

Smith Drops To 3rd Place In Rushing

BY FRANK MANITZAS

A&M's Bruisin' Bob Smith has dropped to third place in the race for the Southwest Conference title as the leading ground gainer. Smith has lugged the leather 714 yards in 145 carries, an average of 4.8 yards per try. His failure to retain the lead spot among the SWC rushers after dominating it all season is partly attributed to his inability to play the remainder of the second, the third, and part of the fourth quarters in last week's Thanksgiving Day Classic between A&M and Texas.

SWC Elevens' Attendance Up Over '48 Race

An all-time attendance record for Southwest Conference Football was set this year.

For 39 home games, 1,268,029 fans turned out, bettering last year by more than 170,000. Last year 34 games drew 1,094,865. The average in 1948 was 32,202 per game; this year it was 32,510.

Southern Methodist was responsible for it. The Methodists drew 484,000 for eight games compared to 255,931 for five last year.

A&M Improves
Texas Christian and Texas A&M were the only other schools to show increases.

The total (games in parentheses):

Texas Christian: 1948, 94,000 (4); 1949, 116,500 (5); 1949 avg., 23,300.

Baylor: 1948, 61,490 (4); 1949, 53,116 (4); 1949 avg., 13,279.
Texas A&M: 1948, 62,000 (3); 1949, 143,000 (5); 1949 avg., 28,600.

Southern Methodist: 1948, 255,931 (5); 1949, 484,000 (8); 1949 avg., 60,500.

Arkansas: 1948, 131,000 (6); 1949, 115,000 (6); 1949 avg. 19,500.
Texas: 1948, 330,000 (6); 1949, 203,000 (5); 1949 avg., 40,600.
Rice: 1948, 159,694 (5); 1949, 162,913 (6); 1949 avg., 25,486.

Sports Editor's Note: Although the AP emphasizes the SMU attendance as being the outstanding factor in the increased SWC attendance, the honor of making the best showing for the season probably belongs to A&M.

SMU Had Attractions

(SMU, boasting the defending champions, featuring an All-American back, and winning five of its home tilts, averaged 60,500 spectators from a metropolitan area of some 500,000 population. Texas, disappointing to its rabid "with-you-while-you-win" fans, lost 14,500 paid admissions from the 1948 average for home games. The Steers drew an average of 40,600 in '49 from a metropolitan area with a 125,000 population.

(A&M ranked third in the conference on the basis of average attendance per game, 28,600, despite dropping eight of ten contests this fall and nine of ten last year. Even champion Rice, drawing support of fans in a 700,000 metropolitan area, failed to equal the showing of the Cadets.

(The Maroons played four of their "home" tilts at Kyle Field—in the center of a population of

some 30,000. The remaining contests of the Aggies was in San Antonio, but it failed to draw as many as the College Station clashes.

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Lary Third
Yale Lary of A&M boosted his college punting record to a 40 yard average for 71 boots. Lary, who occupied the fifth spot in the punters division most of season, jumped into third place colse behind the duo from SMU—Kyle Rote and Doak Walker.

Don Nicholas continues in ninth place as a leading passer, having completed 28 passes for a net gain of 311 yards.

Dick Gardemal remains close behind Nicholas with a net gain of 287 yards for 29 completions.
Geno Mazzanti of the Arkansas Razorbacks is the leading ball carrier in the conference. Mazzanti lugged the pigskin 123 times for a net gain of 743 yards. Sonny Wyatt of the Rice Owls is trailing Mazzanti by only 39 yards for 137 carries.

Lindy Berry of the TCU Horned Frogs, upsets of the SMU Mustangs last week, regained his title as the leading passer in the conference with a completion average of 49 per cent. Berry has completed 106 passes for 1,445 yards and 11 touchdowns. He passed for 250 yards against the Mustangs last week, completing 17 of 27 passes.

Adrian Burk of the Baylor Bears is the second man on the list, having completed 110 passes for 1,428 yards. Paul Campbell of the Texas Steers is in third place with a gain of 1,372 yards on 91 tosses.

