT	FR	FC	INT	QBS	TFL*	TIP	MT-OPP
11 Holland, Johnny (LB)	147	79	68	1	0	0	4-21	7-26	3	20-S Miss
65 Kelm, Larry (LB)	118	72	46	2	1	0	3-11	3-5	5	19-S Miss
10 Corrington, Kip (DB)	93	48	45	0	0	3	0	0-0	8	12-Rice
73 Howard, Todd (LB)	81	53	28	0	1	0	5-36	7-22	3	12-Baylor
27 Brooks, Terrence (DB)	80	50	30	1	0	1	2-11	3-15	11	13-LSU
19 Saddler, Rod (DE)	74	42	32	0	0	0	3-18	5-15	1	13-S Miss
82 Muller, Jay (DE)	71	40	31	1	1	0	8-45	5-15	0	12-SMU
90 O'Brient, Sammy (NG)	63	47	16	0	0	0	3-13	6-14	1	8-twice
30 Morris, Alex (DB)	55	26	29	1	0	1	6-50	1-6	4	10-Baylor
15 Flowers, James (DB)	50	32	18	0	0	5	0	0-0	13	11-SMU
66 Bullitt, Steve (LB)	40	18	22	0	2	1	3-25	1-3	0	7-NT/SMU
2 Holley, Jeff (DB)	23	13	10	1	0	1	0	0-0	3	6-LSU
73 Roper, John (LB)	22	14	8	0	3	0	4-31	3-22	0	7-UH
48 Batiste, Dana (LB)	20	15	5	0	0	0	0	1-1	2	9-NTSU
8 Anthony, Rod (DB)	14	8	6	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	9-NTSU
53 Jackson, Basil (LB)	14	5	9	0	0	0	0	1-2	1	4-NTSU
88 Price, Terry (DL)	12	6	6	1	0	0	1-2	1-2	0	5-NTSU
6 Jones, Gary (DB)	10	7	3	0	0	1	0	0-0	1	3-NT/UT
93 Broom, Guy (DL)	10	6	4	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	4-NTSU
23 Wallace, Aaron (LB)	9	7	2	0	0	0	5-51	0-0	0	3-NT/RU
35 Smith, Brent (DB)	8	3	5	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	4-NTSU
20 Jones, Tony (DB)	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0-0	1	3-Tech
26 Landrum, Tim (LB)	7	3	4	0	0	0	2-7	1-3	0	3-S Miss
19 Taylor, Anthony (DB)	6	3	3	0	0	1	0	0-0	0	3-NT/T

*Sacks not included in tackles for loss (TFL)
 KDY: UT—Unassisted Tackles; AT—Assisted Tackles; FR—Fumbles Recovered; FC—Fumbles Caused; INT—Interceptions;
 QBS—Quarterback Sacks; TFL—Tackles for Loss; TIP—Tipped Passes; MT-OPP—Most Tackles Against Which Opponent.

12TH MAN KICKOFF TEAM	DATE	RESULTS—TEXAS A&M (9-2-0)	A&M	OPP
18 Middleton, Bobby	Sept. 13	at LSU	17	35
1 Barry, Dean	Sept. 20	North Texas	48	28
9 Glenn, Ronnie	Sept. 27	S. Mississippi	16	7
10 Adair, Chad	Oct. 4	Texas Tech	45	8
21 Wurzbach, Mark	Oct. 11	at Houston	19	7
	Oct. 18	Baylor	31	30
	Oct. 25	Rice	45	10
	Nov. 1	at SMU	39	35
	Nov. 15	at Arkansas (LR)	10	14
	Nov. 22	TCU	74	10
	Nov. 27	at Texas	16	3

1986 Game By Game Statistics

Rushing Offense

	Rushes	Net Yards
LSU	42	143
North Texas State	47	200
Southern Mississippi	52	210
Texas Tech	59	237
Houston	45	143
Baylor	37	83
Rice	40	295
SMU	42	153
Arkansas	34	123
TCU	68	399
Texas	48	165
Ohio State	42	160
Totals	556	2311

Passing Defense

	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.
LSU	17	24	0	269
North Texas State	5	18	1	43
Southern Mississippi	6	13	0	49
Texas Tech	13	43	2	143
Houston	5	15	2	61
Baylor	15	28	3	273
Rice	18	43	3	230
SMU	17	30	0	173
Arkansas	11	15	1	112
TCU	5	20	1	59
Texas	15	31	1	201
Ohio State	13	29	3	218
Totals	140	309	17	1831

Passing Offense

	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.
LSU	25	37	5	218
North Texas State	19	33	1	258
Southern Mississippi	14	28	1	162
Texas Tech	21	35	1	285
Houston	18	29	0	188
Baylor	25	40	0	308
Rice	19	38	0	231
SMU	17	34	0	278
Arkansas	21	35	1	180
TCU	25	35	0	306
Texas	25	36	0	277
Ohio State	13	33	5	136
Totals	242	413	14	2970

Total Defense

	No. Plays	Net Yards
LSU	58	401
North Texas State	70	226
Southern Mississippi	52	99
Texas Tech	74	237
Houston	56	109
Baylor	74	431
Rice	81	290
SMU	83	364
Arkansas	64	298
TCU	57	133
Texas	55	247
Ohio State	65	303
Totals	789	3138

Total Offense

	Plays	Net Yards
LSU	79	361
North Texas State	80	458
Southern Mississippi	80	372
Texas Tech	94	522
Houston	74	331
Baylor	77	391
Rice	78	526
SMU	77	431
Arkansas	69	303
TCU	103	705
Texas	84	442
Ohio State	75	296
Totals	970	5138

Fumbles/Lost

	A&M	OPP
LSU	1-0	2-2
North Texas State	5-2	3-0
Southern Mississippi	1-0	0-0
Texas Tech	2-1	4-2
Houston	1-1	3-0
Baylor	3-2	1-1
Rice	4-2	2-1
SMU	3-2	2-0
Arkansas	1-0	1-0
TCU	2-1	1-1
Texas	2-1	3-1
Ohio State	1-0	1-0
Totals	26-12	23-8

Rushing Defense

	Rushes	Net Yards
LSU	34	132
North Texas State	52	183
Southern Mississippi	39	50
Texas Tech	31	94
Houston	41	48
Baylor	46	158
Rice	38	60
SMU	53	191
Arkansas	49	186
TCU	37	74
Texas	24	46
Ohio State	36	85
Totals	480	1307

