

CASHION'S CORNER

by Nick Cashion

In Utah's 44-16 loss to USU Saturday, the first casualty to fall by the wayside was 'big Mo.' For those who aren't familiar with Monday night football jargon, that's Mo-mentum, the 12th player on every winning football team.

Aggie quarterback Tony Adams bombed Craig Clark for a TD after his defense intercepted 'Brownie' Van Galder's first pass - from then

on it was all downhill for Adams and Co.

Utah had a few moments in the game, but mistakes on their part and a lack of mistakes on the part of USU put a damper on their efforts to pull the game out. With the fourth quarter remaining the Utes were down by 28 points and there was hope of another amazing comeback, but the breaks didn't come like they had the week before.

Serious loss

Possibly the most serious loss of the weekend was the loss of quarterback Don Van Galder. A hairline break on the left side of his clavicle is expected to sideline him for at least three weeks, but he has already resumed passing drills at practice. Expect him back for the Colorado State game. If I know Brownie, he wants another shot at those season passing records.

Van Galder's backup man, Dan Payne displayed a few heroics of

his own, passing for more than 300 yards against Utah State.

Most of that yardage was tolled between the goal lines however, as the Aggie defense toughened inside the 20 yard line. If Payne gets the starting nod against BYU, last Saturday's experience will be invaluable.

Double time

Utah's wayfaring stranger, Steve Marshall, who commutes between offense and defense every couple weeks, will undoubtedly do double time this week. He will probably serve as a backup for Payne, or....I've learned from past experience to avoid second guessing Coach Meek - it's not a very promising enterprise.

High for BYU

Utah should be 'high' for BYU Saturday because it is their biggest rivalry and bad feelings for the Cougars are held in reserve for the occasion. Hate is not really a proper word to describe those feelings, but it's the closest thing to it.

Safety Larry Eldracher assured me that he would be 'three feet off the ground' when he covers the first kickoff against the 'Y'. No that's high!