



Mike Swan

Moved up to the starting unit after playing a good game against Louisiana State, Mike Swan has nailed down the position with good defensive performances against Ohio State and Texas Tech.

Raiders Top Ags In Cross Country

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech's cross country team defeated A&M 22-48 in a meet held at Mackenzie State Park late Saturday afternoon. Individual honors went to an Aggie, however, Ihan Bilgutay, who covered the course of approximately two miles in 10:01. Texas Tech swept the next three places with Delbert Spencer, 10:30; Ronnie Davis, 10:35; and Richard Palmer, 10:52. Then followed Gene Westmoreland, A&M, 10:53; David Trunrod, Tech, 10:56; Jerry Brock, Tech, 10:59; Bill Meador, Tech, 11:00; John Duran, A&M, 11:01; Scott Wood, Tech, 11:02; Jim Sebastian, A&M, 11:03; Richard Walters, A&M, 11:07; Earl Meyers, A&M, 11:12; Bill Turney, A&M, 11:15.

THIRD LOSS

Tech Upsets Aggies

The New York Yankees and A&M's football team have much in common after the pin-striped patriots fell in four straight to the Dodgers and the Aggies absorbed a humiliating 10-0 defeat from Texas Tech.

Neither had any offense; both were beaten by their own mistakes.

The big difference comes from the fact that it is all over for the Yankees while the Cadets have the majority of the season yet to correct their mistakes and come through with some victories.

MOST IMPORTANT, the players and coaching staff are confident that this will be the case. Assistant Coach Joel Wahlberg spoke for the whole staff when he said, "We've got a good bunch of boys. Once we get started we'll be hard to beat. But we have to get that first win."

But the first good chance for that initial victory was passed up in Lubbock Saturday night when fired-up Tech used a record-tying field goal and a circus catch to defeat the Aggies.

H. L. DANIELS booted a 37-yard three-pointer midway through the first quarter after the Red Raiders moved from their own 41 to A&M's 20. The field goal was Daniel's 10th of his college career tying the record Wesley Bradshaw set in 1922.

David Parks put the icing on the cake and ended the scoring with a diving, sliding catch in the end zone of a Ben Elledge's 46-yard pass.

The Aggie defense was outstanding as usual with ends Ronnie Carpenter and John Brotherton leading the forward wall and Mike Pitman protecting the secondary. Pitman lead the team in tackles with eight while Brotherton was credited with seven and Carpenter with six.

TECH NEVER ran a play from scrimmage inside the A&M 20-yard line and was inside the 30 only once. At the same time, A&M reached the Tech 5 and 8-yard lines only to be stopped once on a fumble and once by a fierce Red Raider line that drove the Farmers back to the 25.

Travis Reagan led the Ags in rushing with 38 yards on 12 carries and drew compliments from Foldberg and Tech players.

JIM KELLER had another fine game as a punter. Keller kicked six times for a 44-yard average. The unlucky Keller lost two others on penalties—punts of 62 and 50 yards.

After the game Foldberg commented, "Tech played a fine game. They got the big plays at the right time. But our team didn't let down. They kept trying all the way through."

Ray Kubala pretty well told the story with one sentence, "We just couldn't come up with the big play."

★ ★ ★ "Don't Count Aggies Out"

The Aggies may be down, but don't count 'em out just yet.

Alternate captain Ronnie Carpenter, a 6-3, 213-pound senior end from Marshall strongly feels that the Aggies will bounce back.

"I know the seniors (there are eight of 'em) feel this way. We want to win every game we play and we aren't about to quit because we've lost our first three."

INABILITY to make the play against Texas Tech left the Aggies on the short end of a 10-0 score in their first Southwest Conference contest last Saturday night in Lubbock.

Are the Aggies trying too hard? Are they pressing too much in an effort to juice up the offense?

"I don't think so," Carpenter opined. "All of us want to win and none of us deliberately get off-side, miss a block or tackle or fumble the football. We've just got to keep plugging and maybe the ball will start bouncing our way."

CARPENTER is glad the Aggies finally get a game on their field this week. They entertain the University of Houston Cougars in Kyle Field Saturday night.

"I don't think Houston has ever beaten us here and we want to keep that record intact."

Carpenter wants to play pro football and will be receptive to offers after he closes out his career at A&M this season. He checked in this year at 227 but is down to 213 now.