Penalties/Yards

	A&M	OPP
LSU	7-51	10-87
North Texas State	9-90	6-53
Southern Mississippi	7-59	9-92
Texas Tech	17-152	5-55
Houston	5-59	3-10
Baylor	8-51	5-35
Rice	9-64	5-30
SMU	8-46	5-55
Arkansas	5-25	2-10
TCU	6-50	2-30
Texas	5-45	4-29
Ohio State	3-15	11-70
Totals	89-707	67-556

Rushing Offense—Individual

ROGER VICK

	Att.	Net Yards	TDs
LSU	21	63	0
North Texas State	1	7	0
Southern Mississippi		DNP	
Texas Tech	26	104	3
Houston	25	104	0
Baylor	20	61	0
Rice	16	115	1
SMU	26	118	2
Arkansas	28	117	0
TCU	17	104	4
Texas	41	167	0
Ohio State	24	113	1
Totals	245	1073	11

IRA VALENTINE

	Att.	Net Yards	TDs
LSU	8	40	0
North Texas State	8	35	2
Southern Mississippi	19	77	0
Texas Tech	2	7	0
Houston	5	11	0
Baylor		DNP	
Rice		DNP	
SMU	1	12	0
Arkansas	1	0	0
TCU	1	7	0
Texas	1	5	0
Ohio State	1	5	0
Totals	47	199	2

KEITH WOODSIDE

	Att.	Net Yards	TDs
LSU	8	55	0
North Texas State	10	107	0
Southern Mississippi	23	96	0
Texas Tech	11	76	0
Houston	10	38	0
Baylor	7	37	0
Rice	5	72	1
SMU	10	39	0
Arkansas	2	4	0
TCU	8	41	1
Texas	3	4	0
Ohio State	11	32	0
Totals	108	601	2

JAMES HOWSE

	Att.	Net Yards	TDs
LSU		DNP	
North Texas State	0	0	0
Southern Mississippi		DNP	
Texas Tech	2	1	0
Houston		DNP	
Baylor		DNP	
Rice	5	35	0
SMU		DNP	
Arkansas		DNP	
TCU	7	95	0
Texas		DNP	
Ohio State		DNP	
Totals	14	131	0

KEVIN MURRAY'S 1986 GAME-BY-GAME PASSING STATS

	Comp-Att	Int.	Pct.	Yards	TD	LP	Sacks
LSU*	24-35	4	.686	208	2	24	3
North Texas*	13-22	1	.591	193	1	50	1
So. Mississippi*	14-26	1	.538	162	1	22	1
Texas Tech*	17-30	1	.567	225	2	60	3
Houston*	18-29	0	.621	188	0	20	2
Baylor*	25-40	0	.625	308	3	68	3
Rice*	17-33	0	.515	215	1	26	2
SMU*	18-35	0	.514	278	3	50	1
Arkansas*	21-35	1	.600	180	1	24	0
TCU*	20-28	0	.714	229	2	28	0
Texas*	25-36	0	.694	277	1	32	1
Ohio St. (Cotton Bowl)	21-31	5	.387	143	0	23	1
YEAR TOTALS	224-380	13	.589	2606	17	68	18

CRAIG STUMP'S 1986 GAME-BY-GAME PASSING STATS

LSU	1-2	1	.500	10	0	10	0
North Texas	5-10	0	.500	64	0	15	0
So. Mississippi	0-2	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Texas Tech	3-4	0	.750	33	0	18	1
Houston	0-0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Baylor	0-0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Rice	2-4	0	.500	16	0	11	0
SMU	0-0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	0-0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
TCU	4-6	0	.667	81	1	50	1
Texas	0-0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Ohio St. (Cotton Bowl)	1-2	0	.500	-7	0	-7	0
YEAR TOTALS	16-30	1	.533	197	1	50	1

'86 Review: Road Back To The Cotton Bowl

LSU 35 Texas A&M 17
September 13 Baton Rouge

A national television audience (ESPN) tuned in to watch the defending SWC champion Texas Aggies visit Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge for the 1986 season opener. The 79,713 who sat through warm, humid conditions saw the Tigers outscore the Aggies 21-3 in the second half to win going away, 35-17.

At the outset of the game, however, the Aggies struck first, taking the opening kickoff and marching 75 yards in 10 plays with quarterback Kevin Murray hitting wide receiver Shea Walker for a five-yard scoring strike to put the Aggies ahead, 7-0.

But the Tigers' big play abilities, coupled with several crucial turnovers by A&M, were too much to overcome. LSU tied the game in the first quarter when Tom Hodson hit Sam Martin from three yards out.

The Aggies regained the lead on the first play of the second quarter, as Murray hit tight end Rod Bernstine over the middle with a 13-yard scoring strike.

But back came the Tigers, as Martin hauled in a quick pass from Mickey Guidry and outraced the Aggie defense 66 yards to tie the game at 14.

A&M took its only lead of the second half following Alex Morris's recovery of a Harvey Williams fumble on the first series of the third quarter. The Aggies drove to the LSU six, but had to settle for a 22-yard field goal by Scott Slater.

Williams redeemed himself for the fumble by scoring on a one-yard dive on LSU's next possession, giving the Tigers a 21-17 lead.

The Aggies appeared on the verge of regaining the lead when they drove to the Tiger 38 but Murray's cross-field pass was intercepted by Kevin Guidry and returned 41 yards to the A&M 30, where Murray made the tackle.

LSU put the game out of reach as Hodson threw to Kinchen from five yards out, and linebacker Michael Brooks intercepted a fourth quarter pass by Craig Stump and scampered 36 yards for the final touchdown of the evening.

TEXAS A&M	7	7	3	0—17
LSU	7	7	14	7—35

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "Those were two pretty good football teams slugging it out there tonight. We made a lot of mistakes, but they made the big plays offensively. We did not play well defensively, and they've got a very good defensive team."

