

# Aggies Fifth in Total Yards; Smith Heads Ball Carriers

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# QB Club Will Meet Tonight At 7:30; Harry Stiteler To Speak



William Garner, Fish grid team guard from Waco, will be playing against some of his old running mates when the Fish meet the Baylor Cubs here tomorrow night. He was first string guard on Waco's state champion high school grid team last fall.

With four of the 1949 grid games marked off the Aggies' schedule, a considerable improvement over last year's team has been pointed out in the latest Southwest Conference Football Statistics.

A&M finds itself fifth in total yards gained with 826. 523 yards have been chalked up on the ground and 298 via the passing route.

Comparing this with front-running Texas, the Longhorns have a total of 1687 yards—926 by ground and 761 through the air lanes.

Poor Defensively As for defensive play, the Cadets make their poorest showing. They trail the Southwest Conference and have yielded 1484 yards—exactly 966 more than A&M has collected with its own offensive punters.

Many Aggie individualists have placed their John Doe high in the performers' columns. Such are Bob Smith, leading Conference ground gainer; Yale Lary, top Cadet punter; Don Nicholas, best Aggie passer; and John Christensen, safety man.

Smith Leads The heavily worn cleats of Bob Smith have left their impression on 325 yards of gridiron turf. This means that Bob is the leading conference gainer. Muscles Campbell of Arkansas is right on Smith's heels—one yard behind. Bruisin' Bob has run up and down the football field better than three times while playing in four contests.

Don Nicholas, senior quarterback, is near the top in the passes completed percentages; Doak Walker of SMU is the only one who surpasses him. Lindy Berry of the Horned Frogs is leading the league in net passing yards. Berry has heaved the pigskin for 664 yards, Paul Campbell, Texas, 488; Rice's Tobin Rote, 320; Adrian Burk of Baylor, 308; SMU's Walker with 292 and then Don Nicholas with 216 yards.

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John Christensen runs sixth with the leading punt returners. Procter of Rice is the leader with returns that have averaged 20.2 yards. Dillon of Texas follows with a 20 yard average. Lindy Berry comes third with a 19.1. A 15.3 is claimed by Johnson of Baylor. Griffin, also of Baylor, is in the number five spot with a 13.5. Then, in the six slot and leading four other listed stalwarts, is the 13.2 percentage of John Christensen.

Strange as it may seem, the Cadets do not place a soul on the pass receiving list, regardless of their creditable passing achievements.

TCU's Bailey has snagged 20 Berry-Balls for a total of 257 yards to lead this department. Procter of Texas is second with 13 passes caught and 219 yards collected. George Boal, the other TCU and who worked himself up from the third string since Spring, is third with 14 passes caught and 195 yards picked up.

Smith 3rd in Scoring As for leading scorers, Bob Smith is tied for third with three other contestants. Randall Clay of SMU is the only one who surpasses him. Lindy Berry of the Horned Frogs is leading the league in net passing yards. Berry has heaved the pigskin for 664 yards, Paul Campbell, Texas, 488; Rice's Tobin Rote, 320; Adrian Burk of Baylor, 308; SMU's Walker with 292 and then Don Nicholas with 216 yards.

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A. J. (Jim) Dugas, 205-pound junior guard from Fort Artour, made all-district, all-state and all-southern teams while playing high school football. Rising fast as a lineman, he will be fighting for a first string berth next year.

## Bears, Raiders Clash Saturday In West Texas

Waco, Oct. 12 (Spl.)—Baylor's undefeated Bears will take to the air Friday morning for Lubbock where they will face the Texas Tech Red Raiders in the Homecoming tilt there.

Coach Bob Woodruff's team, playing flawless ball Saturday defeated the Arkansas Razorbacks 35-13 and are at the top of the conference and sectional standings in the Southwest.

The Bruins came out of the Arkansas tilt with many bruises caused by the rugged, but exceptionally clean game. Trainer Delmar Brown indicated Monday that he thought all would be ready for Saturday's game with the exception of first string tackle, Wesley Roberts and Steve Dowden.

Woodruff was very pleased with the Bears performance last week, but was quick to warn of overconfidence. "Our boys were just as high against Arkansas as Arkansas was against TCU," Woodruff commented. "And of course, it will be difficult to keep them at that plane. The Baylor line was more than the school song against the Hogs, playing magnificent ball throughout the contest. From end to end there were outstanding men every position."

