

# Cadet Distance Runners Top NTex Eagles Thursday, 15-44

A&M's cross-country barriers monopolized the top places in the dual meet Thursday with North Texas to win 15-to-44. Two Aggies, Jim McMahon and Julian Her- ring, took first place in a dead- heat finish on the College Station course. The winning time for the 2.6-mile race was 13:25.

Some twenty-five yards behind the pace-setting pair were three more Cadets: John Garmany, How- ard Jones, and Alexander Ortiz. The three runners crossed the finish line abreast and were clocked at 13:47.

Following the first five Aggies in were three NTSC Eagles, Don Edwards, James Young, and Ben Sparks. The North Texas trio took sixth, seventh, and eighth place, respectively.

However, Sparks had to turn on the steam in the last few yards to repulse the challenge of Maroon runners Calvin Hubert and Bob Allen who were threatening to pass

him. Hubert took ninth and Al- len tenth in the race.

The last of the five Eagle run- ners completed the grueling course as Hobbitt and Ferrell crossed the final chalk line for the eleventh and twelfth places.

Cross-country is scored by add- ing together the places each team wins. Only the first five men to finish count towards the team to- tal, but seven men can be entered by each team. The last two can have a "negative" effect on the scoring by forcing the opponent's runners further down the finish-

ing order. Low score wins.

For Thursday's meet A&M's to- tal was found by adding 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (team score: 15). The North Texas total was the sum of 6, 7, 8, 11, and 12 (team score: 44). As explained, the two Cadets who fin- ished ninth and tenth forced NTSC's last two runners into the eleventh and twelfth places and in- creased the Aggie margin of vic- tory.

# Maroon Eleven Faces Strong Ponies On Kyle Field Tomorrow in SWC Tilt

A&M's so far unsuccessful Ca- dets will meet the defending cham- pion SMU Mustangs tomorrow afternoon at two on Kyle Field before a crowd in excess of 30,000. In addition to the Aggie stud- ent body and a small, but vocal group from Southern Methodist, large numbers of Central Texas grid

fans will file into the concrete horseshoe for the Southwest Con- ference tilt. Many of these non- collegiate spectators will be at- tracted by the last appearance in this area of Doak Walker, Pony All-American.

The tilt this weekend marks the first time this season that the Ponies have not had the advantage of playing on their "home turf." Aggies are hoping that the Cadets themselves may be able to make use of this home field advantage. Nevertheless, the Dallas aggrega- tion has been established as a three to four-touchdown favorite. It is interesting to note that the

Cadets have enjoyed considerable success against the Methodists in years past. Only last fall the Far- mers, 27-point underdogs, came within a prayer of upsetting the league titlists. Only a 58-yard kick- off return by Walker and four more plays engineered by the same back- field ace broke a 14-14 deadlock and brought SMU a needed win.

The Mustangs have successfully recovered from a 27-to-14 loss to Rice three weeks ago and have since beaten previously undefeat- ed Kentucky, 20-7, and strong Tex- as, 7-6. After the Steer clash a member of the SMU administration is reported to have said, "Look's like God is still a Methodist!" Most loop opponents of the Ponies would have to reply, "Amen."

Before dropping the loop tassel to the Owls, SMU had defeated Wake Forest, 13-7, and Missouri, 28-27. Latest Associated Press poll re-

sults gave the North Texas eleven the ninth spot in the nationwide grid ranking.

**Ags Enjoy Success**  
Since the rivalry between the two schools began, A&M has won 16 games with the Methodists tak- ing a dozen and three ending in ties. The Aggies are the only SWC member to hold an edge over the Dallas eleven in an all-time series —no small feat in itself.

The invading Mustangs feature an outstanding backfield in Walk- er, Kyle Rote, Dick McKissack and Johnny Champion. Frank Payne, regular wingback, is out with a broken finger and has been replaced by speed merchant Cham- pion.

This fine backfield runs from both the single wing and Y forma- tions in complicated plays that have earned backfield coach Rusty Rus- sell a wide reputation for his de- ceptive and most successful at- tack.

