

A&M Leader In SWC History

A&M football began in 1893 when the Aggies fielded a team but played no games with out-of-town teams.

In 1894 the Aggies, then known as the Farmers, played road games including the first of the traditional battles with the University of Texas, then known as the Varsity.

The late Dean Emeritus Charles Puryear, who had joined the facul-

ty in 1888, was the first manager and one of those responsible for football being established at the college. A&M played no out-of-town games in 1895 but resumed a schedule in 1896 and have continued to do so ever since.

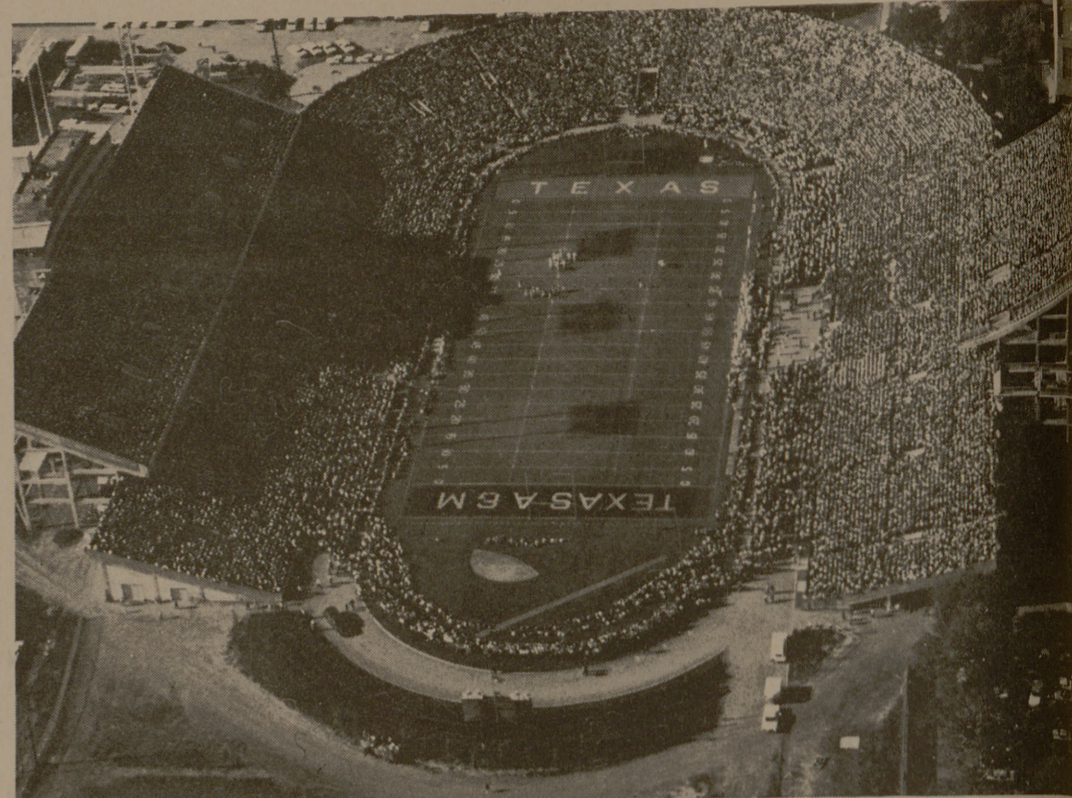
The first undefeated season was in 1902, a year in which the Cadets won seven and tied two. A&M also was champion of Texas in 1909 and 1910, but in 1910

there was a loss to Arkansas, and TCU held in 1909 team to a scoreless tie. The 1912 team was hailed as "Champion of the South" in spite of a loss to Kansas State.

A&M was a member of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association until the Southwest Athletic Conference was formed in 1914 and is a remaining charter member of that organization along with Texas, Arkansas, Rice

University, Texas Tech and Baylor.

The Aggies have won the SWC Championship nine times outright and tied with SMU another. A&M won the title in 1917, 1919, 1921, 1925, 1939, tied in 1940, won again in 1941, 1956, and 1967. The 1939 Aggie team was National Champions and defeated Tulane in the Sugar Bowl Classic.



KYLE FIELD RECORD

A record number of 53,175 fans jammed New Kyle Field on "Turkey Day '67" to watch the Aggies beat Texas, 10-7. The victory also won A&M the Southwest Conference football title. Nearly 6,000 of the spectators were on the track in temporary seats. The Stadium, now completed, will seat 48,000 in the permanent seats.

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18 Athletes Now Make Up Hall Of Fame

On Oct. 16, 1964, the A&M Athletic Hall of Fame was inaugurated. The Hall of Fame now contains 18 honorees who were recognized for the great contributions to sports activities at Aggie land.

The 1964 honorees include: Frank G. (Col. Andy) Anderson, track coach at A&M for 25 seasons; Joel Hunt, All-SWC back at A&M during the 1925-27 era who set a still-existing SWC scoring record of 128 points his senior year; and Joseph E. Routt, two-time all-America guard (1936-37) who was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge in 1945.

Also included in the 1964 list are John Kimbrough, two-time all-America fullback and Bill (Jitterbug) Henderson, the most versatile A&M athlete who won a total of 11 varsity letters in five sports.

In 1965 five more Aggies were added to the Hall of Fame: Homer Norton, A&M coach who led the Aggies to the 1939 national championship; Jack Mahan, captain and fullback of the 1920 Aggies and an Olympian in track; Tyree Bell, football stalwart who captained the Aggies in 1912 and again in 1914; Walt (Buddy) Davis, basketball and track star who won the Olympic high jump in 1952 and Darrow Hooper, football and trackman who was shot put runner-up in 1952 Olympic competition.

1966 saw four more members added: Dana X. Bible, A&M coach who produced five championship teams in football and three in basketball; Dick Todd, broken field runner at A&M who went on to pro fame with the Washington Redskins; Joe M. Boyd, co-captain of the 1939 national champion football team and an all-America tackle the same

year and Arthur H. Harnden, all-America trackman who won a gold medal in the 1948 Olympics as a member of the winning 1600-meter relay team.

Four more athletes were added in 1967: Caesar (Dutch) Holz, 1912 captain of the football team and all-Southern in three positions, won three baseball letters; J. V. (Siki) Sikes, three-sport star — football basketball and baseball — was all-SWC end in 1927, captain of basketball team and was all-SWC in baseball; W. N. (Uncle Bill) James, A&M football line coach 1935-48 who produced three all-Americans and 16 all-SWC linemen and W. W. (Wally) Moon, who won two baseball and two basketball letters, also was all-SWC outfielder in 1950 and went on to the major leagues where he played in the 1959 World Series.

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