SMU Punters Lead
Kyle Rote and Doak Walker of SMU continue their duet as the leading punters in the conference. Rote has punted 17 times for a 43.4 yard average. Walker has booted 23 times for a 41.7 yard average.

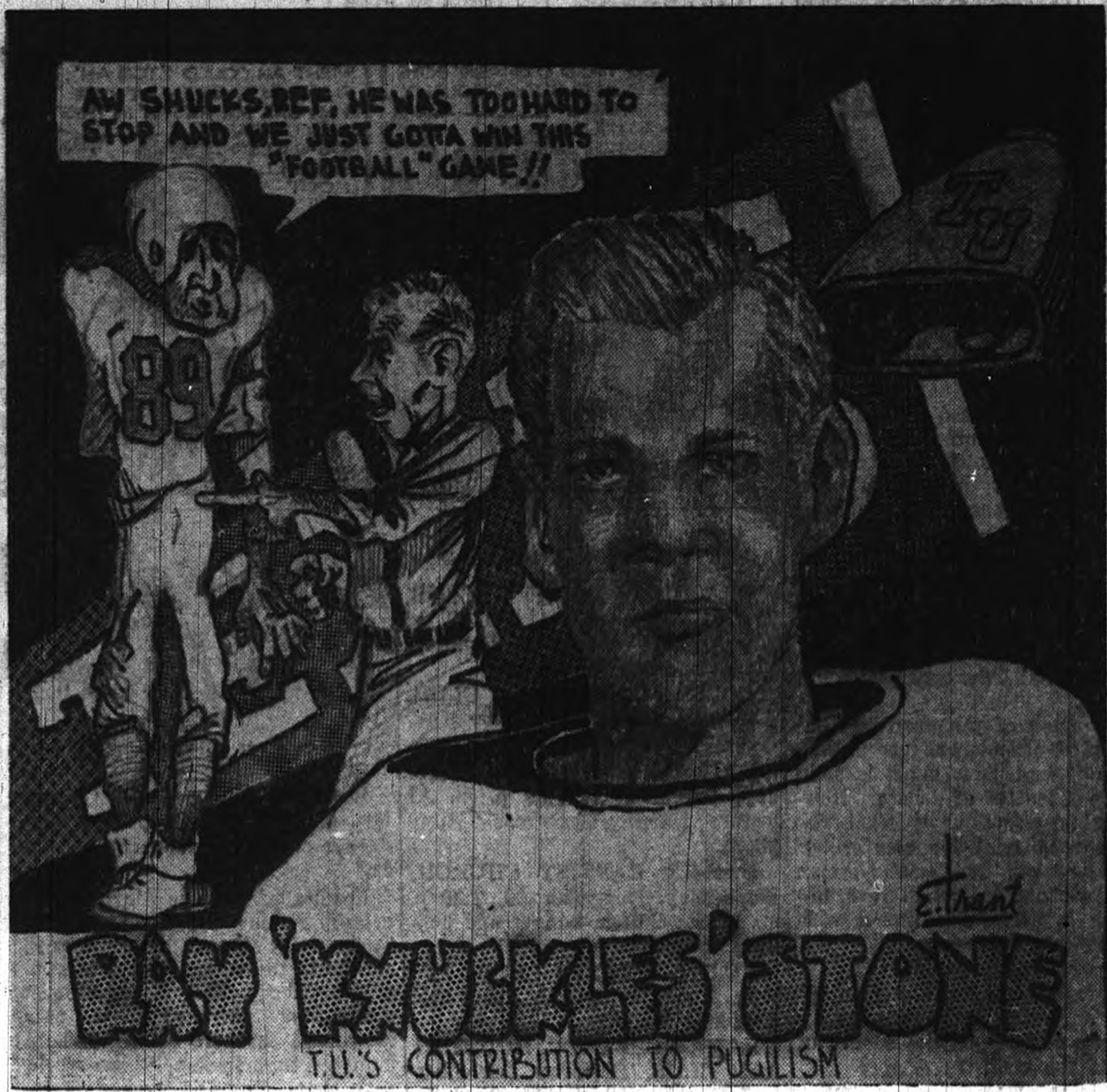
Be Procter, Texas wingman, is the pass receiver of the season. He has caught 43 passes for 724 yards and six touchdowns.