Offensive ends John Milam and Raleigh Blakely, six-footers who weigh 190 and 195 respectively, are the chief Pony snarers. However, Bob Folsom, 185 pounds, 6'1", who plays defense with Carl Wallace, 180-pound six-footer, sees as much offensive action as Milam.

**Tackles Won't Play**  
Both of the first string Red-and-Blue tacklers will miss the coming tilt. Bobby Vann, 210-pounder, is out for the remainder of the season while 215-pound Bobby Col- lier won't see action until possi- bly the Arkansas clash next week.

Replacing the two first string- ers will probably be reserves John Cheney, 205-pound, 6' 1" tackle who lettered in '43, and Fred Good- win last year's starting center (See MAROON, Page 6)

## Smith, Rote Met Before In '46 Game

BY CHUCK CABANISS

A play that still brings a sparkle into the eyes of many sports en- thusiasts could possibly be reenact- ed Saturday on Kyle Field. The College Station clash between A&M and SMU brings together once again the two protagonists of this well-remembered grid dra- ma.

The two men involved were Kyle Rote and Bob Smith and the play occurred during the 1946 meeting of Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio and Lamar of Houston.

Rote at that time was pacing the Jefferson Mustangs while Smith was the powerful halfback ace of the Redskins. The game in which the two met was an all-important tilt in the '46 state playoffs—a game which would send one eleven into the semi-finals to face Luf- kin's Panthers and eliminate the other from further championship contention.

Smith, top ground gainer for the Bayou City titlists as well as lead- ing scorer in the city race with 60 points, lined-up to boot the game opening kickoff. Rote, hail- ed as one of Texas' all-time great running backs and noted also as the passer and punter for the Alamo City champs, moved into position to receive the ball for the Ponies.

**Through Observers' Eyes**

What followed can best be de- scribed by some of the sports writers who were present at the game.

"I'd like to mention that probably the greatest treat I've ever had in covering sports was a tackle that Smith hung on Kyle Rote when Lamar met Thomas Jefferson in the quarterfinal game of the state high school AA play- off," Jerry Ribnick of The Hous- ton Chronicle writes.

"It was the first play of the game. Rote took a kickoff on his own 10, swung up the field to the 30 where he met head-on by Smith. The collision between the two was heard from one end of the field to the other.

"The ball went one way. Rote the other, and Smith the other, La- mar recovered the fumble but could- n't go and the final windup favor- ed Jefferson. But that tackle that started the game was still the top thrill of the day," Ribnick says.