CORING:

- A&M—Walker, 5 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
- LSU—Martin, 3 pass from Hodson (Lewis kick)
- A&M—Bernstine, 13 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
- LSU—Martin, 66 pass from Guidry (Lewis kick)
- A&M—Slater, 22 FG

- LSU—H. Williams, 1 run (Lewis kick)
- LSU—Kinchen, 5 pass from Hodson (Lewis kick)
- LSU—Brooks, 36 interception return (Lewis kick)

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 25, LSU 19; Rushing Yards—A&M 143, LSU 132; Passes—A&M 37-27-5, LSU 24-17-0; Passing Yards—A&M 218, LSU 269; Punts—3-40.0, LSU 3-50.0; Yards Penalized—A&M 7-51, LSU 10-87.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Vick 21-63, Woodside 8-55, LSU Martin 12-62-1TD, H. Williams 14-56-1TD; Passing—A&M Murray 24-35-4 int.-208 yds.-2 TDs, LSU Hodson 15-21-193 yds.-2TDs, Guidry 2-3-76 yds.-1TD. Receiving—A&M Walker 5-61-1TD, Woodside 4-42, Bernstine 8-71-1TD, Vick 3-3; LSU Davis 10-62, Martin 5-99-2TDs, Kinchen 1-5-1TD.

Texas A&M 48 N. Texas State 28
September 20 College Station

For the second year in a row, the Aggies rebounded from a season opening loss in fine fashion, running away to a 48-28 defeat of North Texas State at Kyle Field. The Aggies scored quickly and often, then played a plethora of younger people in the final period when the Eagles scored most of their points.

The Aggies actually trailed in the first quarter. Following a 12-yard touchdown run by Ira Valentine, and a missed extra point, NTSU's Roberson intercepted a Murray pass and rambled 45 yards to give Eagles a 7-6 lead.

But it was all Texas A&M after that.

Shea Walker took a nine-yard scoring toss from Murray, then Valentine caught the two-point conversion pass from the Aggie quarterback to make it 14-7.

The Aggies scored 20 unanswered points in the second quarter to build a 34-7 halftime advantage. Scott Slater booted a pair of field goals (29 and 41 yards) while Matt Gurley and Ira Valentine each ran for a touchdown.

A representative of the Aggie defense, linebacker Adam Bob, got into the offensive act in the second quarter, scoring on a one-yard run. Tim Landrum later returned a blocked NTSU punt 18 yards for a score to give A&M a 48-7 lead after three quarters.

For the game, the Aggies piled up 458 yards of total offense, including an average of 5.7 yards per play.

Individually, running back Keith Woodside gained 107 yards rushing, on only 10 carries, while nine different Aggies made at least one pass reception.

TEXAS A&M	14	20	14	0—48
N. TEXAS STATE	7	0	0	21—28

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "We were extremely happy with the crowd (54,406) tonight. This was actually a two-game deal. We got 48 points to their seven, after that, we put a lot of our young people in, and..."

went into a bit of disarray. We played an awful lot of young people, but that's good—it gets them game experience."

SCORING:

A&M—Valentine, 12 run (kick failed)
 NTSU—Roberson, 45-interception return (Smith kick)
 A&M—Walker, 9 pass from Murray (Valentine pass from Murray)
 A&M—Slater, 29 FG
 A&M—Valentine, 1 run (Slater kick)
 A&M—Slater, 41 FG
 A&M—Gurley, 3 run (Slater kick)
 A&M—Bob, 1 run (Slater kick)
 A&M—Landrum, 18-yd. blocked punt return (Slater kick)
 NTSU—Green, 26 run (Smith kick)
 NTSU—Lee, 4 run (Smith kick)
 NTSU—Boyenga, 20 pass from Beal (Smith kick)

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 24, NTSU 13; Rushing Yards—A&M 200, NTSU 183; Passes—A&M 33-19-1, NTSU 18-5-1; Passing Yards—A&M 258, NTSU 43; Punts—A&M 4-29, NTSU 9-40.8; Yards Penalized—A&M 9-90, NTSU 6-53.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Woodside 10-107, Gurley 13-35-1TD, Valentine 8-35-2TDs., NTSU Green 5-5-1TD, Moon 13-49, Beal 6-27, Lee 6-9-1TD; Passing—A&M Murray 13-22-1 int.-193 yds.-1TD, Stump 5-10-64 yds.; NTSU Pool 2-10-1int.-6 yds., Beal 3-8-37 yds.-1TD; Receiving—A&M Walker 4-48-1TD, Bernstine 4-50, Harris 2-58; NTSU Camper 2-17, Boyenga 1-20-1TD, Cook 1-7.

Texas A&M 16 S. Mississippi 7
September 27 College Station

Defense dominated the first half as neither team was able to score, but the Aggie offense came alive in the third quarter and pulled away from a pesky Southern Mississippi team to gain a hard-fought 16-7 win.

The Aggies made the only serious scoring threat of the first half, driving to a second and goal at the Southern Mississippi one, but Kevin Murray's pass attempt was tipped in the end zone and intercepted by linebacker Onesimus Henry.

A&M took the opening kickoff of the second half and drove deep into Eagle territory, where its drive stalled at the 11. Scott Slater entered the game and kicked a 27-yard field goal to put the Aggies ahead, 3-0.

Following a Southern Mississippi punt, the Aggies were in business at their own 45. Led by the running of Ira Valentine and Keith Woodside, the Aggies drove to the Eagle 22, where on a third and 19, Murray passed to Rod Bernstine for the touchdown. Slater's extra point made it 10-0, Aggies, going into the fourth quarter.

The Eagles got right back into the game, however, driving 55 yards in 14 plays on their first possession of the final quarter. Anderson's three-yard run was the scoring play, and the Aggies held a 10-7 lead with just over 10 minutes to play.

But the Aggie offense was able to generate field position which resulted in a pair of clutch fourth quarter field goals (36 and 48 yards) by Scott Slater.

TEXAS A&M	0	0	10	6—16
S. MISSISSIPPI	0	0	0	7—7

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "Our assessment going in was that they (Southern Mississippi) were a very good team. We knew that their running game would be a big test for us. Anderson can throw the ball, but what they probably wanted to do was spread us out to open up the running game. In the first half, we controlled the ball offensively—we just didn't score. Any pressure we had, we put on ourselves. I told the players at halftime that we were in a real contest, and that we'd find out what kind of football team we had."

SCORING:

A&M—Slater, 27 FG
 A&M—Bernstine, 22 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
 Southern Mississippi—Anderson, 3 run (Banks kick)
 A&M—Slater, 36 FG
 A&M—Slater, 48 FG

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 26, USM 9; Rushing Yards—A&M 210, USM 50; Passes—A&M 28-14-1, USM 13-6-0; Passing Yards—A&M 162, USM 49; Punts—A&M 3-42.7, USM 10-43.5; Yards Penalized—A&M 7-59, USM 9-92.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Woodside 23-96, Valentine 19-77, Gurley 5-17, Murray 4-15, Bernstine 1-5; USM R. Brown 6-16, Shackelford 16-89, Vessell 1-3; Passing—A&M Murray 14-26-1 int.-162 yds.-1TD, Stump 0-2; USM Anderson 6-13-49 yds.; Receiving—A&M Bernstine 8-85-1TD, Harris 1-12, Walker 34 2-36, Woodside 2-11; USM Hansford 2-15, Mott 1-14, Weeks 1-8.