## Horned Frogs Haven't Won At Home Since '47

Fort Worth, Oct. 12—Seven hundred and twenty-eight days, just three days shy of a full two years—that is a long time!

And the TCU Horned Frogs will be remembering that it has been just that long since they won a home game when they play host to the Texas Aggies on Saturday afternoon at TCU Stadium here.

It was against the Aggies, on Oct. 18, 1947, that the Frogs won their last home game. Since that time, TCU has dropped five games and tied two in Fort Worth, losing all four home games last fall and having to come from behind to tie Oklahoma A&M in this fall's home opener.

On the basis of the respective records thus far this fall, the Frogs have every right to hope that the Aggies will once again provide the fodder for serving up a victory food to the home folks. TCU comes into the game with two victories, one tie and one defeat to its credit, while Texas A&M has only one victory against three defeats. That is a .625 average against one of .250 in favor of the Frogs.

## Forest Fires Hit By Postal Office

A new postal cancellation die to be used on mail going through the College Station postoffice has been announced by T. O. Walton, postmaster.

The slogan on the new die reads, "Remember—Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires." It is intended to help publicize the appeal made to all Texans to aid in protecting the state's timber resources from forest fires.

Last year 38 cities including Houston and Dallas used the cancellation dies. This year, 44 additional cities have been added to the list including Austin, College Station, and Lufkin.

The Postoffice, Department in cooperation with the Texas Forest Service, A&M College System, has authorized the use of the special canceling die bearing the slogan.

## Fish Gridders Meet Cubs Thursday Night

The Aggie accent will not be on numbers when the Cadet Fish tackle the Baylor Cubs under the Kyle Field arcs Thursday night starting at 7:30 p. m.

Last week, Coaches Marion Pugh and Milton Routh paraded 82 Aggie Fish gridmen in and out of the game as their team trimmed Weatherford Junior College, 28-13.

It's likely that only 25 or 30 of the top-drawer performers on the Aggie Fish Roster will get into the Thursday night fracas. The Cubs were the only team to defeat A&M's 1948 freshman team, and the 1949 Aggie Fish would like to win this one.

Baylor's first year team dropped its opener, 13-7, to TCU's freshmen, but in halfback Donald Carpenter and guard Charles Athey, the Cubs showed a pair of performers who will give any team trouble.

Athey is the big boy who made most 1948 all-state high teams as a member of Waco's state champions. When the Aggies' bulldozing Walter Hill, a 212-pounder from Ballinger, tries to go through Athey's position, it should be something to see.

Carpenter was quite a back for Houston's Milby.

Ray Graves of Stephenville, Connie Magouira of New London, Raymond Haas of Kingsville and Hill are due to open in the backfield for the Aggie Fish. Graves, Haas and Hill each scored touchdowns in the Weatherford game.

Darrow Hooper of Fort Worth, who engineered one Aggie Fish touchdown and kicked four extra points in the opener, also will see considerable service for the Cadet Fish Thursday night.

## Wife Loses Nose During Argument

London, (AP)—Police accused photo printer John Smith, 24, today of cutting off his wife's nose. "I did it with the razor during an argument," he said; according to a statement made by police Sgt. E. Driver in magistrate's court. Mrs. Smith's condition is critical. Smith was ordered detained for a hearing October 13 on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm.

## 'Mural Tennis, Cage Games Now Going On

Tennis continued Monday with six hard matches. Four of the six matches were decisive defeats while two were yard fought to the last minute.

E Vets, led by Marshall Ruthenford and Richard Morris, downed B. Field in a one-way match.

C Infantry whitewashed G Air Force by a three-nothing score. E Field stomped B Infantry with Red Wright and Cecil Lewis leading the victory.

In a tight battle, B AF defeated E Infantry and D Infantry downed the Senior Company despite stellar play by Bob Thomas and David Stiles.

The strongest contested match of the day was between B Engineers and F Flight. After a long hard battle, B Engineers won led by a strong team of Leo McCann and Joe Burdett. Joe Pate and Jim Storrer were outstanding for the losers.

