

Aggie Cross-Country Team Takes Southwest Conference Title

Wray Whittaker Plays Last Game As Aggie Co-Captain

BY FRANK E. SIMMEN, JR.
Aggie pass snatching co-captain Wray Whittaker will be playing his last game for a Maroon and White team when the whistle blows Thursday afternoon beginning the oldest gridiron rivalry in the state of Texas.

A Houstonian, Whittaker started for Jeff Davis High School from '42 through the '44 season. The hefty end, upon graduation from high school served 19 months in Uncle Sam's Navy where he saw action in the South Pacific as a naval gunner. "Saw plenty of dive bombers and Jap suicide planes when we came into Okinawa, but I never got hurt," remarks Whittaker.

His naval experiences as gunner on the merchant ship took him to most every major landbase in the United States and in the Pacific during the thick of the fighting. He's married now.

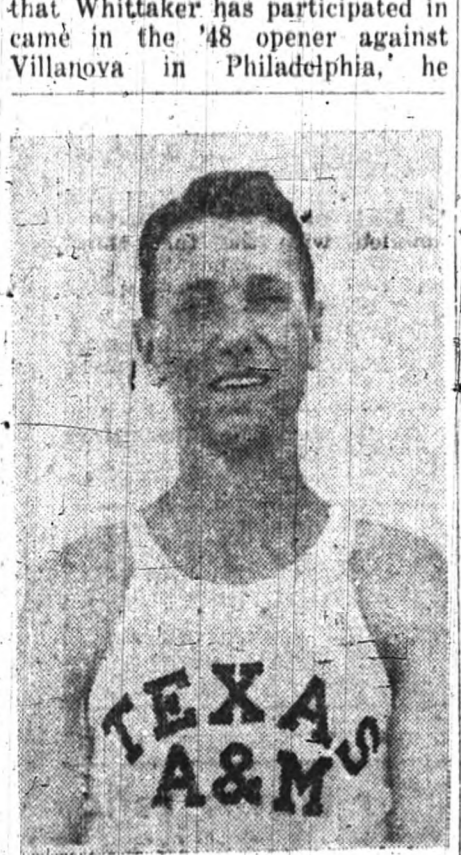
The powerful gridster heard wedding bells just before he went overseas in the summer of '44 and is now happily married. "No kids as yet," he says, but there's one on the way.

Whittaker is now one of the very few gridsters at Aggeland who had his playing career cut in half by serving under two different head coaches. He lettered two years under Homer Norton when he came back from the Navy and is in the process of gaining his second one from Stetler now.

The 195 pounder was selected as all-district his last two seasons in high school competition, and placed on the all-southern team while a senior. He has come pretty close to making an all-conference team, but never seems to quite make it.

Whittaker was selected co-captain along with Bobby Goff by his teammates last spring and has played some outstanding ball for the Aggies this fall. He has proven great help to the youngsters coming up from last year's freshman team.

Thrilling Play
Probably the most thrilling play that Whittaker has participated in came in the '48 opener against Villanova in Philadelphia, he



Julian Herring, junior distance runner on the A&M Cross-Country team, copped first place in the Southwest Conference meet in Austin yesterday with a 11:53.1 time for the 2.6 mile course. His time was 20 seconds better than the best previous time for the course.

scattered half the length of the field with an intercepted pass to score a well needed TD.
Whittaker, who is majoring in business, would like to take a try at pro ball. "Haven't any one team in particular I would like to play with," Whittaker says. "It depends on who gives me the best offer."
Although jaw and head injuries kept him out of a lot of action last season the husky Aggie is in great shape now and expects to be in extra good condition for the crucial Teasipper contest.

Optimistic About TU
When asked about the TU game, Whittaker replied, "With all the hustle the team's been showing I know we'll give 'em a real fight; I honestly think that we can take 'em if we play heads-up ball."
"I've got just one more thing to say," Whittaker said, without being asked to comment and with a sorrowful look in his eye. "It's sure been a pleasure playing with A&M and I don't think I'll ever forget the wonderful support and backing the Twelfth Man has given us during these last lean years."

Ag 1909 Grid Team Honored Thursday

By CHUCK CABANISS
"I didn't come here to lose."
Those words of "Uncle Charley" Moran embodied the famed sportsman's creed—and his actions fit his words to the "T".

The first truly successful Aggie coach, Moran produced in 1909 a Cadet powerhouse that was the scourge of the Southwest.

Tomorrow, as the present day Aggie square off for the fifty-sixth clash in the Southwest's classic, eleven members of the '09 team will be honor guests for the game.

Those members of the early day Cadet "Wonder Team" who will be present for the contest Thursday and a dinner honoring them Wednesday night are Louie Hamilton, Buffalo, N. Y., captain; Victor Kelley, Hollywood, Calif.; Mike Balenti, Aitua, Okla.; Dan Rugel, El Paso; Roger Hooker, Franklin; George Barnes, Fort Stockton; C. E. (Doggie) Ward, Beaumont; T. E. Thompson, Scott Bluff, Nebraska; W. A. McDonald and William Carlin, Houston, and Caesar (Dutch) Hohn, Independence, Texas.