"Don't count us out yet. We haven't given up."

Three Point Binge Hits SWC Scores

DALLAS (AP) — The boys are on a field goal binge in Southwest Conference football and the best reason for it is tighter defenses.

That's what Hayden Fry, coach of Southern Methodist, thinks. He also says that the widened goal posts, now in their third season, are a contributing factor.

"The coaches are just now realizing the potential of the field goal but it wasn't influenced by the pros," said Fry. "The pros have the goal posts on the goal line and thus it is easier to kick the field goals. They also are more skillful because of their added experience."

The collegians have to kick 10 yards farther. Anyway, 14 field goals have been booted in the Southwest Conference in three weeks of play. That's for 18 games.

Three players have kicked four apiece — H. L. Daniels of Texas Tech, Jimmy McAteer of Texas Christian and Tony Crosby, the barefoot boy of Texas. John Richy of Southern Methodist has one and Tom Davies of Baylor one.

The record for one player in the Southwest Conference is seven. It is held by Mike Clark of A&M, now with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League.

At the rate Daniels, McAteer and Crosby are going, each should better Clark's record.

Southwest Leads In Punt Average

DALLAS (AP) — They are kicking the cover off the ball in the Southwest Conference as punting becomes the most prominent statistic and Danny Thomas of Southern Methodist has a nationally leading average of 49.2.

Five kickers are averaging more than 40 yards with Thomas, leading all the others by almost five yards.

The Southern Methodist star kicked for 49.5 against Air Force

Academy last week.

Garry Thomas of Texas Christian is second in punting in the conference with 44.5. Jim Keller of Texas A&M is averaging 42.6, Ernie Koy of Texas 41.4 and Donnie Anderson of Texas Tech 41.0.

Jim Lindsey of Arkansas holds a lead of only one yard on Tommy Ford of Texas in rushing. Lindsey has 172 on 40 runs. Ford shows 171 on 34 with his 68 against Oklahoma State last week boosting him into second place.

Don Trull of Baylor, who gained 271 yards rushing and passing against Oregon State, leads both total offense and passing by the proverbial mile. Trull tops total offense with 422 yards on 64 plays. He leads the passers with 20 completions in 48 attempts for 390 yards.

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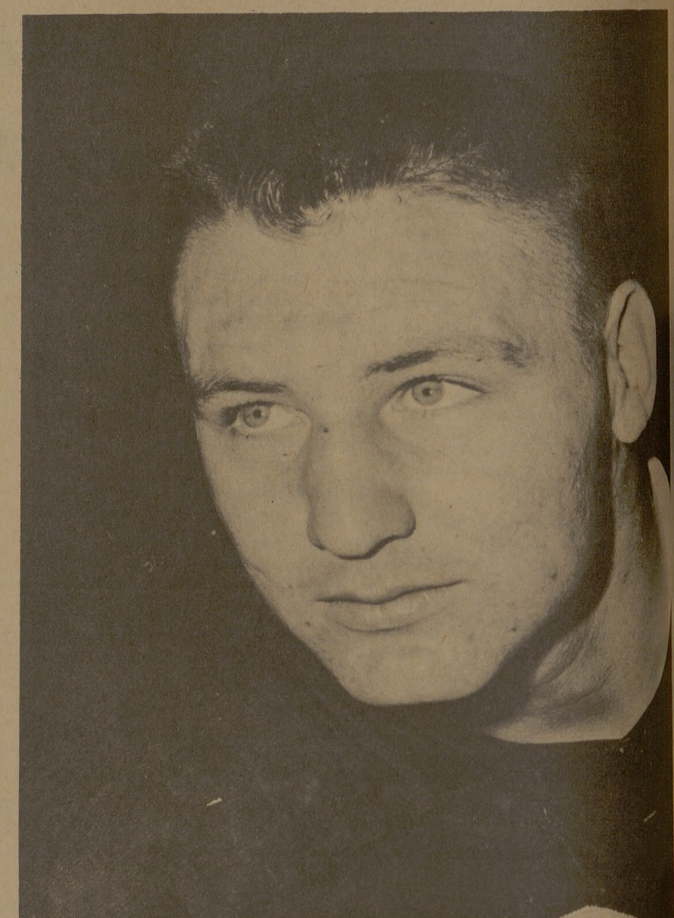
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