Texas A&M 45 Texas Tech 8
October 4 College Station

For the first time in several years, the Aggies had a relative breather in their SWC opener against Texas Tech. Forced to survive a strange ending the year before to pull out a 28-27 win, the Aggies didn't take any chances this year, jumping all over the Red Raiders en route to a 45-8 victory.

The victory was due, in large part, to the efforts of fullback Roger Vick, who carried the ball 26 times for 104 yards and three touchdowns. Two of his scores came in the first quarter, on runs of 11 and 25 yards.

Kevin Murray and the Aggie air game came to the fore in the second quarter, as Keith Woodside took a short pass and rambled 60 yards for A&M's third touchdown. A&M's final first half points came from a 22-yard Scott Slater field goal.

The Red Raiders had a scoring opportunity late in the half, driving to the Aggie 16, but Tech quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver was sacked by Steve Bullitt, Aaron Wallace and John Roper for an 11-yard loss back to the 27, from where Scott Segrist's 44-yard field goal was wide left.

The A&M scoring barrage continued in the third quarter, as Ira Valentine caught a four-yard touchdown pass from Murray.

Roger Vick added a one-yard scoring run in the final period, and Adam Bob scored from two yards out for A&M's final points of the day.

Tech scored its only points of the day late in the fourth quarter on a one-yard run by Tolliver, and a two-point conversion pass from Tolliver to Garnett.

For the afternoon, the Aggies rolled to 522 yards of total offense, and an average of 5.6 yards per play. Murray completed 17 of 30 passes for 225 yards and two touchdowns.

TEXAS A&M	14	10	7	14—45
TEXAS TECH	0	0	0	8—8

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "At the start of the game, I thought we might self-destruct (because of mistakes), but the defense came through and gave us a chance to win the game. One big play in the first half was when Kevin (Murray) checked off and threw to (Keith) Woodside for the touchdown. The offensive line did a good job on pass protection. The coaches did an outstanding job preparing the players for this game. I think we are a little bit quicker this year compared to last year."

SCORING:

A&M—Vick, 11 run (Slater kick)
 A&M—Vick, 25 run (Slater kick)
 A&M—Woodside, 60 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
 A&M—Slater, 22 FG
 A&M—Valentine, 4 pass from Murray
 A&M—Vick, 1 run (Slater kick)
 A&M—Bob, 2 run (Slater kick)
 TECH—Tolliver, 1 run (Garnett pass from Tolliver)

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 28, Tech 17; Rushing Yards—A&M 237, Tech 94; Passes—A&M 35-21-1, Tech 43-13-2; Passing Yards—A&M 285, Tech 143; Punts—A&M 4-41.0, Tech 6-37.7; Yards Penalized—A&M 17-152, Tech 5-55.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Vick 26-104-3TDs, Woodside 11-76, Collins 5-31, Gurley 2-26, Bob 1-2-1TD; Tech Farris 15-55, Walker 1-29, Gray 3-21, Garnett 4-8. Passing—A&M Murray 17-30-1 int.-225 yds.-2TDs, Stump 3-4-35 yds.; Tech Tolliver 13-34-1 int.-143 yds., Keesee 0-9-1 int. Receiving—A&M Bernstine 5-57, Woodside 4-97-1TD, Thompson 4-47, Walker 3-47, Harris 2-14, Valentine 1-4-1TD; Tech Price 3-28, Walker 2-16, Tannehill 2-29, Perkins, 2-41, Thurman 2-17.

Texas A&M 19 Houston 7
October 11 Houston

The Aggie defense dominated this one, as the Aggies posted their first-ever win in the Astrodome, 19-7 before an SWC TV Game-of-the-Week audience.

For a while, it looked as if neither team would score, as the Aggies misfired on several first half scoring opportunities (while the Cougars didn't manage a single first down until late in the first half).

But A&M placekicker Scott Slater, who would become one of the Aggies' most reliable performers during this season, kicked a trio of field goals (20, 27, and 30 yards) in the second quarter.

At halftime, the Cougars had one first down and one yard of total offense, including a minus 17 rushing.

Scott Slater extended the A&M lead to 12-0 with a 34-yard field goal at 6:39 of the third quarter.

The game's only touchdowns occurred in the fourth quarter and, appropriately, the A&M defense came up with it when James Flowers intercepted a Mark Davis pass and ran 25 yards for the touchdown. Slater's extra point put A&M ahead, 19-0.

Houston scored its only points following a block of a Todd Tschantz (making his first punt attempt of the season) punt deep in A&M territory. Wide receiver Jet Brown took a 12-yard scoring pass from Gerald Landry with only 52 seconds remaining to spoil A&M's shutout bid.

By game's end, the Aggie defense had limited Houston to 109 yards in total offense. Aggie fullback Roger Vick had another century yardage rushing performance, gaining 104 yards on 25 carries.

TEXAS A&M	0	9	3	7—19
HOUSTON	0	0	0	7—7

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "Defensively, we played an outstanding game, but we've done that the last four years against Houston. But, those years, we didn't always play well offensively. We felt coming into the game that Houston had a better team than its record indicated. We probably got too conservative, offensively. Scott Slater kicked very well today, and I'm glad to see us making our field goals. Our receivers broke a few routes today, so that hurt us a few times."

SCORING:

A&M—Slater, 20 FG
 A&M—Slater, 27 FG
 A&M—Slater, 30 FG
 A&M—Slater, 34 FG
 A&M—Flowers, 25 interception return (Slater kick)
 HOUSTON—Brown, 12 pass from Landry (Browndyke kick)

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 17, Houston 6; Rushing Yards—A&M 143, Houston 48; Passes—A&M 29-18-0, Houston 15-5-2; Passing Yards—A&M 188, Houston 61; Punts—A&M 8-32, Houston 11-37.2; Yards Penalized—A&M 5-59, Houston 3-10.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Vick 25-104, Woodside 10-38, Valentine 5-11; Houston Stankus 5-34, Pierson 9-29. Passing—A&M Murray 18-29-188 yds., Houston Davis 4-11-2 int.-49 yds., Landry 1-4-12 yds.-1TD; Receiving—Woodside 8-64, Walker 5-85, Bernstine 3-27, Vick 1-11, Harris 1-1; Houston Brown 2-22-1TD, Thomas 1-21, Rhodes 1-12, Tate 1-6.