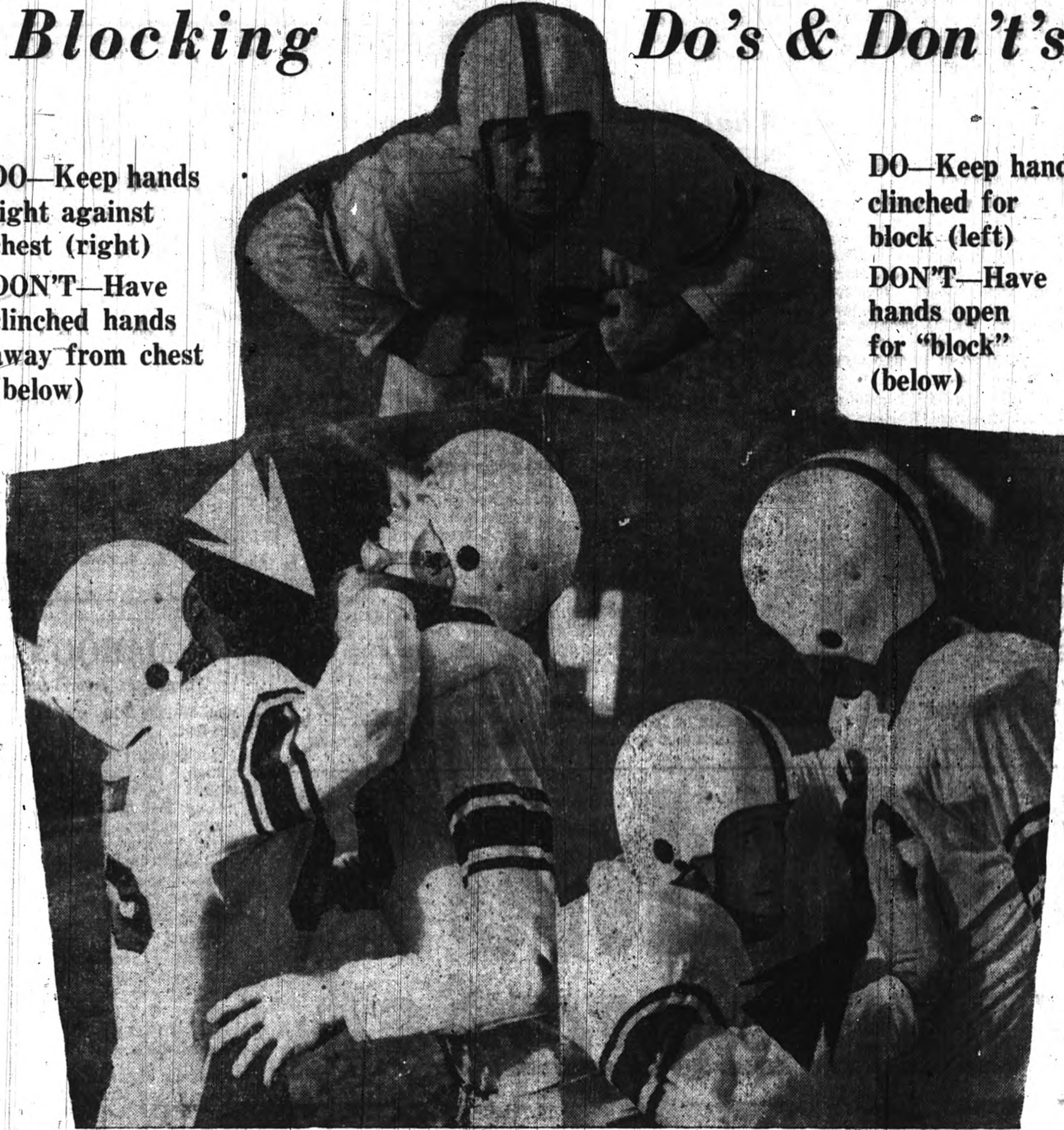
"The one play that sticks out in my mind . . . happened on the kick- off. Lamar's Smith kicked off, then went downfield to tackle the re- ceiver, Rote," Johnny Hollis of The Houston Press reports.

"When he (Smith) hit him you never thought Kyle would get up. He did. But it was about eight yards back from where he (had) (See SMITH, Page 6)

## Blocking Do's & Don't's

**DO—Keep hands tight against chest (right)**

**DON'T—Have clinched hands away from chest (below)**



**DO—Keep hands clinched for block (left)**

**DON'T—Have hands open for "block" (below)**

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Nearly three miles of Southwest Conference gridiron turf have been stepped off by referees for viola- tions of the 1949 NCAA football rule book. Not that all of this illegal play is due to blocking, but experts attribute at least 70% to it.

This season in particular, there seems to be more protesting than ever before from college football coaches throughout the nation con- cerning the opposition's illegal playing and the officials' poor of- ficiating. It seemed to come to a head the weekend TCU played Ar- kansas in Fayetteville in the first Southwest Conference game of the year.

Dutch Meyer, famed Horned Frog coach, maintained that his players were roughed and beaten by charg-

ing Razorbacks on illegal blocking and defensive play. Nothing ever came of the charges although many state papers gave it first rate ad- vertisement.

