

Four Aggies Share Offensive Honors

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Two in the backfield and two in the line.

That's the way the Battalion Sports Staff saw it in Saturday's battle with Rice on Kyle Field, when that department chose the recipients of the Back and Line-men of the Week awards.

Bouncing Bill Tidwell and Bruising Bob Smith are the Cadet backfield stars who gain the honor and do so by virtue of their outstanding individual records over the weekend.

In the department directly in front of the backfield Hugh Meyer and Andy Hillhouse are the Sticker-men who receive the Battalion award this week for spectacular play against the Owls.



TIDWELL maintained the highest average of the Southwest Conference's leading ball carriers, while Smith gained more yards than any member of the same group of stars.

In 13 plays from scrimmage, A&M's bouncing halfback from Hearne garnered 72 yards through the Feathered Flock's forward wall for a rushing average of 5.5 yards per carry. This bettered Rice's top fullback George Glauser's performance for the afternoon. Glauser ranked second

among the ball carriers with a 4.5 average for his 11 carries.

Early in the third period of the Owl-Aggie contest Saturday, Tidwell scooted through the left tackle slot and eluded the Rice secondary on a play that carried for 12 yards and the final Cadet goal crossing.

Tidwell's seasonal record credits him with a net gain of 462 yards in 70 carries for a ranking of sixth among the leading ball toters in SWC play. His average of 6.6 yards per carry places him second behind teammate Smith in that column.

In eight games, (Tidwell did not suit up for the VMI tilt because of injuries, but was ready on the sidelines if needed) the 20 year old, 175 pound junior has crossed the double stripe six times for 36 points and a ranking of fifth among the leading scorers.

SMITH accounted for more yards gained than any of the top ball carriers throughout the SWC over the past week-end when he turned in a net gain of 101 yards in the 27 times that he lugged the pigskin.

An average pickup of 3.7 yards per carry, places the Cadet all-American fullback candidate third in Saturday's average column.

This feat can hardly go without recognition, for it was the 190 pound Houstonian who was the object of the concerted efforts of the entire Rice team. The Owls were determined to stop the devastating running play of the rugged Smith, but 101 yards was the best that they could do.

In nine games this season, the 22 year old junior has taken the handoff 178 times to smash through Aggie opposition for a total of 1,225 yards to rank first

in the conference and fourth in the nation among the leading ball carriers.

Smith has more yards credited to his account on rushing plays alone than any of the SWC offensive stars who employ both passing and running for needed yardage. He ranks sixteenth in the nation and first in the conference in the total offense division.

Although the former all-state fullback failed to score in Saturday's tilt, he maintained the lead in conference scoring with the 14 times that he has entered paydirt for a total of 84 points.

MEYER a 208 pound center from Gainesville is a mainstay at the pivot post and is lauded for his consistency in passbacks. Regarded highly for his prowess on the gridiron, the husky junior produces great blocking for Aggie offensive marches.

Meyer was named among the 34 up-front huskies this week who were nominated by the nation's sportswriters and sportscasters for the Associated Press' Lineman of the Week award.

At 22, Meyer has one varsity letter to his credit and is bidding for his second this year with still another year of eligibility remaining.

Majoring in petroleum engineering, the No. 1 Cadet pivot man would like to try his hand at professional football upon graduation before entering the oil industry.

HILLHOUSE, on three passes, accounted for 44 of the 64 yards that the Cadets passing game netted last Saturday. One of these aerials went for the final nine yards of a 67 yard first period scoring drive for the initial cadet tally.

On this play, A&M's 225 pound

only one day to make the decision.

A native of Greenville, Neyland was at A&M in 1916 when he was a quarterback under the late Charley Moran, and a first baseman on the Cadet baseball team.

Neyland left Aggiedland that year after he received an appointment to West Point, where he was a great all round athlete. During World War II Neyland was stationed at Dallas as head of the Southwest Division, Army Engineers. He was a brigadier general in the far East.