Texas A&M 31 Baylor 30
October 18 College Station

In one of the most thrilling football games in Texas A&M history, the Aggies rallied from what had been a 17-point deficit to claim a very important 31-30 win over the Baylor Bears before 74,739 at Kyle Field, plus a regional television (ABC) audience.

Before much of the crowd had even situated itself, Baylor jumped out to a 17-0 lead on a 52-yard pass from Cody Carlson to Randy Rutledge, a two-yard run by Matt Clark and a 20-yard field goal by Terry Syler.

But it could have been worse. The Bears were threatening to make it at least 21-0, but Bear running back Charles Perry was stopped at the one on a fourth-down play in the first quarter.

Trailing 17-0 as play entered the second quarter, the Aggies started the slow climb back.

Driving 80 yards in 12 plays to the Bear five, Murray hit tight end Rod Bernstine with the Aggies' first touchdown play of the game.

Texas A&M 45 Rice 10
October 25 College Station

On the Aggies' next possession, Murray found a wide open Rod Harris across the middle for a 68-yard gain to the Baylor five. Three plays later, from the Baylor one, Murray scored on a quarterback keeper to draw the Aggies within 17-14.

The Bears added a late first half field goal by Terry Syler, and took a 20-14 lead into the intermission period.

Following a Chet Brooks interception of a Cody Carlson pass, A&M drove to the Baylor 23, from where Scott Slater kicked a 39-yard field goal to make it 20-17, Baylor.

But the Bears answered with their first touchdown since the first quarter, driving 75 yards in 12 plays to take a 27-17 lead on Carlson's three-yard run around right end. The quarter ended that way.

But the Aggies weren't through. Driving 74 yards in 10 plays, A&M found itself at the Baylor five, when Murray hit a wide open Keith Woodside in the back of the end zone to pull A&M closer at 27-24.

The scoring deluge continued as Baylor came right back and drove from its own 21 to the A&M 24, where Syler kicked a 41-yard field goal to make it 30-24.

Perhaps the most important drive of the season was up next, as Murray patiently marched his team downfield, mixing the running of Vick with the pass catching talents of Bernstine, Woodside and Tony Thompson.

With the crowd on the verge of hysteria, and the ball at the Baylor four, on third and goal, Murray hit Thompson across the middle, who juggled the ball, but held on for the score. Slater's extra point won it, 31-30.

TEXAS A&M	0	14	3	14—31
BAYLOR	17	3	7	3—30

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "The kids never gave up today. It was very important, when we got behind 17-0 that the players didn't become upset or frustrated. They hung in there all day. Kevin Murray played the best game I've seen a quarterback play, and I've been around some great quarterbacks. Give Baylor a lot of credit. They are an outstanding football team. They've got to be the best team in the country with three losses."

SCORING:

- BAYLOR—Rutledge, 52 pass from Carlson (Syler kick)
- BAYLOR—Clark, 2 run (Syler kick)
- BAYLOR—Syler, 20 FG
- A&M—Bernstine, 5 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
- A&M—Murray, 1 run (Slater kick)
- BAYLOR—Syler, 32 FG
- A&M—Slater, 39 FG
- BAYLOR—Carlson, 3 run (Syler kick)
- A&M—Woodside, 5 pass from Murray
- BAYLOR—Mahler, 41 FG
- A&M—Thompson, 4 pass from Murray (Slater kick)

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 19, Baylor 18; Rushing Yards—A&M 83, Baylor 158; Passes—A&M 40-25-0, Baylor 28-15-3; Passing Yards—A&M 308, Baylor 273; Punts—A&M 7-38.7, Baylor 3-39.0; Yards Penalized—A&M 8-51, Baylor 5-35.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Vick 20-61, Woodside 7-37; Baylor Carlson 9-60-1TD, Conner 7-29, Murray 8-23, Clark 2-3-1TD, Perry 4-10. Passing—A&M Murray 25-40-308 yds.-3 TDs; Baylor Carlson 15-28-3 int.-273 yds.-1TD. Receiving—A&M Harris 4-98, Bernstine 7-81-1TD, Thompson 6-49-1TD, Woodside 3-25-1TD Walker 3-47, Vick 2-8; Baylor Murray 5-36, Davis 3-54, Clark 2-40, Douglas 2-40, Rutledge 1-52, Simpson 1-40, Baker 1-11.

Texas A&M extended its home winning streak to 13 games, and remained unbeaten in the Southwest Conference by virtue of its 45-10 victory over the Rice Owls before 51,885 on a cool, sunny day.

The teams traded field goals in the first quarter (Scott Slater connecting from 23 yards for A&M, and Rock Mathis a 36-yarder for the Owls) but it was all Aggies after that.

In the second quarter, A&M scored three touchdowns to put the game out of reach. Roger Vick and Keith Woodside scored on runs of four and 33 yards respectively, while Kevin Murray became the SWC's all-time career touchdown pass leader (41) when he found Rod Harris for a 26-yard TD late in the half.

The only points of the third quarter were supplied by a pair of field goals (29 and 51 yards) by Scott Slater. The latter was a personal best for the Aggie kicker.

After Rice scored its only touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter, an eight-yard pass from Mark Comalander to Major, a couple of the Aggies' younger players got into the scoring act. Melvin Collins broke free for a 44-yard touchdown run, and freshman defensive back Gary Jones intercepted a pass and rambled 40 yards for a score.

TEXAS A&M	3	21	6	15—45
RICE	3	0	0	7—10

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "Offensively, we did some good things in the first half. We had the 16-play drive which ended in the field goal. The run by Woody (Keith Woodside) was a big play. Defensively, we had some penalties, which you have to avoid, which helped them to keep some drives alive. Going into the game, we knew Rice would come out throwing the ball. We were playing some basic defenses at first, then we started to go after them."