**More Outbreaks**  
The second such outbreak, al- though not due to players' illegal actions, came Oct. 22, when SMU played Kentucky in Dallas. Coach Paul Bryant of Kentucky hopped on the officials after his team had lost to the Mustangs. Also, Coach Johnny Vaught of Mississippi ut- tered criticisms when his team took a licking from Dutch Meyer's Frogs the same weekend.

In other sections of the coun- try, the East in particular, verbal lashings on the part of the coach- es have been even more prevalent. The question is asked—why?

In answering the above question we have to consider many things. First of all, the football world suffered from a complete turnover of tactics when the T formation replaced the single and double wing as the major gridiron forma- tion.

**T Blocking Different**  
The regular T formation, as well as the split T, has brought about increased fast blocking and screen- ing.

In the single and double wing for- mations the blocker does not have to hit as fast and the main pur-

pose of the blocker is to completely put his opponent out of the play.

The T formation, on the other hand, is built around speed and deception, as well as power. The T calls for an unsustained, screen block, which in most cases, is dealt to the upper part of the body.

**Trouble With Blocks**  
At this point the trouble starts. It is difficult for the player throwing the block to keep in con- tact with the opposing player for as long a time as is needed, there- fore there is a tendency for the blocker to block more with the arms than with the shoulders.

The hands are required to be kept pressed against the blocker's body and at no time are they allowed to be in any other position during the actual blocking. In other words, the hands, whether in a secured or loose position, are to be kept against the body before, during, and after the actual con- tact.

One of the most common faults of players is the incorrect posi- tion of the elbows during or after the block is nearly completed. It's very easy for a blocker to swing his elbows around and into the opposing player's face.

**Elbow Trouble, Too**  
The same situation pertains to the elbows as pertains to the hands.

legally they can be extended from the body but must be parallel to the shoulder.

Another change in gridiron play that has just been put in the rule books this year is the new con- cept of clipping. Now it is perfectly legal for a player to strike another man from behind as long as the block is above the de- fensive man's waist.

This complicates the picture as far as the officials' decision is con- cerned and, until it is fully un- derstood by the average fan, will bring verbal blasts at officials throughout the nation. This how- ever, has nothing to do with the coaches' criticisms mentioned above.

**Radical Changes of T**  
Because of the radical change brought about by the T, it's more difficult for the officials to see everything that is going on. Foot- ball players often try something out of the ordinary because they think they can get away with it.

Perhaps the only way that offi- cials can stop the use of illegal tactics is to penalize the offenders repeatedly until they learn that it is costly to their respective teams. But only by football becoming cleaner and the penalties dimin- ishing in number will the game re- sume its wholesome appeal to every American sports fan.

## Texas Writers List Schoolboy Elevens in Poll

Texas sportswriters again gave Lubbock the top spot in The Dallas Morning News weekly schoolboy football poll. Henderson dropped all the way to nineteenth place.

Marshall's 21-to-14 victory over Henderson, previously unbeaten and untied, netted fifth place for the Mavericks, who were rated twelfth a week ago.

In the only other change, High- land Park swapped places with Grand Prairie. The Scots were rat- ed seventh this week with Grand Prairie eighth. Grand Prairie was seventh and Highland Park eighth a week ago. The two teams meet at Grand Prairie Friday with the winner almost certain to take the District 8-AA championship.

Ballots are tabulated on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis (each writer votes for ten teams).

The top ten and their point to- tals, with first-place votes in pa- renthesis:

1. Lubbock (14)	192
2. Port Arthur (4)	180
3. Wichita Falls (2)	161
4. Corsicana	112
5. Marshall	76
6. Baytown	69
7. Highland Park	67
8. Grand Prairie	57
9. Abilene	53
10. Austin	34

The second ten: 11—Brecken- ridge; 12—tie between Odessa and San Antonio Tech; 14—Thomas Jefferson (San Antonio); 15—San Jacinto (Houston); 16—Texarka- na; 17—John Reagan (Houston); 18—Amarillo; 19—Henderson; 20—Gainesville.

Other teams receiving votes: Austin (El Paso), Sunset (Dallas), Arlington Heights (Fort Worth), Pampa.

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