On the basketball courts, a strong Army Security team led by Hub (Hand) Horton and Fish Harold Smith downed D Vets 18-10 with tricky ball handling.

B Cavalry defeated B Athletics in a tight game, 11-7. A QMC edged by B Coast 14-12, led by Carl Neill.

E Flight edged by A Chem Warfare 15-14 but due to an ineligible player E Flight was disqualified, giving the win to the CWS.

A flight floored a strong team against A Coast to win 19-12 on excellent play by the Arronson brothers.

A Infantry led by Green stomped B Transportation by a 34-6 score. A Composite won over B Vet, 12-7.

One of the toughest games of the day was between A Field and H Flight. H Flight, led by Bob Miller and Butch Bedsole, took the decision 23-17 after a hard fought game.

Basketball—Non Military	Team vs. Team	Court	Time
	16 Mitchell	4	5:15
	Puryea	15	5:15
	Milner	TCWV	1
	17 Walton	2	5:15

## Ag Fencers Down Bengals at LSU

The Texas Aggie Fencing Team came through with all wins in its inter-sectional meet with the newly organized LSU swordsmen, Saturday evening in Baton Rouge.

Invited up for an exhibition in the afternoon, the Aggies put on a good intrasquad show as Mistrot defeated Falls 5-3 in both foil and saber. Falls eked out a 3-2 win over Wilson in epee.

In intrasquad competition, Mistrot, Falls, Wilson, and Ragusa went the rounds for the Aggies and came home with a clean slate.

The LSU fencers with members from Madagascar Island, France, Istanbul and Louisiana are attempting to get fencing recognized in the Southwestern Conference as it is in the Southwest.

## Wives Bridge Club Elects Mrs. Ward

Mrs. Lorraine Ward was elected president of the Veteran's Wives Bridge Club last Thursday evening at the club's regular meeting in the YMCA.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Dorothy Bradshaw, vice-president; Mrs. Jean Rutledge, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Jackie Trolinger, reporter; and Mrs. Jan Reiman, parliamentarian.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Betty Drake and Mrs. Josephine Atterbery. First prize for the evening went to Mrs. Lucille Hydrison, with Mrs. Caroline McMurray winning second.

Tonight at 7:30, the fourth meeting of the Quarterback Club meets in the Assembly Hall. Another varied program is on tap for tonight. Head Coach Harry Stiteler will give the principal address. His talk will be upon the Aggies this season, what can be expected from TCU in Ft. Worth Saturday, and from the rest of the conference teams the rest of the season.

Again prizes will be awarded to 11 people who won last week's Quarterback Club guessing contest.

To wind up tonight's program, movies of the A&M-LSU game in Baton Rouge will be shown with Stiteler doing the narration. Prizes will be awarded to the following persons that turned in the best guesses on games in which Southwest Conference teams played last Saturday:

John P. Buchanan, Box 5112, College Station; Mrs. Odell Frazier, Box 721, College Station; Robert L. Jones, Box 2209, College Station; D. E. Newsom, YMCA; E. E. Neal, Box 5011, College Station; Ted Means, 104 S. Polk, Bry-College Station; Ralph L. Terry, Box 4816, College Station; Ray P. Reed, Box 1947, College Station; W. C. Davis, City Nat'l. Bank Bldg., Bryan; and Ray N. Williams, Box 512, College Station.

About 250 entries were turned in to the Quarterback contest this week and 11 persons, those named above, guessed every winner correctly.

Mrs. Frazier is the first woman to win a prize in this year's contest.

The winners named above will be awarded a prize by one of the following sponsors:

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The contest continues again this week with the sponsors named above again offering 11 free prizes to the 11 winners.

To enter, persons should clip out the entry blank on today's Quarterback Club page or obtain one from one of the sponsors.

## Bear Cubs Out For Win Over Fish Thursday

Waco, Oct. 12 (Spl.)—The Baylor Cubs, eager to break into the win column, will invade Aggie land Thursday night to display their wares against the Texas A&M Fish. The Cubs lost their opener three weeks ago.