SCORING:

- A&M—Slater, 23 FG
- Rice—Mathis, 36 FG
- A&M—Vick, 4 run (Slater kick)
- A&M—Woodside, 33 run (Slater kick)
- A&M—Harris, 26 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
- A&M—Slater, 29 FG
- A&M—Slater, 51 FG
- Rice—Major, 8 pass from Comalander
- A&M—Collins, 44 run (Bernstine run)
- A&M—G. Jones, 40 interception return (Slater kick)

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 23, Rice 19; Rushing Yards—A&M 295, Rice 60; Passes—A&M 38-19-0, Rice 43-18-3; Passing Yards—A&M 231, Rice 230; Punts—A&M 5-38.0, Rice 8-38.1; Yards Penalized—A&M 9-64, Rice 5-30.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Vick 16-115-1TD, Woodside 5-72-1TD, Collins 7-82-1TD, Howse 5-35; Rice Cyphers 10-29, Davis 8-21, Scott 5-17. Passing—A&M Murray 17-35-215 yds-1TD, Stump 2-4-16 yds.; Rice Comalander 10-22-1 int.-82 yds., Roper 7-17-1 int.-134 yds., Overton 1-4-1 int.-14 yds. Receiving—A&M Bernstine 5-61, Harris 4-66-1TD, Woodside 3-20, Vick 2-30, Walker 4-49; Rice Boudousquie 4-51, Lewis 3-24, Scott 2-40, Major 2-12-1TD, Davis 2-34, McLaurin 1-23.

Texas A&M 39 SMU 35
November 1 Irving

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to a football game which wouldn't be a strain to the heart, the Aggies and SMU Mustangs hooked up for a great football game before a highly partisan A&M crowd of 58,125 at Texas Stadium. After the lead had changed hands six times, the Aggies came away with a thrilling come-from-behind victory, 39-35.

The Aggies grabbed a 10-7 lead late in the first period on an 18-yard touchdown pass from Kevin Murray to Rod Bernstine.

But the Mustangs regained the lead on a one-yard score by Jeff Atkins early in the second quarter.

And then it was A&M's turn.

Driving 73 yards in 11 plays, Roger Vick went over the left side of the Aggie offensive line for the touchdown on a fourth and goal from the one. The Aggies led, 17-14, but not for long.

When Aggie Rod Harris fumbled the opening kick-off of the second half, the Mustangs recovered at the A&M 14. Five plays later, Atkins surged a yard for the score, and the Aggie found themselves trailing 28-17.

But the A&M defense dominated play the rest of the third quarter, and with less than a minute to play in the period, Murray hit Woodside down the sideline for a 50-yard scoring play which closed the gap to 28-23. A two-point pass from Murray to Bernstine made it 28-25.

The A&M defense continued to dominate, as Jay Muller sacked Watters for a loss of six, which forced an SMU punt, which Harris returned 40 yards to the MSU 27.

Eight plays later, Roger Vick raced four yards, untouched, for the touchdown which gave the Aggies a 32-28 lead.

Not to be outdone, SMU came right back to move 67 yards in nine plays, the key play being a 24-yard gainer from Watters to Ron Morris to the A&M 31. Four plays later, Morris took an option pitch from Watters and slithered 23 yards for the touchdown which gave SMU a 35-32 advantage.

With 2:37 left in the game, the Aggies regained possession on their own 49. A roughing the passer penalty against SMU's Jerry Ball gave A&M a first down at the Mustang 36. Following a two-yard gain by Vick, Murray hit Woodside all alone on the same play Woodside had dropped several plays earlier. This time, the junior running back made the catch and ran the distance to give the Aggies another exciting come-from-behind win.

TEXAS A&M	10	7	8	14—39
SMU	7	14	7	7—35

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "You have to give our players all the credit. Somehow, some way, they were going to win this game. They believe in themselves. And I'm not being facetious. You just know how to do it after you come back game after game. There's no way you're not going to find a way to win it."

SCORING:

SMU—Morrison, 3 run (Brownlee kick)
A&M—Slater, 36 FG
A&M—Bernstine, 18 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
SMU—Atkins, 1 run (Brownlee kick)
A&M—Vick, 1 run (Slater kick)
SMU—Reese, 10 pass from Watters (Brownlee kick)
SMU—Atkins, 1 run (Brownlee kick)
A&M—Woodside, 50 pass from Murray (Murray pass to Bernstine)
A&M—Vick, 4 run (Slater kick)
SMU—Morris, 23 run (Brownlee kick)
A&M—Woodside, 34 pass from Murray (Slater kick)

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 23, SMU 24; Rushing Yards—A&M 153, SMU 191; Passes—A&M 34-17-0, SMU 30-17-0; Passing Yards—A&M 278, SMU 173; Punts—A&M 5-36.0, SMU 7-45.1; Yards Penalized—A&M 8-46, SMU 5-55.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—Vick 26-118-2TDs, Woodside 10-39, Valentine 1-12; SMU Atkins 25-81-2TDs, Morris 5-74-1TD, Terrell 2-27, Morrison 3-10-1TD. Passing—A&M Murray 17-34-278 yds.-3TDs; SMU Watters 17-30-173 yds-1TD. Receiving—A&M Bernstine 6-88-1TD, Woodside 5-134-2TDs, Walker 4-47, Vick 2-9; SMU Jacobs 8-87, Morris 5-66, Atkins 3-10, Reese 1-10-1TD.

Arkansas 14 Texas A&M 10
November 15 Little Rock

Texas A&M had its ten-game Southwest Conference winning streak snapped on a cool, partly cloudy day in Little Rock. A capacity crowd of 54,912 and a regional television audience saw the Razorbacks hold off what would have been another impressive fourth quarter rally, to win, 14-10.

Arkansas' ball control offense effectively kept the ball away from the high powered Aggie offense for much of the afternoon. The Aggies only had four offensive series in the first half of the game.

The Razorbacks scored their first touchdown on their second offensive possession, driving 61 yards in 11 plays. Derrick Thomas scored on a one-yard run and Arkansas led, 7-0.

A&M then mounted a powerful ball control drive of its own, moving 80 yards in 17 plays (elapsed time of 7:05) to tie the game on a seven-yard pass from Murray to Keith Woodside, who caught the ball at the one, and fell into the end zone.

With a 14-7 lead, the Razorbacks had an opportunity to extend the lead, but placekicker Kendall Trainor missed a 26-yard field goal which gave the Aggies new life.

A&M moved the ball 65 yards in 14 plays, but had to settle for a 31-yard Scott Slater field goal which made the score 14-10, Arkansas.

On Arkansas' next possession, Coach Ken Hatfield elected to go for a first down on a fourth and one from the A&M, 46. But Derrick Thomas was stopped cold by Rod Saddler and Todd Howard for no gain.