Second team All-America J. D. Ison of Baylor has caught 42 passes for 576 yards and six touchdowns. Snake Bailey of TCU leads Ison with 502 yards for 37 passes caught.

Walker continues to score and lead the conference with 83 points. Runner-up to Walker is Randall Clay of Texas with 76 points.

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Notre Dame Voted Country's Top Team In Final AP Poll

BY JACK HAND

New York, Nov. 29 (AP)—The fighting Irish of Notre Dame today reign as college football champions of 1949.

Notre Dame drew 172 of 248 first place votes and a bulging total of 2,402 points in the ninth and final Associated Press poll of football writers and sportscasters across the nation.

Although Notre Dame, unbeaten over a 37-game stretch, still has to play Southern Methodist Saturday, most of the other high point teams have finished their schedules.

OU Second

Oklahoma, 41-0 winner over the Oklahoma Aggies, recaptured second place from idle California despite strong first place support for the Golden Bears from the Pacific Coast. Oklahoma had 18 firsts to 40 for California but the Sooners piled up a point edge of 2,018 to 1,900. Points are figured on the basis of 10 for first, nine for second so on down to one for tenth.

Army's flashy 30-0 rout of Navy failed to boost the Cadet's fourth-place standing. They polled 12 firsts and 1,838 points.

The other first went to College of Pacific, which had four, and Villanova, No. 1 on two ballots.

Rice From 7th to 5th
Behind the "Big Four" of Notre Dame, Oklahoma, California and Army, in that order, came Rice, moving from seventh to fifth on its 21-7 triumph over Baylor. That win guaranteed Rice the Southwest Conference crown and the job of Cotton Bowl host.

Ohio State, Michigan and Minnesota, all of whom ended their regular seasons a week ago, ran sixth, seventh and eighth, in that order. Ohio State California's Rose Bowl opponent, and Michigan each dropped a peg in the final ratings but Minnesota was a firm eighth.

Louisiana State, 21-0 conqueror of Tulane and Sugar Bowl foe of Oklahoma, edged into the top ten, taking ninth place with a surprising 516-point vote.

Baylor, Tulane Drop Out
College of Pacific, with one game to play, finished 10th with the help of an 88-0 romp over California Poly. Both Baylor and Tulane dropped out of the top ten.

Five of the first 10 teams have Jan. 2 bowl dates. It will be No. 2 vs. No. 9 when Oklahoma and LSU collide in New Orleans' Sugar Bowl. California (No. 3) and Ohio

State (No. 6) are the Rose Bowl teams. Rice (No. 5) plays thriesteven North Carolina in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

Notre Dame polished off Southern California, 32-0 at South Bend Saturday in its last home game to solidify its position. It was the fourth Notre Dame second.

The Top Ten

The total final vote with points figured on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis (first place votes in parentheses):

1. Notre Dame (172).....2,402
2. Oklahoma (18).....2,018

3. California (40).....1,900
 4. Army (12).....1,828
 5. Rice.....1,062
 6. Ohio State.....998
 7. Michigan.....848
 8. Minnesota.....522
 9. Louisiana State.....516
 10. College of Pacific (4) 248
- The second ten—11. Kentucky (22); 12. Cornell 188; 13. Villanova (2); 14. Maryland 134; 15. Santa Clara 128; 16. North Carolina 106; 17. Tennessee 82; 18. Princeton 46; 19. Michigan State 30; 20. Missouri and Baylor, each 20.

Star Of The Week

Julian Herring, cinderella cinder-man from Abilene, has been selected as Star of the Week for his performance on the Aggie cross-country team in the conference cross-country meet held in Austin last Tuesday.