Neyland made the acceptance in a telephone conversation with Joe C. Thompson, Jr., president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, and chairman of the bowl's selection committee.

"We are happy to have Tennessee, which was the first choice of Athletic Director D. X. Bible and Coach Blair Cherry of the University of Texas, Thompson said.

"The Tennessee acceptance is, of course, subject to approval of the Southeastern Conference, but there is no doubt but that this will be forthcoming."

Tennessee is the second straight Southern team to split the \$250,000 school's share of the Cotton Bowl gate receipts, as Rice defeated North Carolina 27-13 last New Year's Day. The Cotton Bowl which seats 75,349 has been sold out since Nov. 1. —Based on AP Reports.

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Tennessee Vols, Coached By Ex-Aggie, Accept Dallas Bowl

Newcomers to the Cotton Bowl turf, the University of Tennessee accepted an invitation last night to play Texas University in Dallas' Cotton Bowl Jan. 1.

Coached by Bob Neyland, a native Texan and former football hero at A&M, the Volunteers took

all-American end candidate had to fight Rice defenders Haddox and Silver for possession of Aggie Quarterback Dick Gardemal's toss, but the 6' 3" wingman fell from the three-man contest with the ball firmly in his grip.

At the left end post Hillhouse produced good downfield blocking for his teammates' running attack when he wasn't employed as a potential pass receiver.

In the final period the Alvin end set up a possible Cadet tally when he snagged a 22 yard aerial off the arm of Delmer Sikes, and lateraled to Fullback Bob Smith when he was bogged down by Rice defenders.

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Mural News

By JOE BLANCHETTE

Thrilling football tilts were the order of the day as the intramural leagues continued to operate for the eighth consecutive week.

A "razzle-dazzle" offense versus a bruising ground game evolved from the A CWS-A Signal contest. Kenneth Pipes and Hamp Oliver kept the A Sig pass defense confused all afternoon with short jump passes and long range aerials.

Chapman of the Sigs was the star for the winners as he loped across on the final play of the game to hand the signalmen a 7-6 victory.

A CWS drew the first "blood" in the contest late in the first period. Two long runs and two completed passes off the arm of Pipes set the ball on the Signal's 10 yard line. The second play from scrimmage from that point gave the Chems a TD as Pipes shot a pass to Oliver. The same combination failed to connect for the extra-point.

On the final play of the game Chapman bulled his way over the goal to tie the game at 6-6. White tallied the extra-point as he cut over the center of the line and hit the treasured pay-dirt. The final score, A Sig 7, A CWS 6.

A QMC stopped A CAC 7-0; A QMC pushed ASA all over the field in winning 12-0. D Seniors continued to roll in the intramural competition by overwhelming B Inf 25-13. C Seniors also chalked up a win by edging past A FA, 10-6.

Basketball In a play-off cage battle Puryear triumphed over Leggett 20-15. Reeves of Puryear was the high pointer of the afternoon with nine digits. Martin paced the losers with four counters. Puryear led at halftime 7-4.

Keller led the Freshman Band to a 17-12 win over Co. 11. The hustling little bandmen hooked in 11 points.

Bill Couch of Bizzell was high point maker of the afternoon with 10 buckets but his efforts were to no avail as Milner thumped the Bizzellmen 23-17. Thomson of the winners tallied eight.

Co. 8 edged past Co. 9, the score being 17-15.

Tennis K AF stopped C FA on the net courts, 6-1 and 5-3. A Composite defeated B Eng 5-0 and 5-0. D Inf encountered a little more competition in downing B AF 5-0, 7-3. C Vets waltzed to a victory over D AF, 5-3, 6-1. B CAC dropped B Composite 5-1, 5-1, and 2-5.

Horseshoes In the two horseshoe contests of the afternoon B FA defeated A Eng in two straight matches.

Lynn Rhodes, Richard Alexander, Royce Brimberry, and John Lambert pitched I AF to a win over E Inf.

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