With the ball on their own 46 and 3:49 to play, the stage appeared set for another victory drive. The Aggies made it close, a 16-yard pass to Bernstine giving them a first down at the Razorback 14 with slightly more than a minute to play, but the game ended with Murray throwing a pair of incomplete passes in the end zone.

TEXAS A&M	0	7	0	3—10
ARKANSAS	7	0	7	0—14

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "You have to give Arkansas credit for their overall game. They did a good job of running and controlling the ball and keeping it away from our offense. But still, if we throw and catch the ball at the end, we win the ball game, and nobody would be asking what went wrong. Any time our offense has the ball, we feel like we can win the game."

SCORING:

ARKANSAS—D. Thomas, 1 run (Trainor kick)
A&M—Woodside, 7 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
ARKANSAS—G. Thomas, 10 run (Trainor kick)
A&M—Slater, 31 FG

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 18, Arkansas 18; Rushing Yards—A&M 123, Arkansas 186; Passes—A&M 35-21-1, Arkansas 15-11-1; Passing Yards—A&M 180, Arkansas 112; Punts—A&M 4-45.0, Arkansas 3-48.7; Yards Penalized—A&M 5-25, Arkansas 2-10.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Vick 28-117, Woodside 2-4; Arkansas Van Dyke 12-58, D. Thomas 18-52-1TD, G. Thomas 9-36-1TD, Johnson 6-19, Jackson 2-11, Massa 2-10. Passing—A&M Murray 21-35-1 int.-180 yds.-1TD; Arkansas G. Thomas 11-14-112 yds., Cleveland 0-1-1 int., Receiving—A&M Woodside 12-95-1TD, Bernstine 4-52, Vick 3-7, Harris 1-20, Walker 1-6. Arkansas Shibest 2-52, Young 2-21, D. Thomas 2-14, Van Dyke 2-10, Johnson 2-6, Centers 1-9.

Texas A&M 74 TCU 10
November 22 College Station

The Texas A&M football team clinched at least a tie for the 1986 Southwest Conference football championship, and established records far too numerous to list in one paragraph on their way to a 74-10 victory over the TCU Horned Frogs. It was A&M's 14th straight victory at Kyle Field, the nation's longest Division IA home winning streak.

The Aggies scored on their first five possessions, and ran to a 40-0 lead at halftime, without ever looking back.

Individually, Roger Vick ran the ball 17 times for 104 yards and four touchdowns, while reserve fullback Melvin Collins picked up a whopping 111 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries.

Quarterback Kevin Murray completed 20 of 28 passes for 229 yards and two touchdowns.

Placekicker Scott Slater put his name in the record books by kicking nine extra points, a single game record at A&M.

Arkansas' 41-0 win at SMU put A&M in the position of having to beat Texas, five days later, to win their second straight conference title outright, and with it, a return trip to Dallas and the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, 1987.

TEXAS A&M	21	19	27	7—74
TCU	0	0	0	10—10

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "Our players played very well in all phases of the game—offensively, defensively, and in the kicking game. That's one of the things we

talked about doing this week, playing together as a unit. All year, we really hadn't played a game where all facets of our game came together at once. We played a lot of young players in the second half. The points came on the board because the players played hard."

SCORING:

A&M—Vick, 1 run (Slater kick)
A&M—Woodside, 15 run (Slater kick)
A&M—Walker, 10 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
A&M—Slater, 46 FG
A&M—Vick, 1 run (Slater kick)
A&M—Safety, Becker runs out of end zone
A&M—Bernstine, 5 pass from Murray (Slater kick)
A&M—Vick, 8 run (Slater kick)
A&M—Vick, 11 run (conversion failed)
A&M—Collins, 4 run (Slater kick)
A&M—Ford, 50 pass from Stump (Slater kick)
A&M—Collins, 2 run (Slater kick)
TCU—Bradford, 3 run (Newman kick)
TCU—Newman, 42 FG

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 38, TCU 7; Rushing Yards—A&M 399, TCU 74; Passes—A&M 35-25-0, TCU 20-5-1; Passing Yards—A&M 306, TCU 59; Punts—A&M 1-47.0, TCU 9-47.8; Yards Penalized—A&M 6-50, TCU 2-30.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Collins 20-110-2TDs, Vick 17-104-4TDs, Howse 7-95, Woodside 8-41-1TD, Gurley 3-14; TCU Jiles 3-25, Bradford 5-19-1TD, Darthard 5-14, Rascoe 6-12, Tatum 7-10. Passing—Murray 20-28-229 yds.-2TDs, Stump 4-6-81 yds.-1TD; TCU Rascoe 3-11-25 yds., Jiles 2-9-1TD-34 yds. Receiving—Walker 5-87-1TD, Bernstine 8-56-1TD, Harris 3-29, Ford 1-50-1TD, Vick 2-33, Howse 2-18; TCU Burnett 2-28, Waddy 2-24, Ford 1-7.

Texas A&M 16 Texas 3
November 27 Austin

The Texas Aggies wrapped up their second consecutive Southwest Conference title and second straight trip to the Cotton Bowl before a national television audience (ESPN) and a crowd of 75,623 with a 16-3 victory over the Texas Longhorns on a cool, rainy Thanksgiving evening in Austin.

The Longhorns got on the board first, however. On their second possession of the game Longhorn QB Brett Stafford complete three of five passes including a 33 yard strike to Eric Metcalf to put the Longhorns in scoring position. Longhorn kicker Jeff Ward connected on a 39 yard field goal with 1:57 remaining in the first quarter to give the Longhorns a 3-0 lead.

The lead lasted well into the second quarter as the Longhorn defense forced the Aggies to punt on four of its first five possessions. The Aggies evened up the score at 3 with five seconds remaining in the half on a 22 yard field goal by Scott Slater. Slater's FG capped off a 54 yard Aggie drive which saw Aggie QB Kelvin Murray complete 6 of 8 passes for 68 yards.

Once again the second half belonged to the Aggies, as they scored 13 points to finish out the game. The surge began early in the third quarter when A&M took the kickoff and marched 75 yards on 13 plays for the game's only touchdown. On third and three from the Texas six yard line, Kevin Murray found Rod Harris all alone in the middle of the endzone for the TD. Scott

Slater's extra point attempt was good, giving the Aggies a 10-3 lead from which the Longhorns could not recover. Slater added to the A&M lead with a 41 yard field goal with 3:29 left in the quarter to make the score Texas A&M 13, Texas 3.

The Aggies put the game out of reach early in the fourth quarter as Scott Slater kicked another field goal, this time for 34 yards. For the game Slater was three for five giving him the Southwest Conference record for field goals in a single season with 21.