Herring is the first Aggie athlete to be selected by The Battalion Sports Staff as Star of the Week this season. Beginning with this week, the sports staff will select one man each week from any of the various major or minor sport teams. These selections will continue until the conclusion of spring sports in 1950.

Herring was selected because he captured individual honors in the Southwest Conference meet by edging Texas' sophomore harrier star Tom Rogers by a tenth of a second to win the 2.6 mile run.

With 30 yards yet to go, Herring was trailing Rogers by ten yards. Any trackman will tell you that in the 2.6 mile run it is nearly impossible to overcome a 10-yard lead with such a short distance to go.

Herring put on a tremendous last-minute kick to edge Rogers by one-tenth of a second. Texas Track Coach Clyde Littlefield reported a 9.24 as Herring passed the two-mile mark, leading Rogers by two yards. The conference record for the two-mile race on a cinder track is 9:30.

Herring's first place enabled the A&M harriers to take their second consecutive SWC title. He bested the previous all-time low of Jerry Thompson, Texas runner, by 20 seconds.

Herring is spoken of as a cinderella man because he had to overcome great odds in order to gain his present rank on the cross-country team.

In the first place, Herring wasn't even catalogued as a runner when he enrolled as a regular freshman in A&M at the Annex in 1947. He had gained no recognition because he had never run.

Herring was noted for his musical talent, and his chief occupation at the time was playing in the Aggie Band. Who could picture at that time, a thin 140-pounder emerging as one of A&M's top long-distance sprinters?

During freshman week at the Annex Col. Frank Anderson, A&M Track coach, announced that there were a few vacancies in Hart Hall for those who would like to go out for track. Herring was one of a small group that Anderson hauled back to the campus. If it had not been for Anderson's foresight,



JULIAN HERRING

Herring would have been "just another student."

Anderson logically sums up the case of Julian Herring (5-feet, eleven inches in height) with these words, "Just shows what running will do to make a runner."

Gun Shy Ducks Wise, Safe on Quiet Water

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—The ducks apparently are getting wise to the ways of the big city.

So wise, in fact, that the sportsmen don't like it.

With the duck-hunting season opening today, the experts have noted that the big migratory flocks are using waters within New York City limits for resting places.

It's against the law to fire a gun within city limits.

Aggie Cage Team Arrives In NYC Thursday for LIU Contest

BY BILL POTAS

Schoolboy Race Hits Full Stride This Weekend

By Associated Press

Texas schoolboy football's championship playoff hits full stride this week when city conference and Class AA district winners open bids for state titles.

Sixteen survivors of first-round games in Class A square off in the second week of their five-week elimination to pick a successor to State Champion Monahans.

In the city conference, Sunset of Dallas and Paschal of Fort Worth meet Friday night at Fort Worth. Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio and San Jacinto of Houston play Saturday at San Antonio.

Class AA
First-round playoff games match:

Pampa vs. Wichita Falls at Pampa Friday (day).
Lubbock vs. Austin of El Paso at El Paso Saturday (day).

Abilene vs. Breckenridge at Abilene Saturday (day).
Paris vs. Highland Park at Paris Friday (day).

Marshall vs. Conroe at Conroe Friday (day).
Port Arthur vs. Galveston at Port Arthur Saturday (day).

Corsicana vs. Austin at Austin Friday (day).
Alice vs. Harlingen at Alice Friday (night).

Class A
Class A second-round games:

Lefors vs. Littlefield at Amarillo Friday (day).
Wink vs. Ballinger at undecided site.

Bowie vs. Garland at Garland Friday (night).
Mineola vs. Atlanta at Longview Thursday (night).

Grand Saline vs. Mexia at Corsicana Friday (night).
Rosebud vs. New Braunfels at Temple Friday (night).

French (Beaumont) vs. El Campo at El Campo Friday (night).
Mission vs. Uvalde at Mission Friday (night).