Two Wins
These men and their teammates have seen their feat of completing a rugged schedule undefeated duplicated by later Maroon teams—but one accomplishment of the '09ers stands alone, untouched by even the finest of later Aggie eleveners, for the Moran-coached juggernaut defeated Texas not just once but twice in the same season!

Seven times in 1909 the Farmers mauled opposing teams, and not once did the powerful College combination feel the sting of defeat. In the second game of the season TCU tied the Cadets 0-0, but after that temporary setback, A&M thundered through six straight victories.

The Aggies opened the season under the tutelage of "Coach Merriam" (he is, so referred to in the 1910 Longhorn—seems he must not have had a first name) and proceeded to drub Austin College, 17-0.

TCU Ties Cadets
The tie with TCU followed. According to the reports of one student of that year, with the material so obviously excellent, there

was "nothing" that could correct the situation except a change in coaches. So a change there was.

Out went Merriam, in came Moran.
Under the influence of "Uncle Charley" the athletes responded quickly and the "slaughter" began. The Haskell Indians were beaten, 15-0. A rugged Baylor crew threatened the Cadet record in a tilt at Waco, but the Farmers came through with a 9 to 6 victory.

Texas Dropped
November 8 was the day of the first '09 game with "Varsity" as Texas was referred to in those days—and before one of Houston's largest crowds, in a drenching downpour, the Aggies walked over the Austinites, 23-0.

Holy Trinity College, the next victim, succumbed, 47 to 0. More triumphs were encountered from the next foe, Oklahoma, but even the Sooner State eleven could not withstand the Maroon assault and fell, 5 to 14.

The hardest game of the season for the Ag machine was the finale—an Austin clash with the Varsity. The first half ended in a 0-0 tie, but five minutes after the second half began, things started to pop.

Kelley Scores
After A&M received the kickoff from Texas, Hamilton of the Cadets punted and a Cadet recovered the ball. Balenti swept around the right end for forty yards and a first on the Texas ten. Here "Ham" (Hamilton) tossed a forward pass to Choc Kelley, who slipped out of the grasping hands of two University tacklers to cross the goal for the winning tally.

Score: A&M 5, Texas 0.
Oh, for the good ole' days!

With the end of the campaign Ward and Shippe, ends; Hooker and Barnes, tackles; Hohn and Brown, guards (tied with two Texas guards); Thompson, center; Kelley, quarterback, and Hamilton and Balenti, halfbacks, were named to the All-Southwestern eleven.

"All Hail, the Champions of the Southwest."
—Beat TU—

The Detroit Red Wings, who led the National Hockey League standings in 1948-49, had a 21-6 record at home and a 13-13 on the road.

Battalion SPORTS

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Although K Air Force didn't place its sign among the top three winners in this week's football sign contest, this picture, which was turned into The Battalion before the winning sign, chosen, was too good to pass up. A picture of the winning sign, B Field Artillery, will be published next week.

Smith Keeps Conference Ground Gaining Leadership While Idle

BY FRANK N. MANITZAS
Bob Smith, Yale Lary, Don Nicholas, Dick Gardemal, and Wray Whittaker continue to place high on the Southwest Conference statistics list although the Aggies were idle in football participation last week.

Bob Smith continues to lead the line smashers with a 5.4 yard average for 133 carries. Smith has toted the ball for 691 yards and has lost only 20. Smith is also a top-ten scorer in the conference with a total of 42 points (seven touchdowns).

Yale Lary remains in fifth place after a week of rest from his kicking skill. Lary has punted 69 times for 2,618 yards and a 37.9 yard average.

Don Nicholas, Aggie quarterback, who played a terrific game against the Oklahoma Sooners, is the ninth man on the leading passer list. Nicholas has tossed the pigskin 49 times, completing 24 of them for a total of 268 yards.

Gardemal Follows Nicholas
Dick Gardemal, who handled the offense minded Aggies against the SMU Mustangs a few weeks ago, follows Nicholas on the leading passer list. Gardemal, probable starter for the TU game, has pitched 50 passes, 25 of which were completed for 262 yards and one touchdown.

Wray Whittaker, one of the graduating seniors on the Aggie football team, is in tenth place on the leading pass receivers list in the conference. Whittaker has caught 24 passes for a gain of 239

yards and one touchdown.
Wyatt Trails Smith
Following Smith in the ground gaining department are Sonny Wyatt of Rice Institute, Geno Mazzanti of Arkansas, Kyle Rote of SMU, and Bobby Lantrip of Rice Institute. Wyatt is trailing Smith by 93 yards.

Doak Walker of the SMU Mustangs leads the scorers in the conference with 82 points. Walker scored 20 points last weekend against the Baylor Bears. Following Walker is Randall Clay of Texas, who led the conference from the start of the season until last week.