TEXAS A&M	0	3	10	3—16
TEXAS	3	0	0	0—3

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "There's no question about the fact that our guys played very hard tonight. They came over here with an edge that they knew they could play here and win against a team which was playing with a lot of incentive and emotion."

SCORING:

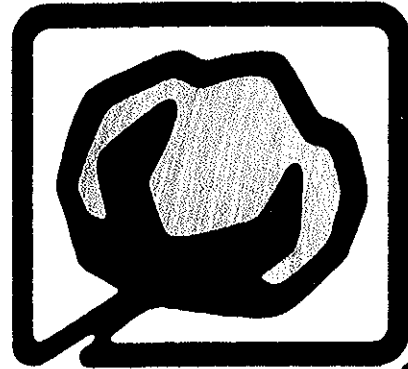
TEXAS—Ward, 39 FG
 A&M—Slater, 22 FG
 A&M—Harris, 6 pass from Murray
 A&M—Slater, 41 FG
 A&M—Slater, 34 FG

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 25, Texas 11; Rushing Yards—A&M 165, Texas 46; Passes—A&M 36-25-0, Texas 31-15-1; Passing Yards—A&M 277, Texas 201; Punts—A&M 5-45.4, Texas 5-45.6; Yards Penalized—A&M 5-45, Texas 4-29.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Vick 41-167, Valentine 1-5, Woodside 3-4; Texas Hunter 3-17, Nelson 2-14, Metcalf 10-12, Norris 4-6. Passing—A&M Murray 25-36-277 yds.-1TD, Texas Stafford 15-30-1 int. 201 yds. Receiving—A&M Bernstine 7-82, Bernstine 8-78, Harris 2-18-1TD, Walker 4-52, Vick 3-27, Thompson 1-20; Texas Metcalf 8-64, Johnson 3-70, Nelson 1-52, Jones 1-16.

Ohio State 28 Texas A&M 12
 January 1, 1987 Dallas

Cotton Bowl



Classic

Armed with its second consecutive Southwest Conference championship, the Texas A&M football team rolled into the Cotton Bowl for the second year in a row, but the results this time weren't quite as good as the year before. The Ohio State Buckeyes picked off five Kevin Murray passes, all in the second half, to thwart A&M's comeback effort, 28-12.

The Aggies took the game's opening kickoff, and mounted what was, perhaps, their finest offensive drive of the afternoon. Starting from its own 22, Texas A&M drove to the Buckeye 14, before Scott Slater was summoned to boot a 30-yard field goal to give the Aggies a 3-0 lead. It turned out to be the only score of the first period.

Late in the first quarter, however, the Buckeyes took possession on their own 20, and mounted an 80-yard scoring drive, despite being sacked for a seven-yard loss (Todd Howard nailing quarterback Jim Karsatos) on the first play of the series. The key play of the drive was Karsatos' completion to Chris Carter for 34 yards on a third and 17 play from his own 13. Carter made the catch, despite good coverage from Aggies Kip Corrington and James Flowers.

Karsatos capped the drive by racing three yards to put the Buckeyes ahead, 7-3.

The Aggies drew to within 7-6 on a 44-yard field goal by Scott Slater, later in the second quarter. Slater's 53-yard attempt to put A&M ahead, on the Aggies' next possession, sailed wide to the right, and the Buckeyes held a 7-6 lead at intermission.

The Aggies dug a deeper hole for themselves early in period three when, on their first possession, Murray's pass was intercepted by linebacker Chris Spielman, who returned it 24 yards for a touchdown, to put OSU ahead, 14-6.

On the ensuing drive, the Aggies suffered another turnover, as Gordon wrestled a pass away from Rod Bernstine, to give OSU the ball on their own 41. At the end of the drive, Vince Workman ran eight yards for the score which made it 21-6 in favor of Ohio State. There was no further scoring in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Aggies took possession at the Buckeye 42. Mixing the running of Roger Vick and Keith Woodside, the Aggies finally scored on a two-yard run by Vick. A two-point pass attempt for Woodside was caught, but was ruled to be out of bounds. The Aggies trailed 21-12.

A&M held the Buckeyes following a first down on their next possession, and took control of the ball at the Ohio State 43 with 6:32 left in the game. But any hope A&M had to pull out the game vanished when Spielman made his second interception of the day, at the Buckeye 43.

The Aggies got the ball back, but Kee intercepted Murray's pass and went 49 yards for the final touchdown of the 51st Cotton Bowl Classic.

TEXAS A&M	3	3	0	6-12
OHIO STATE	0	7	14	7-28

WHAT SHERRILL SAID: "At the start of the game we moved the ball very well. They (OSU) kept making the big plays. I felt like we played well, defensively, in the second half, but not offensively. The players did not falter at any time; they kept hanging in there. Even down to four minutes left in the game, we had a chance to win. But, you can't turn the ball over like we did and expect to win. These kinds of games come around. They just happen sometimes. I'm very proud of our seniors, and of what they accomplished at Texas A&M. I've very pleased we got to play as long as we did this season, because we had so many key injuries."

SCORING:

- A&M—Slater, 30 FG
- Ohio State—Karsatos, 3 run (Frantz kick)
- A&M—Slater, 44 FG
- Ohio State—Spielman, 24 interception return (Frantz kick)
- Ohio State—Workman, 8 run (Frantz kick)
- A&M—Vick, 2 run (pass failed)
- Ohio State—Kee, 49 interception return (Frantz kick)

TEAM STATS: First Downs—A&M 18, Ohio State 16; Rushing Yards—A&M 160, Ohio State 85; Passes—A&M 33-13-5, Ohio State 29-13-3; Passing Yards—A&M 136, Ohio State 218; Punts—A&M 6-42.2, Ohio State 6-35.2; Yards Penalized—A&M 3-15, Ohio State 11-70.

INDIVIDUAL STATS: Rushing—A&M Vick 24-113-1TD, Woodside 11-32, Murray 5-12, Valentine 1-5; Ohio State Cooper 13-55, Workman 13-45-1TD, Karsatos, 4-2-1TD, Bryant 2-3. Passing—A&M Murray 12-31-5 int.-143 yds., Stump 1-2. Receiving—A&M Bernstine 4-59, Walker 3-35, Woodside 3-14, Vick 2-17, Thompson 1-11; Ohio State Harris 6-105, Carter 4-61, Holland 1-37, Cooper 1-10, Ross 1-5.

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