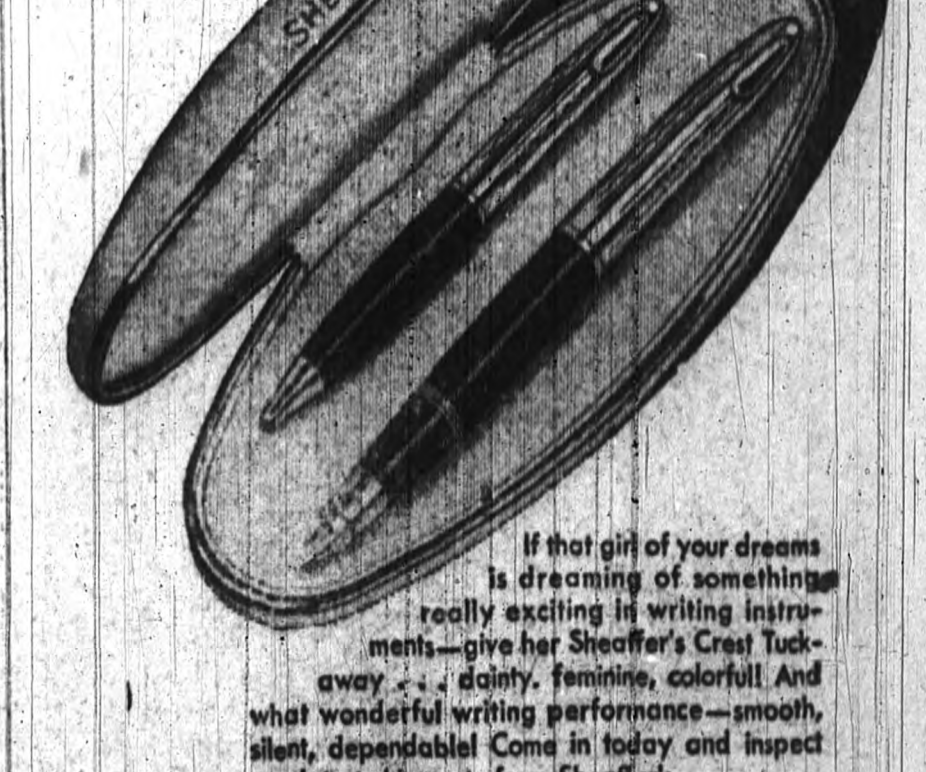
Taking the road for the second time, the Cubs should be in better physical condition than they were in when they met the Waco Quarterback Club Kincannon, who was suffering with a shoulder injury at the time of the opener will be back to strengthen the Cub aerial attack. Although Kincannon saw action in the final period, his passing was considerably hampered by the injury.

In the intervening weeks the Cubs have shown improvement according to Coach Pete Jones, but the power is concentrated in the backfield.

Jones said that he would start Milby Sexton and Connie Wright at ends; Robert McHaffey and Charles Moak at tackles; Milton Lord and Bill Athey at guards; Jack Sistrout, center; Claud Kincannon, quarterback; Don Carpenter and Bob Patton, halfbacks and Luther Young, fullback.

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## Stiko, Galiffa Slated To Be '49 Big Guns

New York, Oct. 12—(AP)—Early season indications are the Notre Dame and Army again have two of the best backs in the nation. A big reason why Notre Dame will score almost as well as Emil (Red) Sitko, a big gun for Army is Arthur Galiffa, the Cadet T quarterback. Both are in their last season.

To say that Sitko is the most experienced collegian performing today would be an understatement. This is his seventh season in big time football. During three years in the Navy he played at Great Lakes, St. Mary's pre-flight and Norman, Okla.

It was Sitko's forward pass catch that enabled Great Lakes to beat Notre Dame, 19-14, in the last minute of their 1943 game. It was the only game Frank Leahy's team lost that season.

Sitko, through only five, eight, charges through the line like a bull. The 180-pounder from Fort Wayne, Ind., is called "Six-yard Sitko," and with good reason. In the last three seasons at Notre Dame he has carried the 243 times for 1514 yards, an average gain of 6.2 yards.

In the Irish opener this season he tallied three of seven touchdowns against Indiana. He made 64 yards in eight tries against the Hoosiers, though he had switched from half-back to the fullback spot.

Galiffa had a big hand in Army's unbeaten record last season, his second as Cadet quarterback. The six, two 190-pound athlete, also a West Point letter winner in baseball and basketball, comes from a Denora, Pa., the same town that gave Stan Musial to the world.

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