Froggie Williams of Rice Institute, Rote and Burkhalter, also of Rice, follow Clay in that respective order. Burkhalter has 43 points to Smith's 42.

Rote and Walker continue to lead the conference in punts. Rote has kicked 15 times for an average of 43.4 yards and 651 total yards. Dan Wilde and Jim Hickey of TCU follow Walker, while Lary of A&M trails Hickey by two feet in average kicks.

Adrian Burk of the Baylor Bears jumped back to lead the passers of the conference. This was due mainly to his play last weekend against SMU when he completed 9 out of 16 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns.

59% For Burk
Burk has completed 99 of 169 passes for 1,318 yards, 13 touchdowns and a completion average of 59 per cent.

Paul Campbell of Texas, Lindy Berry of TCU, and Tobin Rote of Rice trail Burk in this department.

Non-regs Recall Past While On Bonfire Guard

By CHARLES KIRKHAM

War-time service experiences, days down here before the war, and childhood reminiscences occupied some 400 non-military students for an hour and a half last evening as they guarded the bonfire while corpsmen enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving supper undisturbed.
Comments about the fires ranged from Tom Harris' (Purveyer), "Reminds me of hog killin' time back in Mississippi," to R. A. Miller's (Dorm 16), "This shows that there's cooperation in the student body." Bill Thornton, non-military yell leader, observed, "To my knowledge this is the first time in the history of the school that non-regs have guarded the bonfire by themselves."

Defense Line Vulnerable
"The only way for T. U. to break down this line of defense is to bring over a bunch of women," J. H. Hale (Dorm 17) said as he surveyed the twenty-odd fires on the drill field that had clusters of men around them. Next to him B. J. Matussek (Walton) mused, "They don't guard atomic secrets this good."

One man who refused his name suggested, "If this school were co-ed, we would have somebody to share this fire with." Another wanted "T. U. women down here selling coffee."

Willie Martin (Day Student) struck W. J. Emhoff (Law) over the head with a stick, and remarked, "I'm sorry, I thought you were from T. U." Both of these men graduated from Waller High School.

To Dick Engdahl (Dorm 17) this year's bonfire wasn't as big as the one he worked on in '43, but "This one is just as good," he added.

Kenneth Ritter (Walton) was reminded of his infantry days. "One time we were in the forest in Alsace (France) in reserve and during the day we'd heat our C rations on fires like this. Snow was on the ground, but at night we couldn't have fires."

At 7:30 corpsmen moved back into the bonfire area to reassume their guard. Remarkably one non-military student as he left the drill field, "Guess it's better the corps guard the fire cause if the TU people came over we non-regs couldn't tell who was who."

Herring Captures First Place; Five Aggies Finish in First Ten

A&M's cross-country harriers took a second consecutive Southwest Conference title Tuesday by defeating the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Texas Longhorns in Austin. Team score for the Aggies was 30 points while the runner-up Porkers tallied 46, the third place Steers 53, and the fourth finishing SMU Ponies 110.

Julian Herring, Cadet ace who has been the most consistent Maroon performer this season, captured the conference individual crown by nudging Longhorn Tom Rogers to gain first place.

Herring's winning time over the 2.6-mile course was a sizzling 11:53.1. Rogers was only a breath behind at 11:53.2. TU track coach Clyde Littlefield said that the winning time was a good twenty seconds lower than the best previous time over the course.

At the two mile mark Herring was a scant two yards ahead of the Longhorn runner and the distance separating the two was even less at the finish.

Behind the leaders were James Brown of Arkansas, third; Jim McMahon of A&M, fourth; James West of Arkansas, fifth; John Garmany of A&M, sixth; Lowell Hawkins of Texas, seventh; Thomas Harden of Arkansas, eighth; Jerry Bonnen of A&M, ninth, and Howard Jones of A&M, tenth.

Officials who supervised the meet reported that the field of 25 runners who started the race was the largest group that had ever been entered for the competition. The race was run over a course laid out on Austin streets.

MURAL NEWS

SCHEDULES FOR MONDAY

BASKETBALL, Military			
Team vs Team	Courts	Time	
A CAV G AF	1	4:30	
SR CO B COMP	2	"	
E INF A SIG	3	"	
A ORD K AF	4	"	
B ENG BCA	1	5:15	
B AF B TC	2	"	
C INF B QMC	3	"	
A ENG A CWS	4	"	

TENNIS, Military			
Team vs Team	Courts	Time	
E VET I AF	1,2,3	5:10	
A FA E AF	7,8,9	"	
C FA B ATH	10,11,12	"	
C AF B VET	13,14,15	"	
A CA D AF	16,17,18	"	

FOOTBALL, Military			
Team vs Team	Courts	Time	
A VET D FA	1	5:10	
F AF C CAV	2	"	
A INF A COMP	3	"	
A ASA H AF	4	"	
A AF B CAV	5	"	

HORSESHOES			
Team vs Team	Courts	Time	
B FA D INF	1	5:10	

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