There are just four undefeated (See SCHOOLBOY, Page 4)

A&M's basketball team will arrive in New York City tomorrow morning by train at 7:30 and immediately go to Madison Square Garden's basketball court for a short "shooting" session. Tomorrow night the Aggie squad will be out on the same court to meet one of the top cage teams in the country, Long Island University's Blackbirds.



Thirteen players, Coach Marty Koraw, and trainer Bill Dayton left here yesterday morning on the basketball team's longest trip of the season.

Before returning here on December 8, the Aggies will play Niagara University in Buffalo, N. Y., St. Louis University in St. Louis, and Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, Okla.

Starters
The expected starting lineup for tomorrow night's season opener for the Cadets will probably be sophomores Jewell McDowell and Buddy Davis, juniors John DeWitt and Wally Moon and senior Bill Turnbow.

Outstanding replacements for the starting five tomorrow night against the Blackbirds will be Kenneth Sutton, Marvin Martin, Glenn Williams, and Eddie Houser. Others on the Aggie squad making the trip are Mike Garcia, Raymond "Woody" Walker, Bobby Farmer, and Jack Miller.

After the game with LIU tomorrow night, the squad will work out in New York City Friday and enroute for Buffalo on Saturday morning.

Buffalo Saturday Night
Saturday night the Aggies play Niagara in Buffalo, then they play until late Sunday, when they will leave for St. Louis.

The squad will arrive there Monday and go through a light workout in preparation for its game with St. Louis U. on Tuesday night.

Immediately after the St. Louis game, the team will leave for Stillwater, Okla., where it will meet the Cowboys from A&M.

The Aggies' first home game will be December 12 when they meet Abilene Christian College on the DeWare hardwoods.

Ken Sutton, six-foot, seven-inch cager from Goose Creek, will be one of the first line replacements when the Aggies meet the Long Island University Blackbirds in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night. A center, this will be Sutton's first year of varsity cage competition for A&M.

Tyler Host Team In Little Rose Bowl

Tyler, Tex., Nov. 29 (AP)—Tyler Junior College will be the host team in the Texas Rose Bowl here Dec. 10.

The once-beaten Apaches accepted the invitation yesterday. Several outstanding junior colleges are being considered for the visiting team.

More Shiners Ahead

Colorado Springs, Colo.—(AP)—When Katherine Nelsson, 10, won second prize in a soap drawing contest, she showed up for the judging with a black eye. She'd picked up the shiner in a football game with neighboring kids. Her prize—a football.

MURAL NEWS

By BOB ALLEN

Football continues to shape up and show the prospective winners for this year. A Quartermaster appears to be at least one of the strongest teams again by remaining undefeated despite stiff competition.

The perpetually strong A Infantry has a good team and is still undefeated in League play. Also, several teams showing up especially well this season are the tricky sophomore A ASA, the experienced eleven for the Senior Company, and one of last year's power houses, C Infantry.

Monday, the ASA eleven continued to show its power by downing a very strong team from H Flight by penetrations in a slow defensive game with neither team willing to yield a defeat. The H Flight team made their score on a beautiful 50 yard sprint, but failed to convert the extra point. A series of long well aimed passes gave the ASA their TD, but they also failed to convert. The penetration comparison was quite revealing with the ASA making three forty-yard penetrations and one twenty-yard, while H Flight made one forty-yard and one twenty-yard.

A second exciting game on the football fields was A Infantry-A Composite. The Infantry continued to show its power by taking the decision 7-0, on a two yard plunge.

Remaining games of the day were A Vet-D Field with the Vets taking the decision 12-7, while F Flight downed C Coast 13-2, and B Cavalry downed A Flight 7-0.

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Team	vs Team	Court	Time
A COMP	I AF	1	5:10
E FA	B COMP	2	"
B FA	A ORD	3	"
B FA	E VET	4	"
B ATH	C AF	5	"
TENNIS, Military			
Team	vs Team	Court	
B TC	D AF	1,2,3	
C AF	B AF	4,5,6	
A ENG	B VET	7,8,9	
HORSESHOES, Military			
Team	vs Team	Court	
A CAV	A TC	1,2,3	
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