



Texas A&M Football Post Game Notes
Texas A&M 41, Notre Dame 40
Notre Dame Stadium (South Bend, Ind.)
Saturday, September 13, 2025

Team Notes

- Texas A&M tallied its first win over a ranked non-conference opponent in a true road game for the first time since defeating No. 6 Penn State, 27-14, in Happy Valley on Sept. 27, 1979.
- It was the Aggies' first road win over an AP Top 25 opponent since beating No. 3 Auburn, 41-38, in Jordan-Hare Stadium in 2014.
- Mike Elko becomes the fourth Aggie head coach to lead his team to a road win over a top 10-ranked non-conference opponent, joining Tom Wilson (at No. 6 PSU, 1979), Emory Bellard (at No. 7 LSU, 1974) and Homer Norton (at No. 5 Tulane, 1940 Sugar Bowl in Tulane Stadium).
- The win was Elko's third over a top 10 opponent since taking the reins in Aggieland prior to the 2024 season (other wins were 41-10 over No. 9 Missouri and 38-23 over No. 8 LSU in 2024). Elko logged another top 10 win in 2023 in Duke's season-opener with a 28-7 triumph over No. 9 Clemson in Durham, N.C.
- The all-time series now stands at 4-3 in favor of the Fighting Irish.
- The Aggies secured their first 3-0 start to a season since 2021.

Offense

- QB **Marcel Reed** threw an 86-yard touchdown pass to WR **Mario Craver** in the first quarter, marking the career-long scoring play for both sophomores.
- The 86-yard touchdown pass was the 10th longest in program history and the longest passing touchdown since QB Trevor Knight and WR Josh Reynolds connected on an 89-yard score in 2016 against Arkansas.
- Craver became the eighth player in school history to post a 200-yard receiving game as he reeled in career highs with seven catches for 207 yards (29.6 average) and one touchdown.
- Additionally, Craver became the first Aggie with a 70+ yard receiving touchdown in consecutive games and became only the second Aggie to reach the century mark in three consecutive games (joining Ryan Swope in 2012).
- He's the first to registered 100-yard receiving outputs in the first three games of an Aggie career.
- Craver's 173 receiving yards at halftime were the most in a half since Mike Evans had 182 yards in the first half against Auburn in 2013.
- In only three games, Craver has totaled 443 receiving yards on 20 catches, surpassing his season total of 368 yards on 17 catches in 2024.
- Reed finished 17-of-37 for 360 yards and two touchdowns, his second career 300-yard passing game and just one yard under his career high of 361 vs. Oklahoma State in the 2023 Texas Bowl.
- With another 37 yards on the ground, Reed gained a career-high 397 yards of total offense against the Irish.
- Reed also became the 18th Aggie QB to eclipse the 3,000-yard plateau in passing yards, bringing his career total to 3,107 yards.

- Senior RB **Le'Veon Moss** reached the end zone on three rushing scores in the second quarter, becoming the first Aggie in at least 30 years to register three scores on the ground in a single quarter.
- It marked Moss' second career three-score performance and fifth career game with multiple touchdowns.
- He finished with 81 yards on 20 carries and three touchdowns, bringing his career rushing total to 1,531 yards.
- TE **Nate Boerkircher**'s 11-yard receiving touchdown that knotted the game at 40 was his first for the Aggies and second in his career.
- Texas A&M totaled 488 offensive yards, averaging 7.1 yards per play and 21.2 per completion ... it was the fifth-highest offensive output against a ranked opponent in program history and the most against a ranked non-conference foe on the road.
- The Aggies remained perfect in red zone opportunities after three games with a 4-of-4 effort and three touchdowns.
- The Aggies' offensive line held Notre Dame without a sack.

Defense

- LB **Scooby Williams** recorded the team's first interception of the season in the second quarter.
- That pick marked the second career takeaway for the senior and first since at Mississippi last season.
- S **Marcus Ratcliffe** led the Aggies with eight tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and one pass breakup.
- The Aggies' defensive tackle duo of **Albert Regis** and **Tyler Onyedim** posted a season-high seven tackles and combined for 1.5 TFLs.
- Ranked No. 12 nationally in tackles for losses (TFL) entering the game, the Aggies delivered 8.0 TFLs against the Irish with LB **Daymion Sanford** and DT **D.J. Hicks** leading the way with 2.0 each.

Special Teams

- Graduate student K **Randy Bond** scored 11 points, including the game-deciding extra point with 0:13 remaining, on a pair of field goals and a 5-of-5 effort on PATs.
- Bond's game-winner was his 124th straight successful PAT, which set a school record.
- Bond raised his career point total to 310, becoming the sixth Aggie in program history to register 300-plus career points.
- His two field goals were the 60th and 61st of his career, making him the fourth Aggie to reach the 60-field goal plateau.