

WEEK THREE
LAMAR at TEXAS A&M

Spiller helps No. 16 Texas A&M to 62-3 rout of Lamar

COLLEGE STATION, Texas -- Freshman Isaiah Spiller made sure there was no drop-off Saturday night in No. 16 Texas A&M's first game without Jashaun Corbin.

Spiller ran for 116 yards and two touchdowns as he took over as A&M's featured back in the first game since Corbin sustained a season-ending hamstring injury and the Aggies cruised to a 62-3 victory over Lamar. Spiller had touchdown runs for 1 and 34 yards.

Though Spiller has only played three games, coach Jimbo Fisher has already seen enormous growth.

"There's a lot put on him and the expectations for what he's doing," he said. "He's having to fill some big shoes for us and what we lost and the way things are going. He's a very smart, talented young man and he's doing a really good job. Very mature for his age."

Quarterback Kellen Mond helped the Aggies to the lopsided win by throwing for 317 yards with a touchdown pass and a run in three quarters. He was 20 of 28 with an interception.

"I wish we didn't have a turnover, you never want those but for the most part I saw what I wanted to see," Fisher said.

The Aggies (2-1) led 27-0 at halftime but Mond tried to throw in between two defenders on his first drive of the third quarter and was intercepted by Cameron Hayes. But the Cardinals couldn't get anything going on offense and had to punt.

Mond found Jhamon Ausbon, who had 109 yards receiving, for a 26-yard catch to get the next drive going and Spiller capped it with a 34-yard run to make it 34-0 midway through the third.

Lamar got on the board with a 32-yard field goal soon after that, but Mond orchestrated a 92-yard drive capped by a 10-yard TD pass to Ausbon on A&M's next drive to make it 41-3 and wrap up his night.

The Cardinals (2-1), an FCS team in the Southland Conference, were thoroughly overmatched in this one and were outgained 633 to 197 despite most of A&M's starters sitting down after three quarters. Dual-threat quarterback Jordan Hoy managed just 75 yards passing and six yards rushing.

"I thought they played hard from the first snap of the ball to the last," Lamar coach Mike Schultz said. "I liked the effort I saw and we made some improvements in areas. Some people may say that is hard to see but we had one turnover and very few penalties. We took some steps and cleaned some things up."

The Aggies started a bit slow in this one and had to settle for a 21-yard field goal on their first drive after they had a first down at the 3 and couldn't punch it in.

Things didn't start out great on defense either as Clifford Chatman got a penalty for roughing the punter to give the Cardinals a new set of downs. They weren't able to move the ball after that and had to punt again four plays later.

Texas A&M marched down the field on the ensuing drive and capped it with a 2-yard touchdown run by Jacob Kibodi to make it 10-0 with about 3 1/2 minutes left in the first.

Ausbon dropped a would-be touchdown on third-and-5 on the next drive and the Aggies added a 31-yard field goal to lead 13-0 entering the second quarter.

Ausbon couldn't appreciate his big night because of his miscue.

"I'm actually mad because I dropped that ball ... I want to make sure I don't have any more drops this season," Ausbon said.

Lamar put together a nice drive after that but came away empty when Bobby Brown blocked a 22-yard field goal attempt early in the second quarter.

Spiller had a 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and Mond added a score on a 12-yard run later in the period to leave A&M up 27-0 at halftime.

Freshman Zach Calzada took over for Mond on the last play of the third quarter and threw for 68 yards and two touchdowns.

THE TAKEAWAY

Though the Aggies easily rolled by the Cardinals, they'll need to clean some things up -- namely red-zone execution -- if they hope to succeed in Southeastern Conference play starting next week.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Texas A&M should maintain its spot in the poll after handling a lesser opponent.

TOUCHDOWNS FOR EVERYBODY

The Aggies had seven different players score a touchdown on Saturday night. After Mond, Spiller, Ausbon and Kibodi got Texas A&M up big, three other players got in on the scoring late. Freshman tight end Jalen Wydermyer had 25-yard touchdown reception on the last play of the third quarter, fellow freshman Ainias Smith had a 13-yard scoring grab midway through the fourth and Cordarrian Richardson wrapped up the scoring with a 13-yard run with about two minutes left.

THEY SAID IT

Fisher on if he thinks his team is ready for the start of Southeastern Conference play next week: "I don't know if they are but they better be. There's a lot of good ones coming."

Final	1	2	3	4	T
LAM	0	0	3	0	3
TA&M	13	14	21	14	62

Scoring Summary -----

	LAM	TA&M
FIRST QUARTER		
TA&M FG 10:26 Seth Small 21 Yd Field Goal		3
9 plays, 71 yards, 4:34	0	
TA&M TD 3:33 Jacob Kibodi 2 Yd Run (Seth Small Kick)		10
7 plays, 68 yards, 3:43	0	
TA&M FG 0:00 Seth Small 31 Yd Field Goal		13
5 plays, 41 yards, 1:38	0	
SECOND QUARTER		
TA&M TD 5:02 Isaiah Spiller 1 Yd Run (Seth Small Kick)		20
9 plays, 75 yards, 5:36	0	
TA&M TD 1:45 Kellen Mond 12 Yd Run (Seth Small Kick)		27
5 plays, 60 yards, 2:02	0	
THIRD QUARTER		
TA&M TD 7:39 Isaiah Spiller 34 Yd Run (Seth Small Kick)		34
3 plays, 72 yards, 1:18	0	
LAM FG 5:46 Bailey Giffen 32 Yd Field Goal		34
6 plays, 61 yards, 1:53	3	
TA&M TD 1:09 Jhamon Ausbon 10 Yd pass from Kellen Mond (Seth Small Kick)		41
9 plays, 92 yards, 4:37	3	
TA&M TD 0:02 Jalen Wydermyer 25 Yd pass from Zach Calzada (Seth Small Kick)		48
1 play, 25 yards, 0:06	3	
FOURTH QUARTER		
TA&M TD 7:19 Ainias Smith 13 Yd pass from Zach Calzada (Seth Small Kick)		55
1 play, 13 yards, 0:09	3	
TA&M TD 1:51 Cordarrian Richardson 13 Yd Run (Seth Small Kick)		62
9 plays, 59 yards, 3:23	3	

Team Stats	LAM	TA&M
First Downs	9	35
Passes for First	3	20
Rushes for First	4	13
Penalties for First	2	2
Third Down Efficiency	1-16	4-9
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	2-2
Total Yards	197	633
Total Plays	55	75
Avg Gain Per Play	3.6	8.4
Net Yards Rushing	122	223
Rushes	29	34
Yards Per Rush	4.2	6.6
Net Yards Passing	75	410
Comp-Att	10-26	26-41
Yards Per Pass	2.9	10.0
Times Sacked	0	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-2
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	10	1
Punt Average	40.2	35.0
Penalties	4	7
Penalty Yards	42	53
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	25:41	34:19

Individual Stats

RUSHING

LAMAR	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Myles Wanza	8	53	6.6	0	44
A.J. Walker	7	38	5.4	0	15
Jermaine Givens Jr.	8	27	3.4	0	10
Jordan Hoy	2	6	3.0	0	5
Kirkland Banks	1	1	1.0	0	1
Cole Starnes	3	-3	-1.0	0	1
TEXAS A&M	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Isaiah Spiller	14	116	8.3	2	38
Jacob Kibodi	11	45	4.1	1	11
Kellen Mond	4	25	6.3	1	12
Cordarrian Richardson	2	22	11.0	1	13
James Foster	2	17	8.5	0	11
Zach Calzada	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

LAMAR	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jordan Hoy	10/24	75	3.1	0	0	--	
Jermaine Givens	0/2	0	0.0	0	0	--	
TEXAS A&M	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kellen Mond	20/28	317	11.3	1	1	90.1	
Zach Calzada	4/8	68	8.5	2	0	64.6	
James Foster	2/5	25	5.0	0	0	64.5	

RECEIVING

LAMAR	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Mason Sikes	1	16	16.0	0	16
Kenny Allen	2	14	7.0	0	8
Carmoni Green	1	12	12.0	0	12
Case Robinson	1	11	11.0	0	11
Kirkland Banks	2	11	5.5	0	6
Myles Wanza	3	11	3.7	0	10
TEXAS A&M	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jhamon Ausbon	4	109	27.3	1	37
Kendrick Rogers	6	83	13.8	0	22
Ainias Smith	6	66	11.0	1	20
Camron Buckley	4	60	15.0	0	27
Jalen Wydermyer	1	25	25.0	1	25
Isaiah Spiller	2	21	10.5	0	16
Ryan Renick	1	19	19.0	0	19
Jalen Preston	1	18	18.0	0	18
Glenn Beal	1	9	9.0	0	9